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From the Editor

Hello Everybody

And so we come to the end of another busy year. For the Boxer community it has been a year of wonderful highs and devastating lows.

Wonderful that Doreen Powell, WPBC's President, was elected President of the Kennel Union, which means we will have a very sympathetic ear in very high places for the next four years.

Wonderful that our glamorous dream team, Jacqui Verrinder and Zara, won one top award after another.

Devastating that Alice Rossouw, Zara's breeder, passed away in September and wasn't here to celebrate with us. You can read all about it in this issue of Scraps.

Quite wonderful that KUSA is now registered by the Dept of Agriculture as the Breed Society and Registering Authority for 218 dog breeds.

Very upsetting and worrying that the Boxer is not one of these breeds.

The KUSA Federal Council however have assured us that they remain fully committed to the Boxer breed and will do everything within their powers to negotiate a satisfactory solution to the problem. Let us hope that this will indeed happen and not in the too distant future.

In spite of all this, I wish you a safe and joyous Festive Season and a New Year filled with everything of the very, very best that one could hope and wish for, for you and your loved ones who, of course, include your dogs.....

Marlien Heystek, Editor



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WHAT'S ON?

calendar of events

DATE	CLUB	TYPE	EVENTS	CONTACT
JANUARY				
22	Liesbeek KC	Open	BR, DJ, AG	045 838 2962
FEBRUARY				
5	Cape Town KC	Open	BR, OB, DJ, FLY	021 975 1962
18	Hottentots Holland KC	CH	BR, HCL	082 521 4374
19	FCI	CACIB	BR	tba
25	Kennel Association	CH	BR, HCL.AG, DJ, OB, FLY, CA	021 715 9758
26	Liesbeek KC	CH	BR, HCL, OB, DJ, AG	083 925 4350
MARCH				
5	WPBC	Open	BR - Trophy Show	083 717 4120
19	WPBC	Club	AGM	083 717 4120
APRIL				
9	Whale Coast KC	Open	BR	082 619 3128
23	Overberg	Open	BR	072 249 6963
MAY				
6 / 7	Rottweiler Club / WPBC	Club	APTITUDE and DMA	082 789 2919

2017 MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE 1 JANUARY 2017

Please renew your membership - we appreciate your support

FAMILY - R100
 SINGLE (ADULT) - R80
 JUNIOR (under 18) - R30
 LITTER MEMBER - R50
 per puppy, paid by breeder

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WHY MUST I TRAIN MY BOXER?

The Boxer is a working breed, exuberant, powerful, with high energy levels. He also takes longer than most other breeds to grow up. He is a natural extrovert, inquisitive and active. A Boxer does not do well if left alone for hours on end in the backyard - he needs to be part of the family, he wants to know what you are up to and whether you need his help doing whatever it is you are doing. When bored or lonely he will create his own entertainment, which could very well involve your washing flapping on the line, the cycad you planted only yesterday or the cushions on the garden furniture.

A sensible owner will understand the Boxer's enthusiasm for life and will provide him with the necessary mental stimulation, exercise and training.

Members of WPBC are very lucky to have Casey Ward to help them do just that at her Sunday morning training classes for all breeds held in Pinelands.

Beginners - 08.45, Intermediate - 10:00, Advanced - 11:00

Please contact Casey at 082 824 7589 or caseyward.dt@gmail.com

For regular news updates and action photographs visit the Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/935454759875813/>

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CASEY'S CORNER Training





Cooper's Capers

Blog of a Rescue Boxer

who landed with his bum squarely in the butter

Wow but time has flown since my last letter!

Wanted to keep you all in the loop (Mom calls me Coopy Loopy and some other words too).

Last year, in December, I thought I was going to go have fun and games at the Boxer Club Christmas party, but mom drove straight



past the fields and I landed up at the vet for the day instead. I would have preferred the wet t-shirt race...it would have been loads of fun getting mom soaking wet while she tried to get the t-shirt on me. But no, I was in a cage, I admit I wasn't feeling well, didn't want my breakfast and was very uncomfortable. Mom fetched me later that day and I was feeling loads better.

That lasted about a month, and then I landed up at the vet twice a week for the next few weeks. I had ultrasounds and x-rays but they couldn't find out why I wouldn't eat for a few days at a time. I would get better for a few days, then by Sunday I would stop eating again.

After a visit to the vet, where I was my happy self and they thought I was on the mend, we came home but then mom noticed I was deteriorating. I was trying to lie in a hole I dug. I was feeling poorly and screamed in pain, so she took me back to the vet and I had to have emergency surgery.

I was sent to another hospital after the operation and put into ICU. I heard them talking to mom while I was trying to wake up. I had eaten something...well, duh, I'm always stealing

things and eating them. This was a piece of rubber that looked like it belonged to the heel of a shoe. I had swallowed it and it made its way slowly into my tummy but then it got stuck and eventually perforated my intestine. I had to stay in ICU for a few days. They made me wear a lampshade when I went home, they told mom it would stop me chewing my stitches. Have you tried walking with that thing around your neck? I bashed into things, gave mom plenty of bruises and even the grumpy oldies stayed away from me.

A week later I was back for more surgery. I had a bad infection, and mom was told I might not make it. After opening me up, they wanted to put me down because there were complications and my intestine started dying but one of the vets gave me 20 minutes to see



if she could save me. Mom was relieved when they phoned to say I made the surgery, but prognosis was bad. Amazingly I was up and eating early the next morning and went home 2 days later. It was a tense 2 weeks after that because I wasn't out the woods, but I made it!

Mom says thank goodness for Medipet because I'm the most expensive furkid she has ever had...does that mean I'm priceless?



Since the operations I have been making up for lost time. I've had loads of fun playing with new friends at different doggy parks. I especially love the parks that have water and mud, lots and lots of mud. I make sure not to go home the same colour I arrived as.

Mud glorious mud...



Mom's favourite saying since my operations is "What are you eating, drop it!" I'm learning to do as mom says, otherwise if I don't listen I get put back on the lead when we go to the dog parks.



With Willow at Keurboom Park

I've also started Agility. It's this cool class they have at doggy school. I can jump over things, run through things and if I touch the right places on the equipment, I get extra treats.

I keep mom on her toes though, its boring otherwise. I make sure to get new toys every few weeks because it's no fun having the same toy at training every week. If necessary I raid other people's bags for toys. Everyone thinks it's funny.



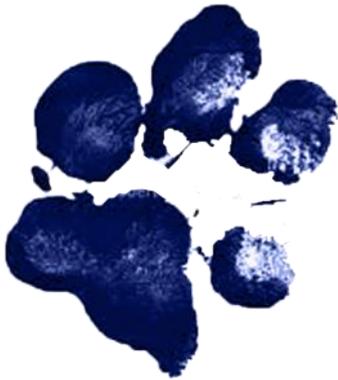
In the fountain at De Waal Park



Speaking of toys...I'm off to raid the toy box at home...it's literally a cardboard box...I ate the basket the toys used to be in.



