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Vanuit die Kantoor / From the Office

Nou ja, die jaar lê op sy rug en dis 'n mal geskarrel om alles uitgesorteer, gefinaliseer en ingepas te kry voor die jaarlikse Kersvakansie wanneer alles letterlik tot stilstand kom. Verbeel ek my of is die atmosfeer so ietwat meer gedemp dié jaar?

2019 was a difficult year in more ways than one – the ongoing draught around most of our country has multitudes of people on their knees; tornados, hail storms, flooding and other natural disasters cause havoc all over, health issues are plaguing many and various people have lost loved ones (both human and four-footed). To all who are fighting to survive – may you find the strength to carry on – our thoughts are with you always.

Verskeie nuwe lede het deur die jaar by ons familie aangesluit – hiermee 'n opregte woord van WELKOM aan elkeen en alle sterkte met jul skaaphondbedrywighede. Ons vertrou ons sien sommiges van julle binnekort op die kompetisiebaan!

Competitors really brought out the big guns this year - 7 dogs qualified to higher classes and a record 18 new COMs and 11 CWAs have been awarded. Mark Trollip proved his mettle by winning the Most Consistent Dog over 2 years, SA DOY and Reserve DOY titles with Jade & Gus respectively. They also lead the 2020 World Trial Team ranking, joined by Ragni Pretorius with Fia & Jack and Pippa Philip with Zan, with Henry vd Merwe & Jem and Andrew Philip & Kenn as the Reserves. Congratulations all – go do us proud.

Die SA Kampioenskap met die grootste inskrywing in jare in alle kategorieë sorg vir uiteenlopende uitslae en 'n hele aantal verrassings. Mark Trollip sit sy segetog voort deur die Nuweling-kampioenkap in te palm met Diesel, terwyl Attie Gunter en Connie as Reserwes gekroon word.

Yvan Fourie with Nic and Attie Gunter with Chade were crowned as Junior Champion and Reserve respectively while Pierre Strydom & Nell and Irene Thompson & Breeze claimed the Junior and Senior DOY titles, with Jenny Ludick & Sprite being named the Beginners of the year. CONGRATULATIONS to all the winners – it is well deserved!

'n Woeste storm tydens die Finaal wat die baan in 'n oogwink in 'n vloedvlakte omskep en letterlik alles en almal deurdrenk sorg vir 'n eerste in die geskiedenis – die kompetisie word vir 'n uur gestaak sodat almal kan gaan droog aantrek en red wat te redde is!?.

It did not however deter from any nail biting moments. WA Hugo & Lappies set the bar high with a stunning run, stuck to their lead and eventually claimed the SA Championship

title, with Ragni Pretorius & Jack getting a close second, and Pierre Strydom & Mac earning a well-deserved third place.

Terwyl die papierwerk afgehandel word vir die prysuitdeling, spook WA en Elsie Jammy sake uit in die Pare-kompetisie. 'n Briljante lopie deur Lappies en Joy lei tot WA se oorwinning nadat Elsie se Becca & Maxim ongelukkig moes opgee, en bring so 'n einde aan 'n suksesvolle SA Kampioenkap en opwindende seisoen.

This time of year is when we start planning the next season, and it subsequently also means **that annual fees are due in January**. *Please complete the enclosed form with your membership information and return to the Office together with the relevant payment (check out tariffs elsewhere), in order to update our records.* Remember – non-payment will prevent participation in trials or registration of any litters – so please save us all the embarrassment?

Die HvJ-kompetisies vir 2020 is gefinaliseer en ons is in vir 'n marathon-seisoen met 16 kompetisies, waarvan die eerste reeds in Desember by Lambertsbaai plaasvind! Daar is heelwat nuwe plekke om te ontdek en nuwe vriende om te ontmoet - kan nie wag nie! Dankie aan die betrokke gashere en klubs vir hul bereidwilligheid en vir die vinnige beskikbaarstelling van inligting – dit help baie met beplanning en bemarking.

CONGRATULATIONS to Pippa Philip with the 2019 Magazine – thank you for all your hard work and effort in this regard. Thanks also to each and every one for your contribution to have made this possible – it is greatly appreciated. Your copy will be posted soon – ENJOY and please let us know what you think?

Aan diegene wat my werk in die Kantoor makliker gemaak het die jaar, 'n BAIE GROOT DANKIE – jul samewerking en goeie gesindheid word waardeer en maak op vir al die ander dramas elke dag – ek werk graag saam met julle! En as dinge nie altyd so goed uitgewerk het nie, jammer daaroor!

