

SETTER NEWS

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TAKING THE BITE OUT OF HEALTH COSTS - PET INSURANCE

by Charlene Steenkamp reporting for Business Sunday Times 13.1.2019

Accidents and illness happen when you least expect them, which is why you take out insurance.

If you have pets, make use of private veterinary services, and are so attached to your animals that you will spend almost whatever it takes to keep them alive, the costs of treating a sick or injured animal can put a serious dent in your budget.

If your dog or cat gets out of the yard, for example and is hit by a car, it could cost up to R.40,000 in vet bills to save its life. Such an expense may lead you to consider pet insurance.

Like Independent financial planner Brent Cocks from Flagstone, whose mastiff boxer ruptured a cruciate ligament when he was nine months old and cost Cocks R15,000 in surgery and another R24,000 on hydrotherapy rehabilitation. That was a few years ago. Now Cocks has pet insurance and sells Dotsure policies to his clients,

Nicole Buchler, general manager of Oneplan Pet Insurance, says if you are thinking about saving money yourself for pet emergencies, consider that if you invested R169 a month – the cost of Oneplan's hospital policy from February this year – increased your savings by 5% a year and managed to get a 7% annual return on your investment, it would take about 11 years to save R40.000 for a large unforeseen pet emergency.

Petsure general manager, Mike Campbell, says his firm has received single claims of over R50,000 and some of the most expensive, and common procedures, are ligament ruptures, fractures and back surgery, which can cost up to R25,000 per event.

Type of cover

As with any insurance, you want to know the policy you take out covers the big expenses, Cocks says. Pet cover ranges from accident cover only, being the cheapest, to comprehensive plans which include both accident and illness cover, to top of the range comprehensive. Top of the range comprehensive plans may include routine care such as vaccinations, ear cleaning and tick and flea treatments. Alternatively, routine care options may be available as add-ons.

Cost of cover

The cost of a pet insurance policy ranges from around R260 to R360 a month for a dog and from R178 to R368 a month for a cat. Kido Pet Insurance charges a monthly premium of R360 to cover up to three pets on a single

policy, while other providers offer discounts for additional pets on a single policy. **This is according to insurepet.co.za a pet insurance comparative website that compares the comprehensive plans of seven different dog and cat insurance plans.**

Two providers that are not included on the insurepet website are **Medipet** and **Dotsure**. Medipet is one of the oldest pet insurance providers which charges R280 a month for dogs and R225 for cats on its Plan 100 product. Dotsure has comprehensive plans from R264 to R360 a month. Its R360 a month plan includes additional benefits such as routine care, wellness benefits and covers for in hereditary conditions.

Accident only policies are also available for much lower premiums. Paw-Paw's accident only policy is R107 a month and Dotsure has an accident policy at R69 a month.

Oneplan Pet Insurance's Buchler says it is important to determine what you need cover for. If you are only looking for cover linked to emergencies, illness and accident, a hospital plan is an affordable option. If you want routine care, vaccinations and sterilisation included, then a comprehensive plan is better.

But Cocks says most pet owners want to ensure that the big expenses are covered. He also says shopping for cover based on premium is not the way to choose pet insurance. "The difference between comprehensive cover and less comprehensive plan may be only R300 but if it comes to a claim and your pet is not covered you will be very upset".

Annual limits and sub-limits

While all pet insurance plans have an annual overall limit ranging from R30,000 to R42,000, pet owners can bump up against annual limits for specific procedure. For instance, R15,000 for cruciate ligament or R20,000 for a motor accident.

Ideally you cover where the major medical benefit is not subject to a sub-limits or limited to a specific number of procedures in a year. Medipet, for example, has an overall annual limit of R35,000, but will not pay for more than one of the following cruciate ligament surgery, hip, shoulder or elbow surgery or for surgery related to the animal ingesting a foreign object.

Excess

As with other short term insurance, pet insurance policies have excess payments where you foot the first portion of a bill and the balance is covered by the insurer, depending on specific terms and conditions.,

Excess payments, according to the insurePet website, range from R200 or 10% to R250 or 15% of the claim. KidsPet has an excess of 25% of the claim in the first six months and 10% of the claim thereafter.

Dotsure's plans have an excess of 10% of the claim, subject to a minimum of R150 per event. Where an illness claim is for a puppy younger than six months an additional excess of R300 applies. An excess waiver is available for an additional R27 a month.

Pre-existing conditions

All pet insurance providers have a general 30 day waiting period after you take out cover during which time you cannot claim. It is also important to know if your pet develops a health condition that could be deemed to be an ongoing issue during the waiting period, it may be regarded as a pre-existing condition and pre-existing conditions are always excluded from cover, Cocks says.

If your furry friend required chronic, on-going medication, you may need a chronic medication treatment plan, he says.

You should also be aware that many policies have exclusion on hereditary illnesses. German shepherds, for instance, commonly suffer from Hip dysplasia which is considered a hereditary illness and certain pet insurers exclude hereditary illnesses based on the breed whereas others will only exclude it if the dog shows signs of the condition when cover is taken out, Cocks says.

