

Christmas Greetings to all EBC members

Everyone is getting ready to plan for their individual private festive season which is once more quicker upon us than we would have wished imagine. With the busy schedules in our private lives, caring for our lovely Boxers in various ways and fitting in all the show schedules , it becomes an art to keep track with all activities.

For us at Eastern Boxer Club it has been an exceptional year in all aspects. Our club has experienced a substantial growth in membership, and the pleasing fact is that many of the new members are actively involved in the show ring. We wish them all the best and may sportsmanship be the winner at all times. During this last year we have witnessed the coming of age of certain of our members dogs who have either become Federation champions, won Best in show or best opposite sex titles or have obtained various working or breed related titles. Congratulations to all who have spent a vast amount of time together with their Boxers to exercise and train them in order to be well prepared for the individual trials.

Success is not a given, as one has to work relentlessly and continuously to obtain it and the recognition of the achievements will follow automatically.

Dit was verblydend om so in groot opkoms by ons Algemene jaarvergadering te sien. Eerste prys vir deursettingsvermoe moet aan Kobus en sy groep van uit Virginia gaan met al die teespoed wat hulle ervaar het en nogtans by ons kon wees. Dit is die sort van gees en “guts” wat ons by EBC benodig om die klub in sukses te maak. Veels geluk aan al die nuwe lede van die kommittee en baie welkom. Ek vertrou dat die uitdagings vir die komende jaar positief en met geesdrif aangepak sal word en almal sal aanspoor om die groei in die klub te stimuleer.

Hoe lekker was dit nie om 10+ boxers van alle ouderdomme en ander rasse te sien saam speel sonder enige probleme. Indien daar ooit in getuigskrif was vir die Boxer ras se mentaliteit en stabiliteit van karakter ,was dit hier eerstehands waar te neem. Van ons lede se honde is volgens hulle eienaars “moeilik “ tussen ander honde, en was hulle verskrik toe ons die honde eenvoudig beheersd losgelaat het, en die ongeloof op die eienaars se gesigte toe hulle “moeilike” honde hulle self gate uitgeniet het tesame met die ander honde op die perseel.

I wish to thank Shaun Graham for spending a portion of the afternoon in the “hotsuit” and showing all present that the Boxer is not only a show dog by him giving a demonstration of the various aspects of man work a Boxer is capable of but still being very obedient. We should never lose track of the fact that the Boxer is a working dog and should be utilised as such and I plead to all involved with Boxers that owning a Boxer should not entail only showing them but please them by working them in the various disciplines that are available to us IE: man work , agility, obedience training, sniffer trails and many more. We as humans have all different sphere’s in which we excel, and so are our Boxers. Not all will become show dogs ,others will excel in the activities previously mentioned. The challenge is on you to get up and work with your Boxer as a working dog!!.

Ons beplan om in die nuwe jaar weereens in skou aan te bied in Virginia in die Vrystaat en hoop dat dit goed ontvang en ondersteun sal word deur alle FBCSA lede aangesien ons die Boxer voetspoor weer wil vergroot en die blootstelling absoluut nodig het in die area. Daar sal ook in program in werking gestel word om ons lede op te lei in die fynere kuns van hoe om die honde te presenteer by skoue sowel as manwerk met Shaun en in samewerking met die ander klubs.

Mag u almal in geseende kersfees ervaar met julle geliefdes en in voorspoedige nuwe jaar. Use this period to reflect on the past and may you all be back in 2013 reinvigorated and ready to face the challenges of the new year.

God bless you all