Chat again soon! I hope Santa brings loads of toys and chewies for you all.



COOPER



WPBC ANNUAL AWARDS AND CHRISTMAS PICNIC LUNCH

Pinelands 11th DECEMBER 2016

Images: Jennifer Neish and Rene Erasmus

This year the committee decided to have a picnic lunch instead of the normal end-of-year braai and since the day was sweltering hot - as is usual at this event - nobody complained. The tables were groaning with scrumptious salads, fresh bread, platters of snacks, mouth-watering desserts, juice and wine, so nobody went home hungry (or thirsty).

Michelle, our usual games coordinator, had a previous engagement so she could not be with us, but kept in telephone contact to make sure we were coping. Lorraine took on the job of organiser and referee. The first item was the wet t-shirt race, which was well supported and had to be run in two heats followed by a run-off. The competitors (humans



and dogs) seemed to take the whole thing very seriously - putting a clingy, wet t-shirt on a dog is no mean feat - but it was accompanied by loud encouragement and rude comments from the on-lookers, so it was a rather raucous affair won by Steward & Kwezi



Tyson



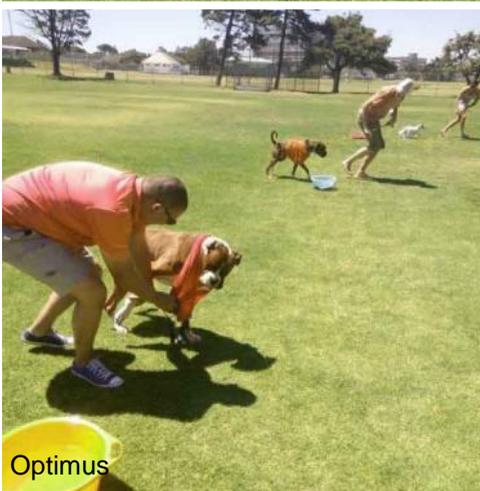
Kwezi



Jackie



Roxy



Optimus



Echo

Musical hoops were next. Lorraine put the brightly coloured hoops out in a big circle. Monique was the musical director. She carried her job out scrupulously, with her back turned to the competitors, who traipsed round and round and had to scramble to stop in a hoop every time the music stopped. Lorraine snatched the hoops away one by one, leaving somebody hooplessly stranded with every stop.

It culminated in a titanic struggle between Ken with Ginger and Gordon with Roxy. In the end Gordon and Roxy prevailed.





Roxy



Jackie

In the egg-and-spoon race Steward and Kwezi surged ahead to the front and looked like a dead cert, but then took the turn for the return trip much too fast. The egg fell off the spoon (three times) and that was that. Unfortunately I was too distracted by it all to see who won, but I think it was Samantha with her Dane Pixel.

By now the gladiators were all too exhausted and dehydrated to continue and the three-legged race was abandoned.

Lorraine was the lucky winner of the Xmas Goody Bag draw. It was filled with little gifts for humans and canines contributed by everyone - including a bottle of champagne from Julian and Ferroza Rolleston.

WESTERN PROVINCE BOXER CLUB ANNUAL AWARDS

The announcement of the WPBC Annual Awards was not, as usual, a lighthearted part of the end-of-year routine. As expected it was virtually a clean sweep by MANITOKA, but all of us were very sad that Alice Rossouw was not with us and had not survived long enough to enjoy the culmination of Zara's fantastic achievements this year - winning the 2016 WC Top Dog award - something most breeders can only dream of. Jacqui had been stranded in Johannesburg after a business trip, eventually ending up in Durban, but Gideon and Alice's daughter, Noeleen Billingham, as well as her little girl, were present to receive all the trophies and certificates.

It was very good however, to be able to congratulate Duke and Renate, a relative newcomer, for kicking dust in the eyes of their competitors and winning Reserve Dog of the Year!

Boxer of the Year	Ch MANITOKA APHRODITE Apt Ex	Alice Rossouw / Jacqui Verrinder
Reserve Boxer of the Year	Ch ILRUCA THE DUKE OF LEIASLAIR	Renate Vorster
Sire of the Year	Ch MONTALA PHOENIX OF MANITOKA	Alice Rossouw
Dam of the Year	Ch MONTALA UPTOWN GIRL OF MANITOKA Apt	Alice Rossouw
Breeder of the Year	MANITOKA BOXERS	Alice Rossouw



TRIBUTE ALICE SWART ROSSOUW

9 December 1942—19 September 2016



When on 19th September 2016 the devastating, sad, sad news came that Alice had passed away, my immediate reaction was “Oh no, not yet!” After all, we had still been laughing together on the telephone over something at the end of August. Of course we were all aware that she was gravely ill, but she was always so brave, always so cheerful, never complaining, right until the end, that we had all believed that she would be with us for a while longer.

Our friendship centered mainly on our shared love for the boxer breed and we spent many happy hours sitting together at the side of showrings. When her glamorous girl Zara was about six months old she phoned me one day and announced that she thought she would have to find a new home for her as she was impossibly naughty. Instead of immediately saying that I would take her off her hands, I made all sorts of suggestions on how to stimulate and keep the exuberant youngster occupied. Just before her first birthday Zara went Best Puppy in Show, after winning both the Working Group and the Puppy Group under Canadian Judge Guy Jeavons in Port Elizabeth. Of course it then became a standing joke between us when I went up to her and wistfully enquired whether Zara was still looking for a new home... .



Best Junior in Show, Swartland 2014

Alice was a very long-standing member of KUSA, serving on the committees of various Boxer Clubs, including Transvaal Boxer Club and KZN Boxer Club. Until recently she was a committee member of WPBC as well as the KZN Boxer Club. She was also the treasurer of SABOX and represented KZN Boxer Club at SABOX for many years. A knowledgeable and very experienced breeder, she bred many outstanding Boxers registered under the MACALLIS and the MANITOKA affixes. Interested in and enthusiastic about everything concerning the Boxer, she was a Boxer Specialist Judge and a Boxer Breed Assessor.



Judging BCGR Ch Show 2011



Best in Show, WPBC Championship Show 2015

The big win in Port Elizabeth was just the start of Zara's spectacular show career. There can't be many people reading this who are unaware of the many, many awards won by Zara (Ch MANITOKA APHRODITE Apt EX), always beautifully handled by co-owner Jacqui Verrinder.

In spite of her debilitating illness, Alice tried (usually successfully!) to be at the ringside whenever Zara was

in the ring, ignoring her doctors' advice to take things more easily. It was heartbreaking that she did not live to enjoy Zara sweeping the boards during the October show season in the Cape, culminating in her being crowned Western Cape Top Dog (All Breeds) in November.