Campbell says ideally cover should be taken out at an early stage before any unforeseen accident and illness which could limit the cover if taken at a later stage.

Pets typically qualify for comprehensive cover until they are eight or nine years old. After that year senior pets will qualify for hospital plans cover only.

Owners of pets that are used for breeding are usually not covered for care related to pregnancy and whelping. Some providers offer special plans for breeding pets.

Read the policy documents of the plans you are considering, so you understand the cover your pet is getting and the conditions that apply. For instance, some insurers require pets to be microchipped and others require an annual check-up for cover to apply.

SOME TIPS

Watch out for pet insurance products where the insurer asks few questions about your pet's health, when you apply for cover. It could mean that they will demand extensive reports on your pet's condition every time you claim. This is what is referred to as underwriting at claims stage and leaves you with uncertainty around whether your claim will be paid.

Ask your local vets for references of pet insurers that are good at paying claims without quibbling.

TESLA DOG MODE INNOVATION



They're safe in a Tesla car with a Dog Mode cooling system

It takes only a few minutes in high summer temperatures for a dog to suffer heat stroke in a parked car which can prove fatal, but South African born Elon Musk, founder and CEO of Tesla electric cars in America has just introduced a preventative innovation...

Musk launched the new Tesla Dog Mode air cooling system in February 2019, based on a suggestion from a Twitter user last year which will be rolled out in Tesla car models gradually to ensure that it is safe and there are no situations that may have been overlooked by developers. The Dog Mode innovation adds to the existing Cabin Overheat Protection feature which is triggered once the car reaches a certain temperature to ensure that any pets, babies or small children do not suffer heat stroke.

This is how it works.

To enable Dog Mode the fan icon is tapped at the bottom of the touch screen when the car is parked. The Keep Climate button is put onto DOG, then its possible to make adjustments within temperature limits and leave knowing your pet will stay comfortable. If your battery reaches less than 20% charge, you receive a notification on your mobile app The new technology will also alert the Tesla owner if the car's battery drops below 20 % while in Dog Mode, ensuring there is time to make it back to the car before the air conditioning turns off.

Editor

GAUTENG GANG TARGETS VETS

Shaun Smillie reported for Weekend Argus 02.02.2019 that:-

The murder of a Pretoria Veterinarian this week appears to be the work of a gang targeting veterinary clinics across Gauteng. The gang has a unique modus operandi, where a white female, who has a distinct mole on her neck, is used to gain access to the premises.

Once inside two black male accomplices join her. Then they take guns from her handbag and hold up both staff and clients, while she leaves and waits in the car. She then acts as the getaway driver.

This week the gang added murder to their list of crimes. On Thursday evening (31.01.2019) three suspects entered the Jacaranda Animal Clinic in Pretoria Moot and in the robbery Dr; Fred Malan was shot in the chest. He died at the scene. Police spokesperson, Lieutenant Kay Makhubela said yesterday that so far no arrests had been made.

A gang fitting the same description robbed the St. Francis Veterinary Hospital in Edenvale in October last year. Kelly van Zyl was the receptionist at the animal hospital on the day of the robbery. As with the Pretoria Moot incident, a white woman came to the security gate and asked to be let in

“She had dark hair and wore a baseball cap” said van Zyl. “She said she had come to collect pet food and then asked for the gate to be opened so she could ask the people she was with if that was the correct food”. It was then said van Zyl that two males entered the premises.

“They took guns from her bag and she then left and sat in the car. Thank God no one was hurt. They took cell-phones, watches, jewellery and cash,” she said. Van Zyl believes one of the gang visited the clinic a week earlier probably on a mission to check the premises out.

The Kenvalley Veterinary Clinic was also robbed in October, by a gang that fits the description of the three robbers who allegedly killed Malan. There have been other robberies blamed on the gang. The Randburg Veterinary Hospital was one of them.

However, Makhubela said he was unaware of other robberies that were similar to the recent Pretoria incident.

If you have any information that could be related to the above contact

Pretoria Police or Crime Stop - cell: 08600 10111 (lines open 24 hrs a day)

BOGUS VETS BRING HORROR FOR CAPE PETS

This headline appeared on the front page of Weekend Argus 19.01.2019 as Chelsea Beach reported:-

'Unscrupulous fake vets operating in Cape Town have been offering cheap services and making house calls.

Animal rights organizations believe they use stolen drugs and dodgy vaccines and maltreat animals. They allegedly administer incorrect drugs which have caused illness and death in at least three puppies. The Animal Welfare Society of South Africa believes this is just the tip of the iceberg.

It will be laying charges against two alleged fake vets who recently caused severe sickness in two pit bull puppies and one German Shepherd cross puppy resulting in the pets dying,. Spokesman Allan Perrins said they were formulating a charge sheet under the Animal Protection Act.

