

AGILITY SUB-COMMITTEE OF KUSA ANNUAL REPORT 2016

Agility in South Africa is flourishing. Annually our numbers continue to grow. As mentioned each year in my report, besides KUSA agility, South Africa has another option SADAA (South African Dog Agility Association). SADAA records also show that their numbers also continue to grow. In both Gauteng and KZN, KUSA have superior numbers compared to SADAA. The opposite is the case in EP, FreeState and Western Cape. The most concerning is the Western Cape where SADAA has almost 3 times the number of entries compared to KUSA shows. The breed clubs in the Western Cape are killing KUSA agility and something needs to be done. The suggestion is 'Breed Clubs in the Western Cape may not host Agility unless they partner with the local Agility Sub-Committee'. This may seem radical, but I have been reporting for years now this problem and nothing has changed. In KZN, NAPC and DOGSPC partnerships have been formed between the agility committees and some of the breed clubs. This has become beneficial to both the clubs and the agility committees, as it has allowed the agility committees to generate their own funds. It should be remembered that in SADAA all revenues generated from show entries are kept within Agility. Unfortunately in KUSA, without these partnerships, nothing comes back to Agility.

The KUSA Nationals (Disciplines) were hosted by the NAPC Disciplines weekend in Johannesburg at the beginning of May 2016. For 2016 the NAPC Disciplines weekend was the premier cluster weekend for Agility in South Africa with 154 dogs participating over the weekend.

The South African Agility Championships were successfully hosted by the Western Cape in the middle of May. They were held at the Mistico Equestrian Centre, between Durbanville & Paarl. Congratulations to the Western Cape Agility Sub-Committee for a fantastic SA Agility Championships.

The KUSA South African Agility Team travelled to the FCI Agility World Championships in Spain in September. Our team was not successful and a lot of 'brain storming' is needed to see how we can improve our team's performance at the Agility World Championships. The Tem Leaders Report has been tabled separately.

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