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Appraisal diary

The dates of appraisals change from time to time, so remember to check the [programme](#) of forthcoming events on the website.

The dates and contact persons for appraisals until March are:

- 28 Jan: Silverton. Piet Visser: 083 336 5488.
- 4 Feb: Bloemfontein. Clint Gouws: 078 523 5400.
- 3 March: Vereniging. Piet Visser: 083 336 5488.
- 3 March: KwaZulu-Natal. Alan Pittam: 083 461 5057.
- 10 March: Potchefstroom. Frans du Toit. 071 333 3473.
- 10 March: Belfast. Marius Kotzé: 084 620 3008.
- 11 March: Parow. Thys von Solms: 083 447 8844.

Gear up for 2012 Annual General Meeting in Cape Town

The [Agenda](#) for the 2012 Annual General Meeting (AGM) is available on the SABBA website, and was also sent to all members directly on Wednesday, 18 January.

For the first time, the AGM will be held in Cape Town. It is scheduled for Saturday, 18 February at the Oakdale Club, Bloemhof Drive, Bellville. The meeting will start at 09:00, and will probably run until 17:00. For directions to the venue and accommodation options, consult p.4 of the website [Agenda](#), or contact the SABBA Office.

According to the Chairman of the Board, Aldu le Grange, the AGM will be held in different centres from now on to make it more accessible. He urged members to make every effort to attend in order to participate in discussions on the way forward for SABBA and the Boerboel. 'The AGM is members' forum to voice opinions and criticisms.'

Based on comments and suggestions received in the past year, the agenda is interesting and extensive. This includes feedback on finances, appraisals and shows; the restructuring of the SABBA Board and the election of Board members; the introduction of support committees; and the controversial issue of DNA-testing and microchipping.

Only paid-up members are eligible to vote at the AGM. Contact the SABBA Office if in doubt about your membership status.

2011 Top 100 Boerboels compiled

The list of Boerboels rated among the Top 100 at SABBA appraisals during 2011, will be on the website soon. We publish the names of the Top 10 Boerboels while awaiting their photos, and the rest of the list.

The *Top 5 Males* are: Pinnacle Havoc 96,1% (André Bruyns, Randburg, SA); Mighty Dukkahri 96% (Lukas van Vuuren and K&B Thereblanché, Heilbron, SA); Spitsvuur Magic 95,5% (Lukas van Vuuren and K&B Thereblanché); Spitsvuur Xilo 2 94,9% (Terry Allen, Beaverdam, Virginia, USA); Meester Gunsmoke 94,6% (Clint Gouws, Welkom SA).

The *Top 5 Females* are: Estes Saoirse 95,3% (John Estes McDonough, Georgia, USA); Gateway Chloe 95,3% (C Stoner, Florissant, Missouri, USA); Voorslag Klara 95,1% (Pieter and Stiemie Jansen van Rensburg, Hoopstad, SA); Piet Zijn Drift Emma II 94,9% (Jacques Marais, Pretoria, SA); Spitsvuur Donna 94,7% (Lukas van Vuuren and K&B Thereblanché, Heilbron, SA).

There are now 184 males and 207 females on the updated [SABBA Stud Register](#). Please inform the Office of names to be removed from the active list (e.g. dogs that are dead or no longer used for breeding purposes).

Market your stud in the March issue of *All About Dogs*

The magazine, *All About Dogs*, will focus on the Boerboel in their March issue. SABBA has already submitted content input, but they also need photographs urgently. Please send high resolution photographs for consideration by *All About Dogs* to Marileen van Wyk not later than Sunday, 23 January. In addition to photos featuring Boerboels best characteristics, they are looking for cute and unusual photos, e.g. Boerboels with children and puppies at play.

There are a number of advertising options. To reserve space, please return the booking forms (*attached*) as soon as possible. The deadlines for advertisements are 27 January (advertisements to be made up), and 3 February (advertisers submitting complete material).

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