"We firmly believe that both respondents contributed to the untimely, cruel demise of these dogs in that they allegedly caused the animals to suffer and deteriorate to the point where their prognosis went from potentially hopeful to positively hopeless" he said. "There simply has to be a consequence for this."

Chief executive of the Animal Welfare Society Dr. John McMullen said these were not isolated incidents. "There is a wider problem and it's been going on for years." He said. "There are people, particularly in the Cape Flats, going around and doing house visits with drugs that are stolen from somewhere, vaccinating and maltreating animals."

McMullen said he saw the effects of these scammers in his animal welfare work and at his private practice in Pinelands, as people brought in animals that had been incorrectly treated or given potentially dodgy vaccines. "We've seen lots of people with certificates of vaccinations that are not veterinary certificates at all," he said. "It is widespread and ongoing and we are trying to catch people at it."

McMullen said despite strict controls over medications, he had caught a past employee stealing drugs from the practice. "He was using it to run his own private practice in Delft," he said. "I had to send a private detective to his house undercover with a dog to catch him handing over the drugs on video".

McMullen said the cases were very difficult to prosecute, they have been reported to the South African Veterinary Council (SAVA), but SAVA has no jurisdiction outside of the veterinary professionals who are registered with the Council. SAVA registrar, Lynette Havinga, was out of the country and unable to comment.

Late last year, Sharmel Cleinwerck had to euthanize both of her dogs in the same week, thanks to medication given by a man posing as a vet. A relative recommended the service of the man, and they trusted him because he worked for the Grassy Park SPCA. "When he came to our house, he approached us as being a vet, because he worked at the SPCA" Cleinwerck said. The man administered what he said were vaccinations to Sandy, a 10 month old Pitbull puppy belonging to Cleinwerck's mother, who passed away in September last year.

"A week after my mom's funeral, Sandy started seizing, and bleeding from the mouth, it was completely devastating for me to see her in that condition, I panicked." Cleinwerck said. She tried taking the dog to a veterinary hospital, but it was closed over the weekend. By the time she saw a real vet on Monday morning, the dog had to be euthanized immediately. According to Perrins, the dog had contracted the deadly Parvo virus – which is easily preventable if the dog had been given the correct vaccine.

The traumatic experience was not over yet Cleinwerck's other dog, a 1 year old Pitbull called Sky, had been given medication by the fake vet because he said the dog was sick with a cold. One day later, she had to say goodbye to that dog too. "Both of my dogs I had to put down in the same week," she said "There's nothing that can bring them back."

Grassy Park SPCA spokeswoman Belinda Abraham confirmed that the man posing as a vet had been employed there, as a ward orderly, Abraham said the organization investigated and the man was subject to an internal disciplinary process. According to the law, the outcome of the process has to remain confidential. Abrahams urged pet owners to be suspicious of cheap rates and house calls.

NEWS FROM THE KENNEL UNION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Extracts from Federal Council Meeting Minutes 1st/2nd Dec 2018

3.17. Introduction of Voluntary DNA Parentage Verification when Registering a Litter (Fedco 06-2018 item 7.18)

As a means of encouraging voluntary DNA Parentage Verification, Fedco unanimously supports the idea of KUSA offering an "enhanced" Registration Certificate, at no extra cost, for any puppy of which the parentage has been DNA-verified.

It was decided that a procedure document should be compiled in collaboration with the ISAG-accredited laboratories in the country, inter alia University of Pretoria (Onderstepoort Veterinary Sciences), Stellenbosch University, and Inqaba Biotec, to assist breeders to undertake the DNA testing of parents and puppies. A procedure document to be considered, together with any proposals for the enhanced Registration Certificate.

Work in progress. Further documentation to be tabled.

JH undertook to contact the three identified ISAG laboratories to explore possibilities around discounts for KUSA members and CI agreed to proceed with an information leaflet to assist breeders and owners regarding DNA profiling and parentage verification once any discounts have been confirmed. An enhanced Registration Certificate was tabled and discussed and it was agreed that the document would be termed a “Premier Registration Certificate”. PM and CI to collaborate on a design for the Certificates and a method of their reproduction for consideration by members of Fedco.

Unanimously agreed .

Proposed CB, seconded CI

JH and LW deemed it important that the owners of individual dogs should also be able to apply for an enhanced Registration Certificate upon submission of a DNA profile. The matter was debated and it was decided that a suitable proposal for recognizing owners who voluntarily had their dogs DNA-profiled should be prepared for consideration at Fedco 06-2019.

To be carried forward to Fedco 06-2019.

3.18. KUSA/SAVA HD & ED Scheme - Additional ED Radiographic View for ED Grade Certification

Proposal from Prof Robert Kirberger – Chief Scrutineer SAVA:

Extract from article published in the Journal of the South African Veterinary Association in November 2017.

