



Pretoria Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club

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Dear Members and Interested Parties

The 2009 show year kicked off this past weekend. It was an enjoyable and very hot weekend in the Cape.

- The first show, **Kennel Association**, was held on the Saturday 28th of February.

The judge Mr. John Finney from the UK placed the following dogs.

Best Of Breed	- Ch Boehrings Orval Oscar Stella & Tooley Muller
Res BOB	- Jumarcha Shakira Shiloh - Miss J Knoetzen
CC Dog	- Larumo Shark Attack - Louis Coetsee & Adele Smith
RCC Dog	- Larumo King Mufasa - Louis Coetsee & Adele Smith
CC Bitch	- Jumarcha Shakira Shiloh - Miss J Knoetzen
RCC Bitch	- Layla My Girl—Mrs H Haberle
Best Veteran	- Ch Capstone Jack a Dandy—Mrs C Botha
Best Junior	- Larumo King Mufasa, he also won the Junior Terrier Group.
Best Puppy	- Stonefire King of Rock—Mrs C Botha

- The second show on the day was the Dennis Ryke Memorial of the **Western Cape Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club**. This was an exceptionally well organized and a well planned show. It was an honour to attend and show at this show. The rosettes was very appealing and the winning bags was loaded with nice goodies.

The judge Mrs Elaine Pearson from the UK placed the following dogs:

Best Of Breed	- Ch Sylon Bullseye - Leonora van Niekerk
Res BOB	- Zakstaff Going Solo of Kilkenny (imp UK) - Astrid Ryke
CC Dog	- Ch Sylon Bullseye - Leonora van Niekerk
RCC Dog	- Zakstaff Going Solo of Kilkenny (imp UK) - Astrid Ryke
CC Bitch	- Layla My Girl—Mrs H Haberle
RCC Bitch	- Boehrings Maja Maisie - Stella & Tooley Muller
Best SA Bred	- Ch Sylon Bullseye - Leonora van Niekerk
Best Veteran	- Ch Capstone Jack a Dandy—Mrs C Botha
Best Champion	- Ch Larumo Skywalker - Louis Coetsee & Adele Smith
Best Junior	- Zakstaff Going Solo of Kilkenny (imp UK) - Astrid Ryke
Best Puppy	- Stonefire Jack Sparrow of Ammicus—Leoni Kroff

**Tooley Muller kept the Staffordshire Bull Terrier's name high in the
Supreme Puppy of the Year Show
by ending up in the Top 5 with the beautiful boy.**

Boehrings Dexter Diesel Bred by Stella & Tooley Muller - Boehrings Staffords

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- The third show, **Liesbeek Kennel Club**, was on the Sunday the 1st of March, this day was not as windy as the Saturday and we really got the Cape's heat from every angle.

The judge Mrs M Ward from the UK placed the following dogs:

Best Of Breed	- Sylon Batista - Leonora van Niekerk (he is also now Champion)
Res BOB	- Sylon Basil of Sivhana - Lourence Ten Napel
CC Dog	- Sylon Batista - Leonora van Niekerk
RCC Dog	- Sylon Basil of Sivhana - Lourence Ten Napel
CC Bitch	- Sylon Zsa Zsa - Leonora van Niekerk
RCC Bitch	- Ch Sylon Black Pearl of Sivhana—Lourence Ten Napel
Best Junior	- Zakstaff Going Solo of Kilkenny (imp UK) - Astrid Ryke
Best Puppy	- Richmax Tuxedo Tycoon - Koos Richards

**Astrid Ryke of Kilkenny Staffords won
Reserve Best Junior in Show at the Liesbeek Kennel Club with
Zakstaff Going Solo of Kilkenny (Imp UK)
Go Girl!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

It is with shock that we have to inform the members of the sudden illness of Mrs Riette Steyn of Riefra Stafford's. Riette complaint of stomach pain and was rushed for an emergency operation. She is still in hospital. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family.

ATTENTION RIETTE: Remember you are a Staffie, and we do not go down without a fight !!!!!!!!!!!

How to become a bad loser – Step by Step

If your dogs do not win as much as you think they should – you have two choices:

- You can concentrate on improving your dogs, or – if you find this to hard, you can;
- Look for excuses why they don't win enough – which is by far the easy way out.

If you choose the latter option, you will also learn how to become a bad Loser, step by step:

1. The most important rule to remember is never to congratulate the winner of the class. If you ever feel that you have to, do not try to produce a smile. Unless you have practiced at home, it's not going to look reel. The best thing to do is just to walk out the ring, with an "Oh my God" expression on your face, before anyone – including the ring steward – gets a chance to see your placement.
2. As there is only one winner, and many losers, you will find yourself in good company as soon as you get out the ring. These will make wonderful listeners, so take this opportunity to convince them, and yourself, that the judge was probably a friend of the winner's. In other words, the decision was corrupt. The word corrupt is willingly adopted by people who are looking for excuses.
3. If the dogs of the same people beat your dogs again and again, it's time to slightly change the excuses. Now, tell yourself and the other losers that they win only because they are famous. Ignore the fact that they may have become famous for a reason, for instance for having the best dogs.
4. Another good excuse for constantly losing, is to let people know that you find health and temperament more important than exterior, when breeding. In other words, you are a more serious breeder than the winner. Serious is another good word. It creates a lot of credibility.

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5. The more the dogs of your competitors win – the better reason you have to be suspicious. Tell people that the top winner has most probably been dyed, is wearing switches, is drugged or has had several teeth and testicle implants. Choose one, not all.
6. If you feel that the above arguments are fading, you can always move on to the more hidden faults. If you think carefully, surely you will have heard rumours that the top-winner has left a problem in at least one of his offspring. You have a wide range to choose from: try PRA, HD, patella, and epilepsy or leg-perches disease. Once the rumour is out and about, the damage is done.
7. To change the subject slightly, you can excuse your loss by blaming the owner of the winner for walking his dog to close to yours and thereby disturbing it. This will win you a great deal of sympathy.
8. Another good excuse is that the winning dog is “made-up” by the groomer and the handler. Whether or not you have touched the dog, just tell people that underneath that fantastic coat and behind that flashy picture seen in the ring – hides a total wreck.
9. If everything should fail, you have a final devastating card on your hands: the private lives of those who win. If you try hard enough you can probably dig up something, which makes a story. Look for a divorce, an affair – hopefully including a person within the breed, or some financial problem. If you really can’t find anything, start to watch their eating and drinking habits. Then when you add some of your own spice to the story, you will find that most people will eat the dish with great appetite.
10. When and if you do win a class, make sure you win in the style you lose. Tell everybody that finally there was an honest judge, who looked at the dog – not the handler.

Well written by Johan Du Toit from Lusahn Bull Terriers

The clubs AGM was held after the last open show and the following people was elected to the

Executive Committee and Honouree positions:

PATRON:	Griet Coetzer
PRESIDENT:	Koos Richards
VICE PRESIDENTS:	Suki Woods, Debie Lurie, Alan Goetsch
CHAIRMAN:	Louis Coetsee
VICE CHAIRMAN:	Charles Woods
SECRETARY:	Adele Smith
TREASURER:	Ansa Vermeulen

Remember the next show that you can take your dog to for training will be the open show of the **North West Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club**. This show will be held on the 14th of March if you need any directions or more information please contact Joke Vermeulen on 082 403 0054.

Staffie Greeting till next month.

The Editor

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