Alice was a very special person and she will be sorely missed by a great many people who loved her wonderful sense of humour, her quick laugh, her cheerfulness in spite of being constantly in pain.

We will all miss you terribly, dearest Alice. Rest in peace.

Marlien Heystek



ALICE WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS, ALWAYS SMILING, ALWAYS CHEERFUL



In Loving Memory of my Dear Friend **ALICE SWART ROSSOUW**



Rina Black — Blackberg Boxers

It was 1984 when I first met Alice. My *Ch Blackberg Super Girl* was Western Province Working Dog and we had to be at Goldfields for the Dog of the Year show. Alice was an active committee member of Transvaal Boxer Club at the time and was also showing two boxers at the event. She and her mother Peggy bred and exhibited under the affix MacAllis and her late husband Blackie Swart handled the boxers for her.

In the early days she bought a strong red bitch from the late Nan Boor, then residing in the Cape. From this vibrant boxer Alice bred good foundation stock.



Alice wisely recognised the many opportunities when selecting from her breeding and never hesitated to keep a potential winner. Her famous remark to me was always "You know this one is staying a bit longer" and then the next thing I heard the puppy was staying permanently at Manitoka.

Alice and I shared our knowledge and we were always so keen to see the up-and-coming and potential champions at the shows. It was wonderful and very convenient in those days to go to the shows in the then "Old Transvaal", at the same time visiting our first grandchildren, the twins Susan and Steven - now the nice young man that you see handling my boxers at shows. Alice encouraged them to show the dogs and she judged Susan once in Junior Handling. Susan also handled for Alice a few times.

Then in 1989 Alice acquired a lovely brindle bitch named *Rockdale's Princess* (*Ballyduff's Xerxes* x *Belrox Amore of Rockdale*), a *Ch Aracrest's Ipso Facto* granddaughter. The boxers bred by Alice from *Princess* made a definite mark in the

showring for the MacAllis and Manitoka boxers.

She decided to use *Bomb Squad*, a well-known red champion dog bred by Mark Steele, on *Princess*. He was sired by *Ch Aracrest's Ipsofacto* out of *Ch Drum Rock's Miss Marple*. *Drum Rock's Bomb Squad* was a formidable boxer and his blood runs strongly in our boxers' veins.

Bomber and *Princess* produced seven puppies, four males and three females. Alice was very excited and when she told me about the litter, I could not wait to see them. I eventually saw them at six weeks old. We were never far from the babies. Alice made her choice, but she had to be patient with me until I did my thing and said: "This is the ONE".

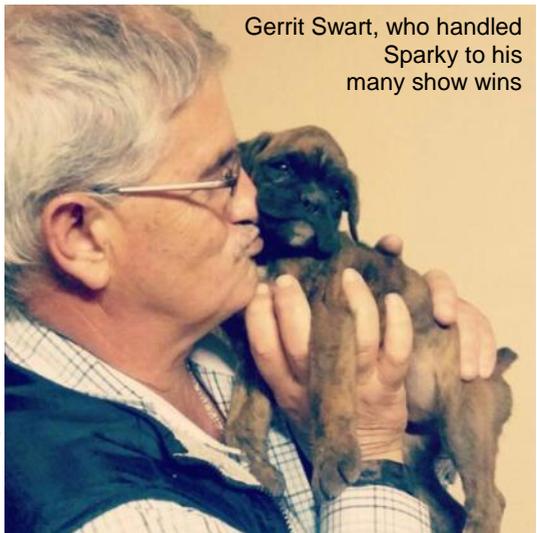
He was named *MacAllis Bright Spark (Sparky)* - and indeed he was!!!

Sparky started training at a tender age and caused a stir when he went Best Puppy in Show at one of the championship shows in Cape Town. Alice was just so motivated to make the most of this potential all-rounder.

Gerrit Swart handled *Sparky* superbly. Back in Transvaal, Alice also started using him wisely, and went from strength to strength.

Alice and Blackie then decided to retire to Napier in 1995 and in fact moved in two properties away from me. This resulted in big excitement for the Blackbergs and the Manitokas, as our two families shared such a strong bond - our boxers.

Sparky remained a Bright Spark in every way. Alice and I often wondered how he knew exactly when to jump the walls (hers and mine). He always chased a few neighbourhood cats on his walk to my house. I used *Sparky* several times on different bloodlines and I was happy with the outcome every time.



Gerrit Swart, who handled
Sparky to his
many show wins

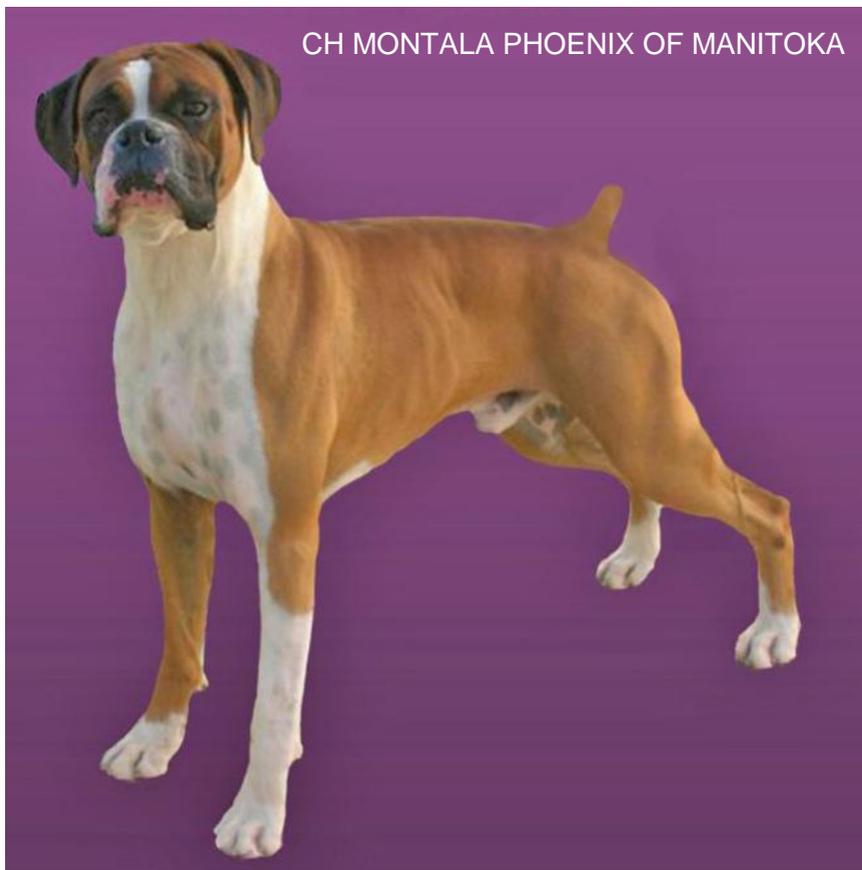
Alice bred several winners from *Sparky*. By the way, he was fondly referred to as "Bliksem". Why?? He would be gaiting with Gerrit in the showring and suddenly, out of the blue, he would decide to shoot out of the ring, amusing many. *Ch MacAllis Bright Spark* retired from the show ring as a true champion of the breed. He lived with Alice for many years after that.