“A limiting factor in decreasing the incidence of ED is that the technique of a single flexed radiographic view, especially if maximally flexed, will underestimate the incidence of ED, particularly FMCP. Some dogs may have the primary disease condition without any sign of arthrosis and therefore some of these will be missed if additional views, including a 100 degree- 120 degrees ML flexed view, or more advanced imaging systems are not utilized. It has been found that computed tomography (CT) detects many more ED changes than radiographs because of it being a cross-sectional imaging technique without any superimposition of osseous structures. Up to 62% of dogs graded as 0 based on radiographs were still found to have dysplastic changes in the elbows using CT. Experienced versus inexperienced scrutineers had a >92% sensitivity to detect medial coronoid disease radiographically using three views as compared to CT to detect pathology. Grading dogs as normal during radiographic screening when they are positive on CT obviously has serious

implications for the radiographic certification method in that affected dogs may be graded as ED-free, thus hampering elimination of ED genes. Unfortunately, the use of CT is not a cost-effective and practical method of grading dogs for ED certification, and radiographs will continue to be used, but will at least exclude the more severe cases from breeding.

Dogs suffering from HD and ED, especially in the more advanced stages, can suffer severe pain and mobility impairment, disabling the dog and affecting its welfare. Besides the suffering caused, the treatment is also very expensive, requiring long-term medical treatment and often extensive and very expensive surgery.”

Proposal: To improve the accuracy of ED grading by scrutineers and thereby improve phenotypic selection at least two views of each elbow (100 degree - 120 ML flexed and pronated CrCd views) will be required for the issuing of a SAVA/KUSA Certification Certificate.

Agreed unanimously.

Enquiries suggested that there would be no charge for a 2nd x-ray, but Councillors should enquire with their own Veterinarians.

Proposed JH, seconded LW

Prof Kirberger to be informed of the decision and asked when he envisaged implementation.

4.3.3. Schedule 2 Regulation 15 – Membership Required Prior to Registration

Housekeeping - Delete struck through words in [~~square brackets~~] and insert words underlined:

Regulation 15.1.2:

The provisions enumerated in this regulation in relation to Membership and Affixes shall apply to all applications for the registration of dogs in the Kennel Union Breed Registers, the Breed Appendix Registers, Emerging Breed Register and the Field Trial Registers for Pointers and Setters , [~~but shall not apply to applications for recording of dogs on the~~] as well as the Obedience and Trial Dogs Record.

Agreed unanimously.

Proposed CG, seconded RD

Effective 01.04.2019

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4.5.4. Schedule 3 Regulation 42 – Champion Dogs – Supreme Champion (Fedco 12-2025 item 11.20, Fedco 06-2016 item 3.9, Fedco 12-2016 item 4.5.8, Fedco 06-2017 item 4.5.6)

Insert NEW:

42.1.3 The Federal Council may award the title of breed Supreme Champion to any dog on the full Breed Register of the Kennel Union or any National Canine Organisation recognised by KUSA which has won, a total of at least one hundred and fifty (150) points as per Appendix 2, provided that:

42.1.3.1 the dog is a KUSA Breed Grand Champion of record.

42.1.3.2 the dog has won at least one (1) Best in Show award at an all-breeds championship show.

42.1.3.3 the dog has earned a Bronze Canine Good Citizen Certificate.

42.1.3.4 the dog has a DNA profile.

42.1.3.5 at least twenty (20) of the total points earned are Bonus Points as defined in Appendix 2

42.1.3.6 not more than fifteen (15) of the minimum one hundred and fifty (150) points were awarded by one (1) Judge,

42.1.2.7 points were gained in at least four (4) geographical provinces of South Africa or three (3) geographical provinces of South Africa plus Namibia.

42.1.3.8 only awards and qualifications gained after 1 January 2017 shall count towards this title.

42.1.3 4 The Federal Council or Executive Committee shall issue a Champion, [or] Grand Champion or Supreme Champion Certificate, as the case may be, to the owner of every dog qualifying for each such award under the provisions of Schedule 3 Regulation 42 and any relevant Schedule of Regulations forming part of the KUSA Constitution.

Renumber 42.1.3, 42.1.4 and 42.1.5 accordingly.

Motivation:

When Fedco discussed introducing the Grand Champion title it was suggested that we should follow it by introducing a Supreme Champion title, which would be more difficult to obtain and therefore recognize only the very best South African showdogs.

There is no doubt that South African breed exhibitors have embraced the Grand Champion title and the Supreme Champion is intended to further achieve the goals of encouraging support for shows held in the smaller provinces and encouraging owners to show their dogs for a longer period than is the norm.

Discussion ensued on the requirement of a Canine Good Citizen Bronze and it became evident that there was majority support for this to remain one of the qualifying criteria. It was agreed that the proposal should be put to the vote without modification and it carried, with one objection.

Proposed CI, seconded CB

Effective 01.04.2019. Only awards and qualifications gained after 1 January 2017 shall count towards this title.

