



## ***APRIL 2017 NEWS LETTER - CAPE BULLMASTIFF CLUB***

From the Chair: Our second Breeder Profile comes from the USA. We are very privileged to present Helene Nietsch AKC Judge 7259 and her Banstock Bullmastiffs.

Helene was the first Patron of the CBC and has supported this Club right from its formative moments. She judged at the Bullmastiff Speciality in Johannesburg and presented two Breed Clinics during her stay in the RSA. Here is her story:

### ***BREEDER PROFILE – BANSTOCK BULLMASTIFFS***

Helene Nietsch AKC Judge # 7259



Helene with her first bitch champion Bullmastiff Ch. Bandog's Gorgeous Gussie 1974

## **“MY LIFE”**

**By Helene Nietsch**

**What would I do if suddenly you took everything related to dogs out of my life?**

**My phone would not ring as much, I practically wouldn't have anywhere to go, I would have less friends, my children wouldn't be quite the same and I wouldn't have travelled the world or met as many interesting people.**

**Sounds like dogs have consumed my life for the last 45 years. No, they have not run my life, nor have they been a compulsion. They have enriched my life beyond words and given me life experiences that I never imagined when I bought my first Bullmastiff in 1969.**

**I have made life-long friendships that I cherish. It has been a life-altering experience.**

**I couldn't write this article without mentioning my first dog Willie. Some of you might even remember Willie. He was a big, red, happy, jolly dog who loved life and everyone in the world. Willie is the reason I have pursued this interest in dogs, and even twenty generations later, Willie has influenced my latest champion with his genes. With more than 100 champions, many awards and speciality wins, a dream has come true in this ever- growing dog community. I have bred the top winning Bullmastiff in the history of the breed and Bruno is a world- wide top producing Bullmastiff. Unimaginable when I started out tripping on my own feet in the breed show ring.**

**I have established wonderful relationships with friends I can't imagine life without. Friends that have shared my life with me, ups and downs, comedies and tragedies. I have a history with many of my dog friends that account for the most wonderful phone conversations and stories at cocktail parties. Conversations when heard by my children have muttered “you've told that story a million times!” But, oh, what a wonderful story... stories and experiences that have woven the most special of times in the fabric of dogs, pedigrees, puppies, shows and new champions.**

**Ringling phones, puppies knocking over plants and chewing on shoes, friends dropping by at a moment's notice, trips to the vet's office for an artificial insemination or to help a friend whose bitch is delivering a litter, getting out the next newsletter, or going to the next kennel club board meeting, driving 1000 miles to the next speciality, or to observe under the respected judge. Anticipating and hoping that the next show prospect will turn out to be the next “special.” Nothing more special than a family picking up their new puppy, nurturing a friendship with this family, and watching the puppy and the relationship mature.**

Even more special, an old dog sitting by your feet at dinner time, or following you slowly around the yard when you're gardening, just to be hanging out with you. Rivalries are set aside when the veterans parade at the speciality show, watching the old-timers still strutting their stuff, remembering their days as a force in the breed. And anyone watching and sharing the same feelings of pride along with the fear that this might be the last time everyone will see this special dog.

Dogs have taught my children about life, death, birth and sickness. They've learned to be gentle and patient with puppies and old timers, learned to clean up a mess and learned the loss of a loved-one, perhaps the first time in their life that they experienced death. Somewhat of a microcosm of life- a training ground for the real world. Invaluable experiences for children to learn.

I have gone through the process of owning my first pet, to showing my first dog, to having my first litter – learning conformation, structure, movement, genetics, politics, animal husbandry and perseverance. I've progressed to breeding seven Best in Show Bullmastiffs, Westminster winners, national speciality winners and top producers, gotten involved in the all-breed club and speciality clubs.

I'm now in the next phase, giving back to the sport of dogs with the knowledge that I have learned along the way, watching all the specialities, groups and best in show rings, attending seminars and workshops, institutes and symposiums. I'm judging now and able to mentor and encourage new exhibitors, fanciers and breeders. Hopefully I can make some new friends along the way, and hopefully I can encourage someone out there that getting involved in the sport of dogs is worth it!

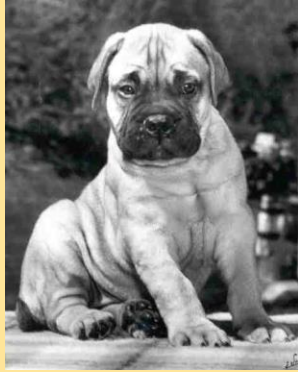
Maybe I'll even produce another "great" one!

Follow your dreams, find the best dogs, do the right thing, love your Bullmastiffs and look to the future. It is an amazing "Dog World" out there!

Helene Nietsch

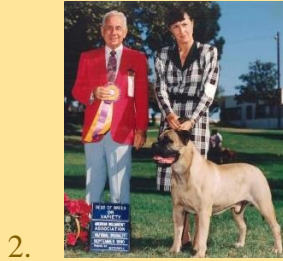
Banstock Bullmastiffs

AND SOME MORE.....