Sadly after a few years in Napier, Blackie became very ill and the Swarts moved to

Gordons Bay, where Alice stayed on top of developments and news as a member of the Western Province Boxer Club.

She later worked for several years in the UK, where she visited many boxer friends and famous kennels.

Then, when she decided to retire, she acquired a handsome, soft-hearted red dog from Wayne Streak – *Montala's Phoenix of Manitoka* (*Ch Tortuga Gunslinger of Montala x Ch Eldad's Golden Dream*). *Phoenix* gained his championship title with ease. He was a real



gentleman and I saw the potential of *Phoenix* to have a good influence on our boxers. I used him on *Blackberg Willow Wind*, a beautiful red granddaughter of *MacAllis Bright Spark*. This litter was *Phoenix's* first offspring. Alice was pleased when she and I made the same choice with *Blackberg Darinas Tanya*, the smart red bitch that Ronald Follentine showed for me.

Phoenix was quite widely used on good stock, with good results.

At this stage Alice and Gideon Rossouw decided to tie the knot and what happy years

they spent together! Gideon loved her boxers, enthusiastically accompanied her to shows and helped to cheer on her boxers, now often expertly handled by Jacqui Verrinder. He also handled their *Montala Uptown Girl of Manitoka* (Zara's dam) to her Aptitude qualification.

One day I got a very happy phone call from Alice. She had once again made the right choice. Yes, you guessed right – this time it was the little red bitch who was to become *Multi BIS BISS BJIS BPIS Ch Manitoka Aphrodite Apt Ex (Zara)* – 2016 Western Cape Top Dog.

Alice and Gideon came to visit me shortly before she became very ill and we spent a treasured day together. *Sascha* and *Jordan's* babies were six weeks old. What fun we had! Alice made her first choice and that little girl, named *Blackberg Precise Image*, is now living with Tommy Smith, also a good friend of Alice's. My dear friend's words when they left that day were "These puppies are beautiful, each and everyone could go into the showing."



Gideon and Alice on their wedding day



So, when reminiscing about our past together and our future apart, I pause now and again to quietly study my boxers and realise how totally involved our lives are with our boxers. *Manitoka Classical Design (Jordan)* carries his name with pride as he strides proudly around his property and protects us fiercely.

I will always cherish the sincere, loving friendship we shared for so many decades and the utmost respect, love and kindness Alice had for my entire family and my boxers.

I realize with deep sadness that I will always miss you, my dear friend, but in my thoughts I will always share my excitement about boxers with you.

Until we meet again.

Rina

Human Foods Dogs Can and Can't Eat

We share our hearts and homes (and for some lucky pooches, even the foot of our beds) with our canine companions. Surely there is nothing wrong with sharing our favorite foods with them too, right? Not necessarily. Many of the foods that humans digest just fine, can wreak havoc on a dog's body, causing severe health problems. However, some of the foods people eat can be safely introduced to a dog's diet, providing health benefits such as joint strength, better breath and allergy immunity. The following is from a list of the good and the bad published by the AKC. Just a few examples - consult the internet for more.

<http://www.akc.org/content/health/articles/human-foods-dogs-can-and-cant-eat/>

	CHOCOLATE NO	Chocolate contains substances called methylxanthines which are very toxic to dogs. See page 28 for more information.
	EGGS YES	Eggs are safe for dogs and a wonderful source of protein.
	CHEESE YES	Cheese in small to moderate quantities can be a great treat for dogs (as long as they are not lactose intolerant). Low fat cheeses are better.
	PEANUT BUTTER YES	Like whole peanuts, peanut butter is an excellent source of protein, heart-healthy fats, vitamins B, E and niacin for dogs. Must however not contain xylitol sweetener, which is toxic to dogs.
	BREAD NO	Small amounts of plain bread won't hurt your dog, but won't provide any health benefits either. It has no nutritional value for a dog and it is best to avoid it altogether
	HONEY YES	Honey is packed with nutrients such as vitamins A, B, C, D, E, and K, potassium, calcium, magnesium, copper and antioxidants. Feeding dogs a table-spoon of local honey twice a day can help with allergies because it introduces small amounts of pollen to their systems, building up immunity to allergens in your area. Can also be used as a topical treatment for burns and superficial cuts.

	<p>MACADAMIA NUTS NO</p>	<p>One of the most poisonous foods for dogs. Macadamia nuts can cause vomiting, increased body temperature, inability to walk, lethargy and can affect the nervous system.</p>
	<p>COCONUT YES</p>	<p>Coconut (fruit, oil and milk) contains lauric acid, which strengthens the immune system, helps to fight off viruses and helps with bad breath and clearing up skin conditions such as hot spots and itchy skin</p>
	<p>CASHEWS PEANUTS YES</p>	<p>Cashews contain calcium, magnesium, anti-oxidants, and proteins. Peanuts provide good fats and protein. A few unsalted cashews or peanuts will benefit your dog but avoid pecans, walnuts and almonds.</p>
	<p>YOGHURT YES</p>	<p>Plain yogurt is rich in protein and calcium. The active bacteria in yogurt can help strengthen a dog's digestive system with probiotics. Avoid yogurts with added sugars and artificial sweeteners.</p>
	<p>FISH YES</p>	<p>Fish contains good fats and amino acids to give your dog a health boost. Salmon and sardines are especially beneficial. With the exception of sardines, pick out all the tiny bones. Feed only fully cooked fish, no more than twice a week.</p>
	<p>CINNAMON NO</p>	<p>Cinnamon and its oils can irritate a dog's mouth and can lower a dog's blood sugar too much, can lead to diarrhea, vomiting, increased/decreased heart rate and even liver disease.</p>
	<p>PORK YES</p>	<p>Pork is highly digestible protein, packed with amino acids, and contains more calories per kilogram than other meats. Pork also may be less likely to cause an allergic reaction in some dogs compared to other meat.</p>
	<p>ICE CREAM NO</p>	<p>Canines don't digest dairy very well, and many have a slight intolerance to lactose. Except for yoghurt and cheese (where lactose has been converted to lactic acid) it is best to avoid milk and dairy products completely. Rather freeze chunks of strawberries, apples, raspberries and pineapples and give them to your dog as a treat.</p>

Dogs digest food differently to humans and eating the wrong foods can lead to long-term health problems and, in extreme cases, even death. Dogs are carnivores, but with significant omnivorous ability. In addition to a meat based diet, occasionally eating fruit and vegetables is fine. When fed raw, freezing fresh vegetables will rupture the cell walls (cellulose strands) similar to cooking, making them easier to digest, but without destroying nutrients.