CI undertook to design an Application Form and Award Certificate for the title of Supreme Champion. Title abbreviations: SP.CH. (prefix to dog's registered name)

LW pointed out that Grand Champions in Breed and other Disciplines needed to be awarded Qualifying Certificates in at least *two* Provinces.

Proposed CI, seconded LW

Effective 01.04.2019. Points to count from 01.01.2018

Title abbreviations: GR.CH(MF), GR.CH(HTM)

5.6.6 Mandatory Membership of KUSA

In a letter dated 25 September 2018, the FTLC sought clarification from the General Manager on KUSA's interpretation of Schedule 3 Regulation 7.6 and its applicability to Field Trials.

The FTLC further needed clarity on how Mandatory Membership of KUSA should be dealt with in the context of the agreement of 12 January 2004 between KUSA and the National Field Trial Association (NFTA) which provided "That the Field Trials conducted by KUSA will be open to NFTA-affiliated club members, in good standing, and their NFTA-registered dogs."

The wording of Schedule 3 Regulation 7 was further discussed with the object of obviating the confusion of the FTLC. It was agreed to make additional amendments to the Regulation as a housekeeping exercise prior to its effective date.

Schedule 3 Regulation 7:

: Deletions in [~~struck through square brackets~~] and insertions underlined

Except as otherwise provided in the By-laws applicable to a particular Discipline, o only Members of the Kennel Union shall be entitled to enter and have dogs in their registered ownership compete in any Championship Dog Show, Championship Obedience Class, Championship Working Trial, Field Trial Championship Open Stake or Field Qualifier or any other Championship event, licensed by the Kennel Union, save for Breed Classes offered at Specialist Club Championship Shows, where entries will also be open to non-members.

Additional amendments in red. Approved unanimously .

Proposed GR, seconded JH

Effective

01.01.2019

The issue of KUSA membership of NFTA members under the agreement of 12 January 2004 was also discussed and JH informed the Federal Council of her and GR's intention to meet with Dr Alan Kloeck, Chairman of the FTLC, and thereafter with the appropriate executive members of the NFTA. The problem of NFTA members' participating in KUSA events without incurring the obligations imposed on KUSA members was obviously a serious one, which needed to be addressed as a matter of urgency.

READING PEDIGREES

3 Steps to the Lost Art of Dog Breeding by Barbara Andrew

Pedigrees are much more than dog names on a piece of paper to dog breeders and analysis is important

Purebred dogs are much more than a pretty cover so it is the "family tree" that determines what is inside the eye-catching exterior.

Most kennel names on the pedigree should be familiar and at least half should have the coveted Ch. (Champion) or even GCh.(Grand Champion) and ideally, some dogs should be recognized top producers.

It's a fast paced world out there and increasingly, everyone is or wants to be in the express lane. As you may have noticed, that can lead to pileups. If you're too busy to study a stud dog's pedigree and learning basic genetics

seems like a waste of time, well your “breeding programme” is headed towards a fatal crash.

According to the American Kennel Club records, the average life span of a dog breeder used to be 5 years, but I’ll wager it is now less than 3 years. So it only seems fair to take 3 minutes to learn things that can extend your time in dogs with contribution to the breed. Small rewards like “bait” lead you onwards and help you succeed as a breeder.

Names on a pedigree tell you nothing unless’

...you’ve seen at least half of the first 14 dogs. If a dog is “repeated” i.e. appears more than once pay particular attention and research that dog. If you haven’t observed the dog in person, try to get a video. Photos are better than nothing but be aware that digital retouching is common today and the very fault you are trying to eliminate from your breeding program can be erased from a photo.

Parents and grandparents usually represent the most dominant genes in the pedigree but not necessarily. We’ll get to the “doubled up on” factor shortly, but for right now, you need to know the phenotype and genotype of the first 6 dogs, sire, dam, and all four grandparents.

The importance of having a knowledgeable AND objective mentor in the breed can’t be stressed enough. Depending on which bloodline the pedigree represents, your mentor may be a bit biased. It’s human nature. The important thing when selecting a mentor to help you sort out a particular pedigree is. Has your potential mentor actually seen the first 6 dogs on the pedigree and hopefully some of the siblings?

Look for genetic evidence of thoughtful line-breeding on a particular dog within the third or fourth generation of the pedigree you are literally buying into. If that dog produced consistently well, count him as being in the first or second generation because his genes are more concentrated and should therefore be more powerful.

A dominant, line bred grandparent repeated on the pedigree....

....can contribute as much as any one of the first 6 dogs. Hang on though, before you run into that pedigree pileup you need to know there’s a little glitch in the above statement. More so today than ever before, most so-called line breeding occurs as a matter of economy or convenience, not due to study of the genetics involved. A mediocre dog repeated in the pedigree can be bad news. It’s up to you to ferret out the concentrated dog’s quality, before getting excited about a “line-bred” pedigree.

