

WESTERN PROVINCE BOXER CLUB

in conjunction with

Dobermann Club of the Cape, Western Province Rottweiler Club, Cape Bullmastiff Club

APTITUDE TEST and DOG MENTALITY ASSESSMENT TEST

7/8th MAY 2016 (Saturday & Sunday)

STARTING TIME: 08:00 each day (allow approximately 45 minutes per dog)
VENUE: Bellevue Farm, Bottelary Road, Stellenbosch
ENTRIES CLOSE: 23rd April 2016
ENTRY FEE: R250.00 per dog
TEST LEADER: Mr Mike Eisler (KZN)
JUDGES: Ms Lulu Maree (WP), Ms Marlien Heystek (WP), Mr Selvin Lewis (WP)
MARSHALLS: Mrs Nicky Robertson, Ms Michelle Martin, Mrs Jacqui Verrinder, Mr Barry-Jon Kannemeyer
In the event of any test leader/judge/marshall being unavailable, the club reserves the right to appoint another.

Minimum age at time of testing: **APTITUDE: 22 months on day of test**
DMA: 12 months on day of test

No bitches in season permitted

Only dogs in good health will be tested.

Aptitude Testing is a valuable indicator of the inherent natural mental potential a dog and can be useful in breeding programs. It is open to all dogs, but is aimed primarily at working breeds. However, many herding, hunting and utility dogs are also able to successfully complete the test. It assesses, inter alia, approachability, drive to hunt, nervous stability, defensive behaviour, aggression and the ability of the dog to work off and calm down rapidly after being exposed to stressful situations.

It was developed for the *Svenska Brukhundklubben* (Swedish Working Dog Association) and is widely used in the Scandinavian countries, also for pet animals.

Training is not required - participating dogs can be either trained or not, as they simply react to a variety of stimuli such as a mechanical rabbit, sudden noises, shapes or creatures. During the test the dog must cope with stressful mental (but no physical) situations by itself, without any assistance or commands from its handler. Between exercises the dog is allowed to unwind totally before moving on to the next challenge.

The test is recognised by KUSA and although it is not a mandatory test, the "Apt" or "Apt Ex" qualification will be added to the registered name of a dog that has passed the test. Qualifying Certificates are however only awarded to dogs registered with KUSA.

ENTRIES (on KUSA entry form) with proof of payment to:

WPBC, 11 Edinburgh Road, West Beach, 7441 (postal)
cptjav@cathaypacific.com (e-mail) or 086 460 6570 (fax)

Please indicate day and time preferred

BANKING DETAILS: Nedbank - Milnerton - Branch No 109-309 - Account No 1093047224 - W P Boxer Club
No postal orders or post dated cheques accepted
Please add R20.00 to cash deposits to cover bank charges

ENQUIRIES: Jacqui Verrinder: Tel: 082 789 2919, e-mail: cptjav@cathaypacific.com

PLEASE NOTE:

- DOGS MUST NOT BE FED FOR 24 HOURS PRIOR TO THE TEST.
- No movement in or leaving of the test area is permitted during a test. Once started no one may leave the actual test area at all. Only the participating dog is allowed in the test area and no dogs may be exercised or run off-lead.
- All participants/handlers are personally responsible for the control of their dogs at all times and shall be personally liable for any claims which may be made in respect of injuries/damage which may arise or be caused by their dogs.
- Please park in the designated parking area.
- Refreshments will be on sale but please bring chairs for yourself and water for your dogs.

NB – PARTICIPANTS SHOULD ARRIVE AT LEAST ONE HOUR BEFORE THE ALLOCATED TIME TO WATCH THE PRECEDING TEST.