	<p>APPLES YES</p>	<p>Apples are an excellent source of vitamins A and C, as well as fiber for your dog. They are low in protein and fat, making them the perfect snack for senior dogs. Just be sure to remove the seeds and core first.</p>
	<p>GRAPES NO</p>	<p>Grapes and raisins have proved to be very toxic for dogs no matter the dog's breed, sex, or age. In fact, grapes are so toxic that they can lead to acute sudden kidney failure. Definitely skip this dangerous treat</p>
	<p>BANANAS YES</p>	<p>Bananas are a great low-calorie treat for dogs. They're high in potassium, vitamins, biotin, fiber, and copper and low in cholesterol and sodium. Because of their high sugar content, bananas should be given in moderation, as a treat.</p>
	<p>AVOCADO NO</p>	<p>Toxicity of avocados to dogs is the subject of debate. The pit, skin, leaves and bark contain persin, a substance that may cause vomiting and diarrhea in some dogs. The pit may cause obstruction if swallowed. Probably better to avoid giving avocados to dogs.</p>
	<p>STRAWBERRIES YES</p>	<p>Strawberries are full of fiber and vitamin C. Along with that, they also contain an enzyme that can help whiten your dog's teeth as he or she eats them. They are high in sugar though, so only give them in moderation.</p>
	<p>WATERMELON YES</p>	<p>Remove the rind and seeds first, as they can cause intestinal blockage, but watermelon is otherwise safe for dogs. It's full of vitamin A, B-6, and C, as well as potassium. 92% water, they can keep your dog hydrated on very hot days.</p>
	<p>ORANGES YES</p>	<p>Large dogs can eat the whole thing. While the peel isn't toxic to them, some vets recommend removing the peel and just giving your dog the inside of the orange, minus the seeds.</p>

	<p>GARLIC ONIONS LEEKS CHIVES</p> <p>NO</p>	<p>Garlic, onions, leeks, and chives are part of the allium family which, when eaten, cause a dog's red blood cells to rupture, creating anaemia with side effects such as pale gums, elevated heart rate, weakness and collapse. See page 31 for more information</p>
	<p>CARROTS</p> <p>YES</p>	<p>Carrots are an excellent low-calorie snack that is high in fiber and beta-carotene, which produces vitamin A. Plus, crunching on the orange snacks is great for your dog's teeth.</p>
	<p>CUCUMBERS</p> <p>YES</p>	<p>Cucumbers are especially good for overweight dogs, as they hold little to no carbohydrates, fats, or oils and can even boost energy levels. They're loaded with vitamins K, C, and B1, as well as potassium, copper, magnesium, and biotin.</p>
	<p>CELERY</p> <p>YES</p>	<p>In addition to vitamins A, B, and C, this crunchy green snack contains the nutrients needed to promote a healthy heart and even fight cancer. As if that isn't enough, celery is also known to freshen doggy breath.</p>
	<p>POTATOES SWEET POTATOES</p> <p>YES</p>	<p>Potatoes and sweet potatoes can be given occasionally and in moderation but never unripe, sprouting or raw. A washed, peeled, plain boiled or baked potato contains lots of iron.</p>
	<p>BROCCOLI</p> <p>YES</p>	<p>Broccoli is safe for dogs occasionally, in very small quantities. It is high in fiber and vitamin C and low in fat. It contains isothiocyanates, however, which can cause mild-to-potentially-severe gastric irritation in some dogs.</p>
	<p>FRUIT WITH PITS</p> <p>NO</p>	<p>The pits of certain fruit, such as greengage, apricot and cherry contain cyanide. Cyanide inhibits utilization of oxygen by body tissue. If your dog eats apricots or cherries, watch out for dilated pupils, difficulty breathing, and red gums, as these may be signs of cyanide poisoning.</p>
	<p>BLUE BERRIES</p> <p>YES</p>	<p>Blueberries are a superfood rich in antioxidants, which prevent cell damage in humans and canines alike. They are packed with fiber and phytochemicals as well.</p>

CHOCOLATE TOXICOSIS

It is the festive season and there is a very good chance that you may have received chocolate as a gift or have chocolates or chocolate cakes or dessert to offer guests. If so please make sure that your dogs do not get hold of any of these tempting treats.

IT COULD BE FATAL IF THEY DO!

What Makes Chocolate Toxic to Dogs



Chocolate contains substances known as methylxanthines (specifically caffeine and theobromine), which dogs are far more sensitive to than people. Different types of chocolate contain varying amounts of methylxanthines. In general, though, the darker and more bitter the chocolate the greater the danger, although some brands are now injecting added theobromine into their milk and white chocolate. This means that

milk and white chocolate could now pose the same danger level to our dogs as dark chocolate.

Symptoms

Clinical signs of chocolate poisoning can take several hours to develop, and even longer to go away - clinical symptoms of chocolate poisoning can last for days, due to the long half-life of theobromine. In dogs, the biological half-life of theobromine is 17.5 hours; in severe cases, clinical symptoms of theobromine poisoning can persist for 72 hours. (The biological half-life or terminal half-life of a substance is the time it takes for the substance (for example a drug) to lose half of its pharmacologic activity). The theobromine can even be re-absorbed from the bladder, so aggressive IV fluids and frequent walks may be necessary. It is important to seek medical attention by calling your veterinarian as soon as you suspect that your dog has eaten chocolate.

Clinical symptoms depend on the amount and type of chocolate ingested

Toxic doses of theobromine are reported to be as low as 20 mg/kg, where hyperactivity, restlessness, panting, increased thirst, excessive urination and gastrointestinal signs such as drooling, vomiting, and diarrhea (which may smell like chocolate) can be seen. At doses of more than 40 mg/kg, cardiac signs can be seen, and include a racing heart rate,

high blood pressure, or even heart arrhythmias. At doses larger than 60mg/kg, neurologic signs can be seen, which may include tremors, twitching, muscle spasms and even seizures. Very large doses of theobromine (equivalent to 15g of dark chocolate per kg of weight and per day) is also suspected to induce right atrial cardiomyopathy in dogs after long term exposure.

Fatalities have been seen at around 200mg/kg bodyweight theobromine or when complications occur.

In older pets that eat a large amount of high quality dark or baking chocolate, sudden death from cardiac arrest may occur, especially in dogs with pre-existing heart disease. Complications (such as developing aspiration pneumonia from vomiting) can make the prognosis for chocolate poisoning worse. When in doubt, immediate treatment by your veterinarian is warranted if a poisonous amount of chocolate is ingested.

How much chocolate would be poisonous for a Boxer?

