



Board decisions

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2007 membership fees

The membership fee for 2007 is R250,00, and is due before the end of January. No service (including registration of dogs) will be provided to members whose dues are not paid by the end of March.

Cessation of video appraisals

From January 1, 2007, video appraisals will no longer be accepted due to the practical problems created by this process.

Boerboel shows introduced

Boerboel shows will be introduced countrywide this year. The aim is to promote the public image of the breed, and to create exposure opportunities for Boerboel breeders and owners.

Board members will host shows in the following provinces: Western Cape, Eastern Cape, Gauteng and KwaZulu Natal. The Free State and Northwest provinces will host a joint show. Note that dogs may be entered only in the provinces in which their registered owners reside.

A National Boerboel Show will be held at the end of the year. Dogs that performed the best at the respective provincial shows will be eligible for participation.

Further information will be publicised after the AGM in February.

Shifting focus from points to dogs

SABBA is concerned about the trend among breeders and owners to place more value on the points that a dog could achieve at appraisals than on its overall qualities. The Breed Standard Committee will make recommendations in his regard.

New grading system for hip dysplasia

SABBA supports the notification from Prof R M Kirberger of the UP Faculty of Veterinary Science at Onderstepoort that the international FCI system should replace the SA hip dysplasia grading system. SABBA recommends that breeders breed only with dogs that have hips categorised as C2, or better.

Further information:

- [New hip dysplasia grading system from 2007.](#)
- Hip dysplasia. Proceedings in Hereditary Conditions in Dogs. Prof R M Kirberger (17 April 1999). SABBA newsletter 49 (2nd edition 2006).

Extra-ordinary requests for registration

In future any extra-ordinary request for registration will be considered only if accompanied by a sworn statement.

Board representation abroad

Jean Minnaar (USA) and Dolph Carstens (Europe) were unanimously elected as the overseas Board members. Their respective e-mail addresses are: sabt-usa@cox.net & dolphcarstens@btinternet.com

New appointment in SABT office

Elize Brand, who has been working in the office on a temporary basis, was permanently appointed as from 1 January 2007. We would appreciate members' understanding in case of possible service delays while she is catching up on administrative backlogs emanating from staff changes.

External audit to confirm sound financial management

An external auditor was appointed to ensure that all financial transactions are properly documented, and to do detailed annual audits of SABBA financial management.