On the eve of the New Year I wish everyone a wonderful, peaceful and safe Festive Season. Cherish the time with family and friends, respect all for who they are and remember:

"*What we think, or what we know, or what we believe is, in the end, of little consequence – the only consequence is what we do.*" – *John Ruskin*

Till next time - Martie Ferreira

KENNISGEWING / NOTICE

Weens die Kersseisoen sal die Kantoor gesluit wees vanaf **20-31 Desember 2019**

Due to the Christmas Season the Office will be closed form **20-31 December 2019**

EXECUTIVE DECISIONS & IMPORTANT NOTICES

Suspension: A lifetime ban has been imposed on Ms Sarah Gee. Ms Gee is thus banned from participating in or attending **any** SASDA sanctioned event!

Newly Appointed Judges: Congratulations to Attie Gunter and WA Hugo being appointed as official judges. We trust your input will bring much value to the trialling scene.

Warning to all members: There are people offering herding training and making unfounded claims about expected results. These people also purport to have expert knowledge and experience. Please be aware of this and contact the office or any executive member to check credentials before joining any of these herding "schools/clubs"

Notice to all members: Please ensure that any videos and photographs of puppies or sheepdogs working, that are posted on any social media platform, show the necessary respect for the wellbeing of the stock. Thank you.

BESTUURSBESLUITE & BELANGRIKE KENNISGEWINGS

Skorsing: 'n Lewenslange skorsing is aan Me Sarah Gee opgelê. Me Gee is dus geskors van deelname of bywoning van **enige** SASDA-geleentheid!

Nuut aangestelde Beoordelaars: Baie geluk aan Attie Gunter en WA Hugo as nuut aangestelde beoordelaars. Ons vertrou jul insette sal die kompetisietoneel van vele waarde wees.

Waarskuwing aan alle lede: Daar is mense wat skaaphondafrigting aanbied en ongegronde bewerings oor verwagte uitkomstes maak. Hierdie mense beweer ook dat hul deskundige kennis en ervaring het. Wees asb versigtig hiervoor en kontak die Kantoor of enige Bestuurslid om sulke persone se geloofwardigheid te bevestig alvorens u by enige van hierdie skaaphond "klubs/skole" aansluit.

Kennisgewing aan alle lede: Maak asb seker dat enige videos en foto's van werkende jong hondjies of skaaphonde, wat op enige soiale media platform geplaas word, die nodige respek vir die welvaart van die vee toon. Dankie.

NEWSFLASH / NUUSFLITS

SASDA is introducing an exciting new clothing range from the Jonsson brand.
Full details and pictures will be put on the web as soon as possible –
please check it out.

SASHV stel 'n opwindende nuwe klerereeks met die Jonsson-handelsmerk bekend.
Volle besonderhede en foto's sal so spoedig moontlik op die web geplaas word –
gaan loer gerus.

TARIEWE - 2020 - TARRIFFS

	Effektief	01 01 2020		Effective
Lidmaatskap:				**Membership:**
Eenmalige Aansluitingsfooi	**R**	**150,00**		Enrolment
Jaarlikse Enkel-ledegeld	**R**	**220,00**		Annual Single membership
Jaarlikse Familie-ledegeld	**R**	**275,00**		Annual Family membership
Jaarlikse Telersfooi	**R**	**150,00**		Annual Breeders fee
Werpselregistrasies:				**Litter Registrations:**
Telersboekie (registrasievorms)	**R**	**25,00**		Breeder's Booklet (registration forms)
** Paringsboete	**R**	**50,00**		** Mating Fine
! Geboortekennisboete	**R**	**20,00**		! Birth Notification Fine
# Registrasie (na teler gepos)	**R**	**120,00**		# Registration (posted to breeder)
$ Registrasie (na koper gepos)	**R**	**135,00**		$ Registration (posted to buyer)
& Laat Registrasie (na teler gepos)	**R**	**240,00**		& Late Registration (posted to breeder
⊙Laat Registrasie (na koper gepos)	**R**	**255,00**		⊙Late Registration (posted to buyer)
Ander:				**Other:**
4-Geslag Stamboek	**R**	**50,00**		4-Generation Pedigree
Oordrag van Eienaarskap	**R**	**50,00**		Transfer of Ownership
Oordrag vanaf ander Organisasies	**R**	**100,00**		Transfer from other Organizations
SVW & SVM-sertifikate	**R**	**80,00**		CWA & COM Certificates
Stoetnaam-registrasie	**R**	**250,00**		Kennel Name Registration
***** Na 1 maand van geboorte***				***** After 1 month of birth***
! Per hondjie na 1 maand van geboorte				***! Per pup after 1 month of birth***
# Prys per hondjie				***# Price per pup***
$ Prys per hondjie				***$ Price per pup***
& Per hondjie na 4 maande van geboorte				***& Per pup after 4 months of birth***
⊙Per hondjie na 4 maande van geboorte				***⊙Per pup after 4 months of birth***
Ontwikkelingsregister:				**Development Register:**
Lede (per hond)	**R**	**250,00**		Members (per dog)
Nie-lede (aansluiting)	**R**	**575,00**	**plus**	Non members (enrolment)
Fooi per hond	**R**	**250,00**		Fee per dog
Kompetisies:				**Competitions:**
** Heffing (per hond per lopie)	**R**	**10,00**		** Levy (per dog per day)
$$ Appél-fooi	**R**	**250,00**		$$ Appeal Fee
***** Deur gasheerklub betaalbaar***				***** Payable by hosting club***
$$ Betaalbaar binne 30 min				***$$ Payable within 30 min after***
na insident (sien reëls)				***incident (see rules)***