Approximate amount of theobromine in 25grams of chocolate:

- White chocolate can vary greatly in the amount of theobromine it contains. Although not naturally present, many brands inject theobromine into their white chocolate, meaning it could actually contain as much theobromine as milk or dark chocolate.
- Milk chocolate generally contains 44-64mg theobromine. However, some brands are now injecting higher levels of the ingredient into their milk chocolate.
- Semi-sweet chocolate and sweet dark chocolate contains 150-160mg theobromine
- Unsweetened (baking) chocolate 390-450mg theobromine
- Dry cocoa powder 800mg theobromine

This means that for a Boxer of around 30kg bodyweight we would expect to see a fatal toxic reaction if he had eaten 500g dark chocolate or 170g of baking chocolate. For milk and white chocolate this would depend on how much theobromine has been added to the chocolate.

Signs of poisoning will be seen at lower levels of ingestion. For example, a 30kg dog that has eaten 200g milk chocolate (if no additional theobromine has been added to the chocolate) is likely to have a digestive upset (vomiting and diarrhoea). If he had eaten 500g milk chocolate, it is likely that cardiovascular problems will be seen (increased heart rate) and if he had eaten 750g milk chocolate he may develop seizures.

There is a handy calculator tool on <http://veterinaryclinic.com/chocolate/calc.html> which will tell you how many mgs of theobromine per kg bodyweight your dog ingested when you type in your dog's weight and the type and amount of chocolate your dog consumed. It will also tell you the clinical symptoms likely to occur as a result. It can however be hard to tell exactly how much your dog may have eaten. It is always best to err on the side of caution and contact your vet for advice if you are at all concerned.

Treatment

There is no antidote for theobromine. In most cases your vet will ask you to make your dog vomit by giving it something like hydrogen peroxide (two tablespoons full for an adult Boxer). If you haven't done so already and the dog has not developed clinical symptoms yet (within 1 hour of ingestion) the vet will induce vomiting. They may then wash out the stomach and administer activated charcoal to prevent the enterohepatic circulation of theobromine by the liver (when the theobromine is absorbed from the intestine and carried to the liver, where it is secreted into the bile and again enter the intestine). Other treatment for symptomatic dogs includes maintaining thermoregulation, correcting acid-base and electrolyte abnormalities, monitoring cardiac status via electrocardiography, and inserting a urinary catheter (methylxanthines and their metabolites can be reabsorbed across the bladder wall). Often medication to slow the heart rate (e.g. beta-blockers) may be necessary to treat elevated heart rate and arrhythmia.

With prompt intervention and treatment, even in dogs that have eaten large amounts of chocolate, the prognosis for a poisoned dog is usually good.

Sources: <http://www.merckvetmanual.com/toxicology/food-hazards/chocolate>
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ONION/GARLIC TOXICITY

There are many kinds of food that humans eat which are unsafe for dogs. Onions and garlic are not an exception. Feeding your dog onions or garlic can make him seriously ill, whether they are raw, cooked, or in powdered form.

What you Need to Know



Garlic, onions, leeks, shallots and chives are all part of the allium family and all of them are harmful for dogs because of an oxidant they contain known as n-propyl disulfide. Dogs do not have the enzyme needed to digest this substance. **NB When reference is made to “onions” in this article, it includes all and any of the plants named above.**

Any observable side effects will rarely be seen if your dog consumed just a minimal amount of onion. For example, if he sneaked a piece of pizza off the counter or stole a bite of your burger, most likely he would be just fine. Too frequent feeding of onions, however, can affect his health and vitality. Onion ingestion can lead to liver damage, asthmatic attacks,

allergic reactions, weakness, diarrhea, discolored urine, vomiting and dermatitis.

Onions and Hemolytic Anemia

One of the most critical problems that arises from onion toxicity is canine hemolytic anemia. It is a condition that is brought about by the destruction of the dog's red blood cells. Dogs have more “areas” than humans on their red blood cells that oxidizing agents such as n-propyl disulfide can attach to. This attachment is recognized by the body as a foreign invader, and in the attempt to remove the invader, the body also destroys the red blood cell. This is called “hemolysis” – the breaking down of the red blood cells. When

blood cells are destroyed, the body's bone marrow makes more blood cells to replace them. However, in hemolytic anemia, the bone marrow can't make red blood cells fast enough to meet the body's needs.

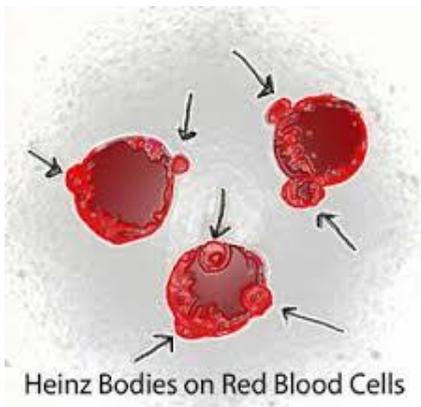
Symptoms vary depending on the amount of onions the dog has consumed, his size, and the time period for which they have been ingested. It is notable that consuming a large amount of onions in a single sitting is less dangerous than consuming a small amount over a length of time. Remember this if you are someone that feeds your dog from the table. Many of the foods we eat contain at least a small amount of onion, garlic or onion powder. Onion and garlic powder are more potent and can cause more serious problems than fresh. Read your labels carefully and avoid feeding these foods to your dog.

Common warning signs for hemolytic anemia include pale mucous membranes, brownish or reddish urine color, rapid heart and/or respiratory rate, weakness, and depression. Vomiting, diarrhea, and loss of appetite may also be observed. It is important that you immediately consult your vet if symptoms occur as a result of onion ingestion.

Diagnosis

Laboratory findings suggestive of hemolytic anemia coupled with seeing Heinz bodies on a blood smear is suggestive of an oxidative toxicosis. "Heinz bodies" can be seen on the edges of red blood cells microscopically and these are indicative of oxidative injury. So a Heinz body hemolytic anemia with a history of snacking on garlic or onions presumes a diagnosis of onion or garlic toxicosis.

There are other causes of hemolytic anemia and evaluation of the blood panels or x-rays can help determine the correct diagnosis.



http://greyduckgarlic.com/Garlic_and_Pets.html

Treatment

Treatment normally involves inducement of vomiting, carrying out gastric lavage (flushing out the stomach) and making use of activated charcoal to treat not just poisoning but allergic reactions as well. Bathing and drying your dog may also be necessary in cases of skin infection. Further treatment includes maintaining the dog's hydration by intravenous drip, applying therapy for liver damage, and giving blood transfusions if necessary. Over a period of time, the bone marrow will readily release more red blood cells in the system, and if no further onion or garlic is still being given, then the body will stop hemolyzing the red blood cells. Prognosis is good to excellent as long as the insult was not too great.