Abigail (above left) was the first puppy Helene bred. Above right :- MBIS Ch.Hucks Last Hurrah of Bandog

### *OTHER TOP DOGS*



“Clover”



GCH. MBISS Banstock Bewitched by Highpoint (aka Clover) and GCH MBISS MBIS

Banstock N Highpoint Ours Yours and Mine

Ch. Banstock Gotta Feeling from Highpoint



Ch. Banstock Waterbourne Neesha

1. MBISS Ch Banstock Bruno of the Northeast – worldwide top producing Bullmastiff sire
2. Ch.Tundra's Pinewood Baron
3. Ch.Banstock Wicket Witch of Highpoint
4. Ch.Banstock Captain Jack
5. Ch. Banstock Lily of the Valley
6. Ch. Bandogs Crawdaddy Gumbo

\*Helene initially used the Bandog Affix



*Helene judging in Pretoria RSA with her BISS winner*

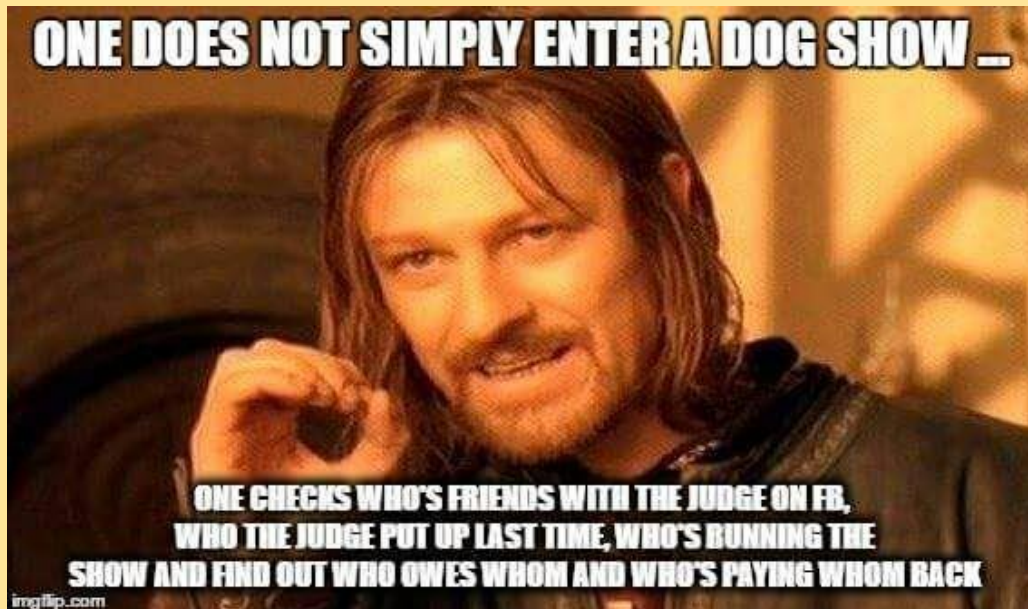
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*DMA AND APT SCHEDULED FOR 6/7 MAY*

*CBA SCHEDULED FOR 16/17 SEPTEMBER*

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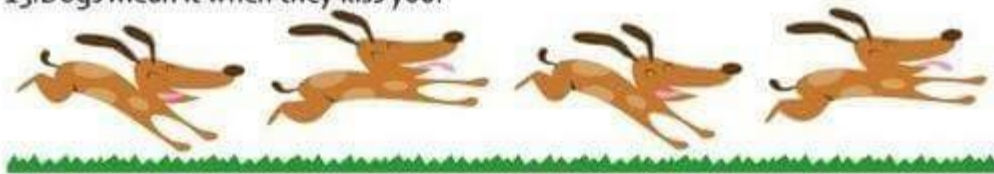
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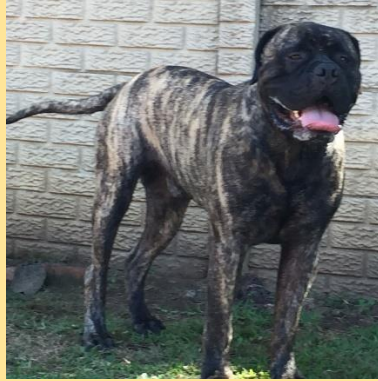


# 15 Reasons Why Dogs Are Better Than Men

1. Dogs do not have problems expressing affection in public.
2. Dogs miss you when you're gone.
3. Dogs feel guilt when they've done something wrong.
4. Dogs do not play games with you -- except fetch (and then never laugh at how you throw).
5. Dogs are happy with any video you choose to rent, because they know the most important thing is that you're together.
6. Dogs don't feel threatened by your intelligence.
7. You can train a dog.
8. The worst social disease you can get from dogs is fleas.  
(OK, the \*really\* worst disease you can get from them is rabies, but there's a vaccine for it .)
9. Dogs understand what "no" means.
10. Dogs think you are a culinary genius.
11. Middle-aged dogs don't feel the need to abandon you for a younger owner.
12. Dogs do not care whether you shave your legs.
13. Dogs take care of their own needs.
14. Dogs aren't threatened if you earn more than they do.
15. Dogs mean it when they kiss you.



FROM THE FAMILY ALBUMS





## SHOW RESULTS



**BIS Ch(UK) Old Manila's Whisky Mac for Optimus with Peter Meyer**

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**Look after your friends. Make sure they're okay. Sometimes they are going through things that are really heavy, but they might not say it.**