Top ranked BREED winners in the first two generations indicate someone was willing to spend time and money to prove their quality. Those dogs could be your super highway to breeding success. If the pedigree doesn't reflect one or more verifiable top ranked Best of Breed winners within the first three generations, it means one of two things, either there are no outstanding dogs despite any claims to the contrary OR you just learned that incompatible top winners bred to each other for the wrong reasons do not guarantee success. Even, if a dog and bitch are outstanding representative, it matters not unless they are genetically compatible.

A Compatible pedigree means that neither sire nor dam....

...share the same fault either visibly (dominant) or hidden in their genes (recessive). Ideally, both would be dominant for the most important features of breed type and/or soundness. Do not mistake compatibility as being "from the same bloodline" because frankly very few real bloodlines exist today.

Anyone can get lucky once or even twice. Before you buy into a pedigree, you need to slow down and take a good look at the road ahead. You must have a readable map (pedigree) because there's no shortcut to your destination.

Don't let the scenery distract you. The pedigree may look perfectly beautiful, but see as many of those dogs as possible. You can then apply what you've learned into structuring a pedigree that will last and hopefully become a super highway for someone else!

As a Master Breeder, I've presented dozens of seminars on breeding practices, but as years went by, it became increasingly obvious that many breeders read names on a pedigree, but have no idea if those dogs were prepotent and if so, for what? Today breeders put more emphasis on ring fame and not nearly enough on genetic prepotency and actual quality.

Breeding to a top dog means saleable puppies, but it may not increase your reputation as a gifted breeder. Ring success can be bought with a good handler and a fat wallet. What you do afterwards involved you! I trust you are willing to take the time (gasp) to learn the basics and apply yourself to doing it right.

(Portions extracted from AKC Gazette 2008 and ShowSight Mag 2012 with acknowledgments to dogplace.org/)

IRISH SETTER PUPPIES



In their Easter bonnets

Note: All litter parentage advertised in this section have been cleared of Progressive Retinal Atrophy rcd1, Canine Leukocyte Adhesion Deficiency and Late Onset Progressive Retinal Atrophy rcd4. Scoring grades for Elbow and Hip Dysplasia under the KUSA/SAVA/FCI scheme are given in brackets after the names of the parentage. All puppies will be microchipped and registered with the Kennel Union of Southern Africa. Certificates of Registration and Certified Pedigree and KUSA Health Screen Certificates (Annexure to the aforementioned) for the puppies will be handed/forwarded to new owners. Air transportation can be arranged by the breeder to all SA provinces at additional cost to purchase price of a puppy.

MEOMIE - Gauteng

Estelle Meiring and Teigue Payne's litter from their partnership bitch "Flame" **MEIOMIE MYSTIC DREAM** (ED0:0 HD A2:A2) will arrive in March and are sired by Velka Laubscher's **KARISAH JUST JAMES** (ED 0:0 HD A2:A2) who resides in Bloemfontein. Estelle can be contacted at 072-3480080 or e-mail estelle@setters.co.za

BELDIGO – Plettenberg Bay, Western Cape

Marinette Teeling will be mating "Eva" **SA.CH.CAEMGEN EVER SO CLEVER** (Imp Sweden) (ED 0:0 HDA2:A2) on her next heat to Marinda Human's **MEIOMIE LUCKY STAR** (ED 0:0 HD A2:A2). Marinette can be contacted on cellphone 072-7424894 or e-mail mteeling@gmail.com

LIGHTS, CAMERAS, ACTION !!



Lootah on set



Hobbs Clothing UK , Capfin, Volkswagen, BMW, Land Rover, Galileo and Rogz Toyz have all featured Lootah in their advertising campaigns. Living up to his pedigree name Beldigo Ever Ready, Lootah is ever ready to steal the limelight and elicit comments from the crew on set like “Oh my word! What a beautiful dog!” “Can I take a selfie,” and even “that’s a very big spaniel”

I, Nicole and my partner Steve live on a small holding near Cape Town surrounded by cows, sheep, goats, pigs, ducks, chickens a macaw and our brood of three cats and four dogs including Lootah. In the past I owned and trained three Golden Retrievers, but had only worked with an occasional Setter as a licensed Animal Wrangler in the film industry. When I told Steve that Marinette Teeling was having a litter, he mentioned that it was one of his childhood dreams to own an Irish (Red) Setter and so we took the plunge and purchased a pup. The adventure began with a trip to Plettenberg Bay to collect him and two of his siblings destined for other owners..

We gave our new pup the Sioux Indian name of Lootah meaning RED but wondered if he should’ve been called “Looter” as he stole food and broke dishes. Now a two year old, he has calmed, but is still a hoarder, though (thankfully) not a chewer, taking our shoes and clothing as treasures to his favorite sleeping hole in the garden. Once Steve leaves in the morning it’s time for a cuddle with me in bed, his head resting comfortably on Steve’s pillow – he’s such a “cuddle bunny”.