Dear Member/s

RENEWAL NOTICE 2020

You are hereby reminded that your 2020 fees are due in January.

2020 Fees are: *(Please indicate relevant fee/s)*
☐ Annual Membership (Single) – R220
☐ Annual Membership (Family) – R275
☐ Annual Breeders' Fee – R150

Banking detail: SA Sheepdog Association, Standard Bank, Volksrust, branch 051 001, cheque account 031004326

Please send this notice to the Office **before end February 2020**, together with proof of payment, as well as your current address, contact numbers and e-mail address, in order to confirm and update our records.

Your co-operation will be appreciated.

Thank you

Martie Ferreira (ms)
NATIONAL SECRETARY

CONTACT DETAIL:

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Contact No**:** *Cell:* ……

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AMPTELIKE UITSLAE / OFFICIAL RESULTS

Zimbabwe 1 — MACHEKE

Macheke 1 – 31/07/2019

Beginners: / 75	*H Ferreira*	
1. POPPY	K Notisi	44

Juniors: / 90	*H Ferreira*	
1. TARN *	I Thompson	68
2. SPRITE	J Ludick	55
3. RILEY	G Armand	53
4. SPOT	C Armand	49
5. MORAG	C Taylor	44

Seniors: / 100	*H Ferreira*	
1. BREEZE	I Thompson	46
2. N/A		
3. N/A		

Top Dogs: / 100	*H Ferreira*	
1. ERYN	I Thompson	81
2. NIKITA *	M Trollip	76
3. JADE *	M Trollip	67
4. PIP	R vd Ruit	63
5. GUS	M Trollip	59

Best Beginner/2 days	POPPY	K Notisi
Best Junior/2 days	TARN *	I Thompson

Macheke 2 – 01/08/2019

Beginners: / 75	*H Ferreira*	
1. POPPY	K Notisi	51
2. BEE	V Render	45

Juniors: / 90	*H Ferreira*	
1. MORAG	C Taylor	62
2. TARN *	I Thompson	60
3. RILEY	G Armand	58
4. SPRITE	J Ludick	53
5. SPOT	C Armand	44

Seniors: / 100	*H Ferreira*	
1. BREEZE	I Thompson	68
2. MISTY	G Armand	67
3. NAP	G Armand	60

Top Dogs: / 100	*H Ferreira*	
1. JADE *	M Trollip	89
2. PIP	Rvd Ruit	78
3. ERYN	I Thompson	76
4. GUS	M Trollip	75
5. SWIFT	C Taylor	74

Best Senior /2 days	BREEZE	I Thompson
Best Top Dog /2 days	ERYN	I Thompson

Zimbabwe 2 — "Bramber" RUWA

Goromonzi – 03/08/2019

Beginners: / 75	*H Ferreira*	
1. POPPY	K Notisi	61
2. BEE	V Render	56

Juniors: / 90	*H Ferreira*	
1. CALLA	R vd Ruit	74
2. SPOT	C Armand	73 COM
3. MORAG	C Taylor	69
4. RILEY	G Armand	68
5. SPRITE	J Ludick	67 COM

