

REPORT FROM SABOX TO THE KUSA FEDERAL COUNCIL NOVEMBER 2017

NEXT SABOX MEETING

The next meeting of SABOX will be held at Brackenfell Cricket Grounds, Witels Road, Cape Town, on 21 October 2017.



BOXER REGISTRATIONS

The past year has not been an easy or happy time for many breeders/owners of KUSA registered Boxers. Unable, since last year this time, to register our litters due to the moratorium on Boxer registrations in the KUSA studbook, breeders could only provide the buyers of their puppies with KUSA show clearance certificates valid for one year, but no registration certificates. As entries at shows are demonstrating clearly, most new owners however have no interest in showing their Boxers. A few would like to breed a litter or two, but this is at present of course not possible, unless one is willing to add to the host of unregistered dogs being advertised on Gum Tree. But virtually all buyers of quality Boxers do want and insist on "papers" to prove it.

Whilst I personally have a lot of appreciation for the very hard work that Mrs Jenny Hubbard and Mr Gerard Robinson have been doing to arrive at a solution that will be acceptable to the majority of members of both organisations, most of our members find the current situation very frustrating and discouraging.

The majority of the Boxer owners who now find themselves in the two "camps" have no understanding of or interest in the reasons which originally caused the rift which has persisted since 1960 and which certainly did not benefit either side or the breed in this country very much. I am convinced that once unification has been achieved, it would not be long before there will just be "South African Boxers" and not "Federation Boxers" and "KUSA Boxers" as though they did not all come from the same rather restricted gene pool anyway.

A statement was recently published on the KUSA website stating that negotiations to date took place in a spirit of cooperation and in an atmosphere of goodwill.

"The guiding objective, identified by both parties from the outset, was to reach consensus on the establishment of a secure, stable and homogeneous milieu in which the Boxer breed could flourish and prosper in future. For KUSA, it was important to procure an enabling environment for the registration of KUSA members' Boxers, whereas the FBCSA saw the merit in having the South African Boxer under one umbrella both locally and internationally...."

This did help to reassure folks a little, but until a definite and binding solution has been negotiated and ratified the members of the KUSA Boxer fraternity will probably remain uneasy.

Let us hope that there will soon be a happy ending to the fifty year long saga.



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