As far as training goes he’s a bit of a free spirit and relies on his looks to get away with murder, but he’s smart and I know he can do more when I give him the time and attention. He’s great with all animals, loves chasing seagulls on the beach, swimming and running especially with the quad bike on the farm which he races at 40 klm an hour easily.

I do love my Lucifer
Nicole Jennings

Note: Google Animal Tails to find out more about Nicole’s involvement with animals in the film and commercial advertising industry. – Ed.

NICOLE JENNINGS' LOOTAH AND FRIENDS



In the daisies with my feline friend



A walk on the road to stardom with my friends

ANNIE (OAKLEY) BUTLER by Bridget Simpson

Phoebe Ann Moses called Annie was born on 13th August 1860 in Darke County, Ohio, the sixth child of Jacob Moses and Susan Wise Moses. After her father died of pneumonia her mother married Dan Brumbaugh but the marriage was short lived and she was widowed a second time, leaving the family destitute with a seventh child.. Aged eight Annie was placed with the Edington family who ran the Darke County Infirmary for the orphaned and mentally ill, where in exchange for helping with the children she received a basic education.

When Susan married Joseph Shaw, Annie, then in her early teens, returned home. To keep food on the table Annie took her father's old Kentucky rifle and hunted small game for their table, selling the balance to the Katzenberger brother's grocery store in Greenville, Ohio, which supplied hotels and restaurants in Cincinnati. Honing her skills as a sharp shooter she managed to settle the \$200 mortgage on her mother's home by the time she was 15 years old.

Jack Frost, a hotel owner in Cincinnati suggested Annie compete in a shooting contest against well known sharp shooters who were visiting the town. Marksman Frank E. Butler, accepted Annie's challenge which she won, by successfully shooting twenty-five targets, while Butler missed one. Despite the defeat Frank was captivated by the sixteen year old Annie and although ten years her senior, they began a courtship which resulted in their marriage on 23rd August 1876.



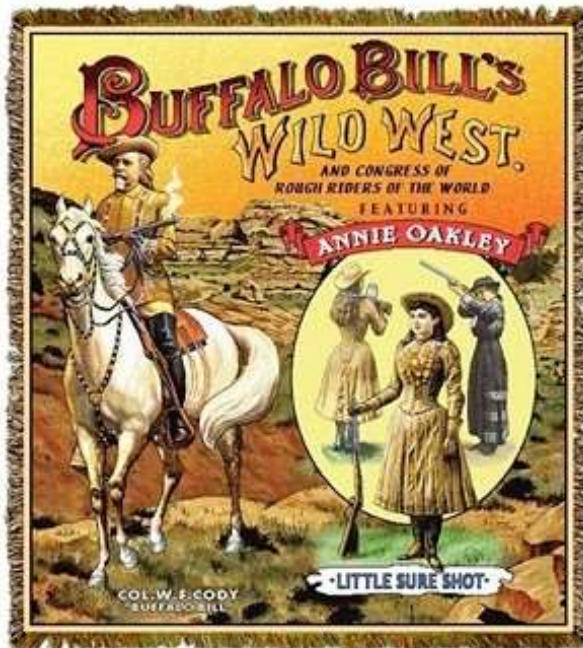
Young Frank and Annie (Oakley) Butler with their dog George

From 1882 the Butlers travelled across the country giving shooting exhibitions with their dog George as an integral part of the act. In 1884 while giving a performance in Minnesota, Annie befriended the Lakota Chief Sitting Bull, who defeated Custer at The Battle of Little Big Horn in 1876 and it was he who dubbed her “Little Sure Shot”.



Red Indian Chief Sitting Bull with Annie

By 1885 Frank and Annie had joined Buffalo Bill's Wild West show. This was a significant turning point for Annie as she was given star billing as “Annie Oakley”. Her stage name may have originated from her grandmother or the neighbourhood in which the Butlers lived when newlyweds. While posters advertised her as a “Champion Markswoman”, Frank happily stepped back from the limelight, becoming her manager and assistant.



In 1887 Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show toured England joining Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee celebrations. When the show opened in May, Oakley was the subject of considerable press coverage extolling her marksmanship. Two years later the show returned to the United Kingdom touring for six months before travelling to Europe. Buffalo Bill made the most of Annie's fame to demonstrate that shooting was neither detrimental, nor too intense for women and children and Annie taught many to use a rifle.

Buffalo Bill Cody was a great friend of inventor Thomas Edison who was endeavouring to see whether his camera could capture the flight of a bullet. Annie agreed to participate in the experiment which Edison filmed. Later this film was watched by the public through nickelodeons (an early motion picture nickel coin operated projector).

In 1901 after sixteen years with the Buffalo Bill Wild West Show the Butlers decided to leave as Annie had sustained a back injury in a train accident which necessitated five operations. When recovered Annie joined The Young Buffalo Show in 1911 and during this period Frank signed a contract as a representative for the Union Metallic Cartridge Company in Connecticut. This position allowed both Frank and Annie to make endorsements for the company and to continue their shooting exhibitions.