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CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW RESULTS

BREDE RIVIER VALLEI KC CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 15 OCTOBER 2016 JUDGE: MR P CHATTERJEE (INDIA)

CLASS	DOGS		OWNER
JUNIOR	1 st 2 nd	Ilruca King Kelso Leiaslair Tyson	Wolfgang Raschke Rene Erasmus
OPEN	1 st 2 nd	Ilruca The Duke of Leiaslair Stanwix Hidden Agenda	Renate Vorster Allan Duff
CHAMPION	1 st	Ch Ilruca Deyzel	Wolfgang Raschke
CC	Ilruca The Duke of Leiaslair		Renate Vorster
RCC	Ilruca King Kelso		Wolfgang Raschke
CLASS	BITCHES		OWNER
BABY PUPPY	1 st	Ansuri Dream Girl	Anene Steyn
PUPPY	1 st	Ilruca Majorca	Wolfgang Raschke
JUNIOR	1 st	Mardusmara Tamarah	Margot Holtrop
S A BRED	1 st	Mardusmara Skyes the Limit	Margot Holtrop
CHAMPION	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Ch Manitoka Aphrodite Apt Ex Ch Mystique v Rusticana of Ilruca Ch Tortuga Accolade by Jakkalsdans	Rossouw / Verrinder Wolfgang Raschke Marlien Heystek
CC	Ilruca Majorca		Wolfgang Raschke
RCC	Mardusmara Skyes the Limit		Margot Holtrop
BEST OF BREED	Ch Manitoka Aphrodite Apt Ex		Rossouw / Verrinder
RES BEST OF BREED	Ch Ilruca Deyzel		Wolfgang Raschke
BEST BABY PUPPY	Ansuri Dream Girl		Anene Steyn
BEST PUPPY PUPPY GROUP 1 st	Ilruca Majorca		Wolfgang Raschke
BEST JUNIOR JUNIOR GROUP 2 nd	Ilruca King Kelso		Wolfgang Raschke



Ilruca Majorca



Ilruca King Kelso

CAPE TOWN KC CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

16 OCTOBER 2016 JUDGE: MRS A MANDUELL CARKEEK (KZN)

CLASS	DOGS		OWNER
JUNIOR	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Dawkendale Aces High Ilruca King Kelso Leiaslair Tyson	Ken & Dawn Hull Wolfgang Raschke Rene Erasmus
OPEN	1 st 2 nd	Ilruca The Duke of Leiaslair Stanwix Hidden Agenda	Renate Vorster Allan Duff
CHAMPION	1 st 2 nd	Ch Polgara Curtain Call for Jakkalsdans Ch Ilruca Deyzel	Marlien Heystek Wolfgang Raschke
CC	Dawkendale Aces High		Ken & Dawn Hull
RCC	Ilruca King Kelso		Wolfgang Raschke
CLASS	BITCHES		OWNER
PUPPY	1 st	Ilruca Majorca	Wolfgang Raschke
JUNIOR	1 st	Mardusmara Tamarah	Margot Holtrop
OPEN	1 st 2 nd	Proud Precision of Blackberg Mardusmara Skyes the Limit	Rina Black Margot Holtrop
CHAMPION	1 st 2 nd	Ch Manitoka Aphrodite Apt Ex Ch Tortuga Accolade by Jakkalsdans	Rossouw / Verrinder Marlien Heystek
CC	Mardusmara Tamarah		Margot Holtrop
RCC	Proud Precision of Blackberg		Rina Black
BEST OF BREED WORKING GROUP 1 st RES BEST IN SHOW	Ch Manitoka Aphrodite Apt Ex		Rossouw / Verrinder
RES BEST OF BREED	Mardusmara Tamarah		Margot Holtrop
BEST PUPPY	Ilruca Majorca		Wolfgang Raschke
BEST JUNIOR JUNIOR GROUP 2 nd	Mardusmara Tamarah		Margot Holtrop



Dawkendale Aces High



Ch Manitoka Aphrodite

**CAPE WORKING AND HERDING CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW
21 OCTOBER 2016 JUDGE: MRS G COOK (AUSTRALIA)**

CLASS	DOGS		OWNER
JUNIOR	1 st 2 nd	Ilruca King Kelso Leiaslair Tyson	Wolfgang Raschke Rene Erasmus
OPEN	1 st	Stanwix Hidden Agenda	Allan Duff
CHAMPION	1 st	Ch Ilruca Deyzel	Wolfgang Raschke
CC	Ilruca King Kelso		Wolfgang Raschke
RCC	Leiaslair Tyson		Rene Erasmus
CLASS	BITCHES		OWNER
PUPPY	1 st	Ilruca Majorca	Wolfgang Raschke
JUNIOR	1 st	Mardusmara Tamarah	Margot Holtrop
CHAMPION	1 st 2 nd	Ch Manitoka Aphrodite Apt Ex Ch Mystique v Rusticana of Ilruca	Rossouw / Verrinder Wolfgang Raschke
CC	Mardusmara Tamarah		Margot Holtrop
RCC	Ilruca Majorca		Wolfgang Raschke
BEST OF BREED WORKING GROUP 3 rd	Ch Manitoka Aphrodite Apt Ex		Rossouw / Verrinder
RES BEST OF BREED	Mardusmara Tamarah		Margot Holtrop
BEST PUPPY	Ilruca Majorca		Wolfgang Raschke
BEST JUNIOR	Mardusmara Tamarah		Margot Holtrop



WESTERN PROVINCE KC CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW
22 OCTOBER 2016 JUDGE: MS J MACKENZIE (GAUTENG)

CLASS	DOGS		OWNER
JUNIOR	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Ilruca King Kelso Dawkendale Aces High Leiaslair Tyson	Wolfgang Raschke Ken & Dawn Hull Rene Erasmus
OPEN	1 st	Stanwix Hidden Agenda	Allan Duff
CHAMPION	1 st	Ch Ilruca Deyzel	Wolfgang Raschke
CC	Ilruca King Kelso		Wolfgang Raschke
RCC	Dawkendale Aces High		Ken & Dawn Hull
CLASS	BITCHES		OWNER
PUPPY	1 st	Ilruca Majorca	Wolfgang Raschke
OPEN	1 st	Mardusmara Skyes the Limit	Margot Holtrop
CHAMPION	1 st 2 nd	Ch Manitoka Aphrodite Ch Mystique v Rusticana of Ilruca	Rossouw / Verrinder Wolfgang Raschke
CC	Mardusmara Skyes the Limit		Margot Holtrop
RCC	Ilruca Majorca		Wolfgang Raschke
BEST OF BREED WORKING GROUP 1 st BEST IN SHOW 4 th	Ch Manitoka Aphrodite Apt Ex		Rossouw / Verrinder
RES BEST OF BREED	Ilruca King Kelso		Wolfgang Raschke
BEST PUPPY PUPPY GROUP 3 rd	Ilruca Majorca		Wolfgang Raschke
BEST JUNIOR JUNIOR GROUP 2 nd	Ilruca King Kelso		Wolfgang Raschke



