

REPORT FROM SABOX TO THE KUSA FEDERAL COUNCIL NOVEMBER 2016

NEXT SABOX MEETING

The next meeting of SABOX will be held at Jagtershof Sports Complex, Kuils River, Cape Town, on 22 October 2016.



BOXER REGISTRATIONS

The escalating dilemma in which KUSA Boxer breeders and owners have found themselves for the past twelve years, referred to in our 2015 and numerous earlier reports to Fedco, has now culminated in a moratorium on Boxer registrations in the KUSA studbook. The lifting of the moratorium is entirely dependent on the outcome of negotiations aimed at resolving the current impasse vis-à-vis the Federation of Boxer Clubs as the only breed society for Boxers recognised by the Department of Agriculture.

Whilst we have nothing but appreciation and admiration for the determination and diligence with which Mrs Jenny Hubbard has been and still is tackling her unenviable task, the members of the KUSA affiliated Boxer Clubs are alarmed, very anxious and some quite angry about the situation we find ourselves in – through no fault of our own.

Our club members and breeders have been paying their KUSA dues, registering kennel affixes, acquiring KUSA registered breeding stock – sometimes imported at enormous cost - and registering their litters with KUSA. They have actively participated in KUSA shows and events, had their Boxers health tested and assessed at Breed Assessments.

Some of the questions now being asked are:

- Should negotiations not result in a feasible solution, will the registrations of our Boxers registered by KUSA in contravention of the Animal Improvement Act during the past twelve years now be revoked?
- Even if this does not happen, what would be the point of owning registered Boxers that cannot be used for breeding?
- Would we have no option but to join an organisation not of our choice if we wish to continue breeding? An organisation not recognised by the FCI or any other major international canine authority and all this implies: no participation at KUSA shows or events, no access to export pedigrees, no access to international judges.
- Would this be the end of the very long history of the Boxer as part of KUSA?
- **QUO VADIS?**

Personally I believe that the majority of bona fide Boxer breeders in the country are now totally fed up with the politics that have divided the Boxer breed down the middle for so long and would be willing to negotiate a solution that addresses the valid concerns of both the Federation and the KUSA Boxer fraternity. Let us hope and pray that this will be achieved and that the Boxer breed will not slide completely down the slippery slope it has been on, to eventually end up being nothing but a few unregistered "Boxer type" litters being advertised on Gumtree.

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