By 1913 Annie was in her fifties and she and Frank retired in Cambridge, Maryland, where they welcomed a new family member - an English Setter they named Dave after their friend Dave Montgomery part of the comedy duo Montgomery and Stone. The Butlers and Dave hunted the prolific game in the area often accompanied by visiting friends.

Annie continued to give exhibitions in which Dave participated. There was undoubtedly enormous trust between them as Dave would sit unflinchingly still while Annie demonstrated her prowess by shooting an apple off the top of his head.



Annie Oakley shoots an apple off her English Setter Dave's head

As America entered World War 1 in 1917 Annie offered to raise a regiment of women sharpshooters which was declined by the authorities. She also offered to teach the troops marksmanship and gave her time to the National War Council of the Young Men's Christian Association, War Camp Community Service and the Red Cross. Dave raised funds for the war effort by scenting cash donations hidden in handkerchiefs and was soon dubbed the "Red Cross Dog". At Christmas Annie and Frank would send Christmas cards to their friends with a picture of the dog and signed "Dave Butler".



Annie, Dave and Frank Butler

Still popular in 1922 the Butlers attracted large crowds in Massachusetts, New York and other major cities, but at the end of that year the Butlers were severely injured in an automobile accident. Dave was also killed in a car accident in 1923. The newspapers reported that Annie and Frank "felt the sorrow that parents would feel for the loss of a child".

In 1924 Annie returned with Frank to her roots in Ohio. There they attended shooting matches in the area and Annie began to write her memoirs, which were published in newspapers across the country. Married for fifty years the couple died within weeks of one another Annie on the 3rd November and Frank on 21st November 1926.

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SELECTION OF CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW RESULTS 2019 : First quarter

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16.02 Roodepoort & Districts KC Judge: Mr. S. Helgeisin (Norway)

Irish Setter dog

BOB Doug Robinson's **CH.ARDMORE SYDNEYS RILEY OF SOUTHERNSTAR** **3RD GUNDOG GROUP**

Bitch

CC & RBOB Doug Robinson's **ARDMORE ROXANNE ENYA OF SOUTHERNSTAR** **4TH GUNDOG PUPPY GROUP**

17.02 SA Ladies KC Judge : Mr. P. Lawless (Ireland)

Irish Setter dog

RBOB Doug Robinson's **CH.ARDMORE SYDNEY'S RILEY OF SOUTHERNSTAR**

Bitch

CC & BOB Doug Robinson's **ARDMORE ROXANNE ENYA OF SOUTHERNSTAR** **2ND GUNDOG PUPPY GROUP**

WESTERN CAPE

02.03 Kennel Assoc Judge : Mrs. J. Hubbard (Gauteng)

English Setter bitch

CC & BOB Rowena Wonfor's **ROZEL GUNS AND ROSES** **2ND JUNIOR GUNDOG GROUP**

Irish Setter dogs

BOB Marinette Teeling's **CH.BELDIGO NEVER SAY NEVER**

RBOB Anthony Wonfor's **FCI & SA CH. OAKDALES BOREAS**

03.03 Liesbeek KC Judge Mrs. C. Buitendach

English Setter bitch

CC & BOB Rowena Wonfor's **ROZEL GUNS AND ROSES** **2ND JUNIOR GUNDOG GROUP**

Irish Setter dogs

BOB Marinette Teeling's **CH.BELDIGO NEVER SAY NEVER** **4TH GUNDOG GROUP**

RBOB Anthony Wonfor's **FCI & SA CH OAKDALES BOREAS** **2ND VETERAN GUNDOG GROUP**

09.03 Overberg KC Judge : Ms. H. Basson (Western Cape)

English Setter bitches

CC & BOB Rowena Wonfor's **ROZEL GUNS AND ROSES**

Irish Setter dogs

BOB Marinette Teeling's **CH.BELDIGO NEVER SAY NEVER** **GUNDOG GROUP WINNER**

RBOB Anthony Wonfor's **FCI & SA CH OAKDALES BOREAS**

09.03 Whale Coast KC Judge : Mrs. Bridget Simpson (Western Cape)
English Setter bitches
CC & BOB Rowena Wonfor's **ROZEL GUNS AND ROSES**
3rd JUNIOR GUNDOG GROUP

Irish Setter dogs
CC & BOB Anthony Wonfor's **FCI & SA CH OAKDALES BOREAS**
3rd GUNDOG GROUP & VETERAN GROUP WINNER & 3rd BEST VETERAN ON SHOW

RBOB Marinette Teeling's **CH.BELDIGO NEVER SAY NEVER**

So, here we are at the end of the first edition of Setter News for 2019. With the Easter holidays just around the corner, have a relaxing break before winter sets in – let's hope we're not dealing with Eskom power outages! Keep us updated with all your news, views, and 'photos for the June Winter edition by e-mailing us at mss01@telkomsa.net or 'phone us on our landline 028-4233934

Until next time
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