HOTTENTOTS HOLLAND KC CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 23 OCTOBER 2016 JUDGE: MRS S KEALY (IRELAND)

CLASS	DOGS		OWNER
JUNIOR	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Dawkendale Aces High Leiaslair Tyson Ilruca King Kelso	Ken & Dawn Hull Rene Erasmus Wolfgang Raschke
OPEN	1 st	Stanwix Hidden Agenda	Allan Duff
CHAMPION	1 st	Ch Ilruca Deyzel	Wolfgang Raschke
CC	Dawkendale Aces High		Ken & Dawn Hull
RCC	Leiaslair Tyson		Rene Erasmus
CLASS	BITCHES		OWNER
PUPPY	1 st	Ilruca Majorca	Margot Holtrop
JUNIOR	1 st	Mardusmara Tamarah	Margot Holtrop
OPEN	1 st	Proud Precision of Blackberg	Rina Black
CHAMPION	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Ch Manitoka Aphrodite Apt Ex Ch Tortuga Accolade by Jakkalsdans Ch Mystique v Rusticana of Ilruca	Rossouw / Verrinder Marlien Heystek Wolfgang Raschke
CC	Mardusmara Tamarah		Margot Holtrop
RCC	Proud Precision of Blackberg		Rina Black
BEST OF BREED WORKING GROUP 3 rd	Ch Manitoka Aphrodite Apt Ex		Rossouw / Verrinder
RES BEST OF BREED	Ch Tortuga Accolade by Jakkalsdans		Marlien Heystek
BEST PUPPY PUPPY GROUP 1 st	Ilruca Majorca		Wolfgang Raschke
BEST JUNIOR	Mardusmara Tamarah		Margot Holtrop



WP BOXER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

16 OCTOBER 2016 JUDGE: LINDA NÄSLUND (SWEDEN)



Blackberg
Red Alert



Manitoka
Leonardo



Ilruca King Kelso



Donante Caesar



Stanwix
Hidden Agenda



Ilruca The Duke
of Lejaslair

CLASS	DOGS		OWNER
BABY PUPPY	1 st VP	Blackberg Red Alert	Rina Black
PUPPY	1 st EX	Manitoka Leonardo	Alice Rossouw
JUNIOR	1 st EX 2 nd EX 3 rd EX	Ilruca King Kelso Dawkendale Aces High Leiaslair Tyson	Wolfgang Raschke Ken & Dawn Hull Rene Erasmus
GRADUATE	1 st VG	Donante Caesar	Lucian Rolleston
S A BRED	1 st VG	Stanwix Standing Ovation	Vanessa Nortier
OPEN	1 st EX 2 nd EX 3 rd EX	Ilruca The Duke of Leiaslair Stanwix Hidden Agenda Manitoka Zeus of Hartwell	Renate Vorster Allan Duff Ruth Truebody
CHAMPION	1 st EX 2 nd EX 3 rd EX 4 th VG	Ch Dawkendale Dream Lover Ch Ilruca Deyzel Ch Dawkendale Playing Tricks Ch Polgara Curtain Call for Jakkalsdans	Marelize Wiese Wolfgang Raschke Ken & Dawn Hull Marlien Heystek
NEUTER DOG	1 st	Titanwolverine Romanhoff of Stanwix	Michelle Martin
CC	Ilruca King Kelso		Wolfgang Raschke
RCC	Dawkendale Aces High		Ken & Dawn Hull
CLASS	BITCHES		OWNER
PUPPY	1 st EX	Ilruca Majorca	Wolfgang Raschke
JUNIOR	1 st EX	Mardusmara Tamara	Margot Holtrop
GRADUATE	1 st EX	Donante Coconut Cream	Jasmin Fourie
S A BRED	1 st EX 2 nd EX	Proud Precision of Blackberg Mardusmara Skyes the Limit	Rina Black Margot Holtrop
OPEN	1 st EX 2 nd VG	Dawkendale With Flare Glimmer Anacreon	Ken & Dawn Hull Casey Ward
CHAMPION	1 st EX 2 nd EX 3 rd EX 4 th EX	Ch Manitoka Aphrodite Ch Mystique v Rusticana of Ilruca Ch Tortuga Accolade by Jakkalsdans Ch Dawkendale Femme Fatale	Rossouw / Verrinder Wolfgang Raschke Marlien Heystek Ken & Dawn Hull
CC	Dawkendale With Flare		Ken & Dawn Hull
RCC	Mardusmara Tamara		Margot Holtrop

	1st	Reserve
BEST BABY PUPPY IN SHOW	Blackberg Red Alert	
BEST PUPPY IN SHOW	Ilruca Majorca	Manitoka Leonardo
BEST JUNIOR IN SHOW	Ilruca King Kelso	Mardusmara Tamara
BEST SA BRED IN SHOW	Proud Precision of Blackberg	Stanwix Standing Ovation
BEST VETERAN IN SHOW		
BEST NEUTER IN SHOW	Titanwolverine Romanhoff	
BEST IN SHOW	Ch Manitoka Aphrodite	Dawkendale With Flare



Ch Dawkendale
Dream Lover



Titanwolverine
Romanhoff



Ilruca
Majorca



Mardusmara
Tamarah



Donante
Coconut Cream



Proud Precision
of Blackberg



Dawkendale
With Flare



Ch Manitoka
Aphrodite

WC TOP DOG 2016



CH MANITOKA APHRODITE Apt Ex
Bred by Alice Swart Rossouw, owned by Alice Swart Rossouw & Jacqui Verrinder, Zara was top Boxer, 3rd Working Dog & 14th All Breeds which, for a Cape dog with limited showing, is pretty good going!



BOXER RESCUE

"Libby", a red and white female boxer, was found wandering around Eskom nature reserve, covered in ticks and with a gash on her face and injury to her eye. She was underweight and had clearly been straying a while. A kind gentleman took her to the vet who then drove her to the Animal Anti Cruelty League, who agreed to attend to her wounds and kennel her for Boxer Rescue.



"Tripod" (later renamed "Triton"), a young brindle male boxer, was handed in at one of Animal Anti Cruelty League's Mobile Clinics to have his broken leg operated on. Unfortunately the damage was too severe and the vet had no choice but to amputate his leg. His owners then abandoned him at the hospital as they didn't want a 3-legged dog. After a few weeks of rehabilitation, AACL contacted Boxer Rescue to find him a new home.



Libby and Triton were placed in a kennel together as they got along rather well.

A family from Plumstead, who had adopted a boxer via Boxer Rescue years ago, got in touch as they were looking for another boxer. They went to visit Libby and phoned to say that they had applied to adopt both Libby and Triton! Fantastic news. 😊

Once the dogs were given the all clear, they were off to their new home.

Rescue has been kept updated with their progress. Libby's face and eye has healed well and Triton goes to hydrotherapy to help his spine and joints. They have really made themselves at home.

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