Seniors: / 100	*H Ferreira*	
1. NAP	G Armand	83
2. BREEZE	I Thompson	73
3. N/A		

Top Dogs: / 110	*H Ferreira*	
1. PIP	R vd Ruit	101
2. GUS	M Trollip	101
3. NIKITA *	M Trollip	99
4. JADE *	M Trollip	97
5. SHINE	I Thompson	89

Ruwa – 04/08/2019

Beginners: / 75	*H Ferreira*	
1. POPPY	K Notisi	57
2. BEE	V Render	53

Juniors: / 90	*H Ferreira*	
1. TARN *	I Thompson	73
2. CALLA	R vd Ruit	72
3. SKID	R vd Ruit	72 COM
4. SPRITE	J Ludick	69
5. MORAG	C Taylor	67

Seniors: / 100	*H Ferreira*	
1. MISTY	G Armand	76
2. NAP	G Armand	65
3. BREEZE	I Thompson	34

Top Dogs: / 110	*H Ferreira*	
1. JADE *	M Trollip	104
2. GUS	M Trollip	102
3. PIP	R vd Ruit	100
4. SWIFT	C Taylor	98
5. LILLY	R vd Ruit	96

Best Beginner/2 days	POPPY	K Notisi
Best Junior /2 days	CALLA	R vd Ruit

Best Senior /2 days	NAP	G Armand
Best Top Dog /2 days	GUS	M Trollip

WP 3 (Hill Trial)

Jakkalskloof – 21/08/2019

Beginners: / 75	*A Philip*	
1. ZETA	B Lloyd	59
2. PLAIDY	B Lloyd	46

Juniors: / 90	*M Trollip*	
1. KYLA	P Strydom	81 Qual
2. CHADE	A Gunter	79
3. CONNIE	A Gunter	69
4. LILLA	J vd Vyver	68
5. KWAGGA	Y Fourie	66 COM

Seniors: / 100	*C Taylor*	
1. MAC	P Strydom	84
2. KIM	A Philip	74
3. BREEZE	I Thompson	72
4. MAXIM *	E Jammy	60
5. NELL	P Strydom	47

Top Honde: / 100	*H vd Merwe*	
1. JADE *	M Trollip	92
2. PENNY	R Pretorius	87
3. NIKITA *	M Trollip	87
4. MOLLY	A Gunter	86
5. FIA	R Pretorius	85

Beste Beginner /2dae	ZETA	B Lloyd
Beste Junior /2dae	KYLA	P Strydom

King of the Mountain

SWELLENDAM

Bakoondshoogte – 22/08/2019

Beginners: / 75	*Taylor*	
1. ZETA	B Lloyd	66 Qual
2. PLAIDY	B Lloyd	54

Juniors: / 90	*H vd Merwe*	
1. NIC	Y Fourie	81 Qual
2. CHADE	A Gunter	76
3. KWAGGA	Y Fourie	72
4. CONNIE	A Gunter	72
5. FLEECE	P Philip	70

Seniors: / 100	*P Philip*	
1. KYLA	P Strydom	85
2. MAC	P Strydom	75
3. NELL	P Strydom	60
4. BREEZE	I Thompson	38
5. Cymry* & Maxim*	E Jammy	27

Top Honde: / 110	*C Taylor*	
1. JADE *	M Trollip	101
2. BONNIE	R Pretorius	96
3. PEAT	P Philip	96
4. GUS	M Trollip	95
5. NIKITA *	M Trollip	95

Beste Senior /2dae	MAC	P Strydom
Beste Top Hond/2dae	JADE *	M Trollip
JADE *	M Trollip	

Foto deur Mary Farrel

Caledon – baan

Sally & Co being quite sheepish at the Hill Trial in Swellendam

WP 4 CALEDON

South Western Districts – 24/08/2019

Beginners: / 75

1. No Entries

Juniors: / 90	*H vd Merwe*	
1. KIT	A Philip	72
2. CONNIE	A Gunter	69
3. CHADE	A Gunter	58
4. ZETA	B Lloyd	57
5. FLEECE	P Philip	53

Seniors: / 100	*C Taylor*	
1. MAC	P Strydom	87
2. NELL	P Strydom	80
3. BREEZE	I Thompson	71
4. KYLA	P Strydom	69
5. NIC	Y Fourie	66

Top Dogs: / 100	*M Trollip*	
1. ZAN	P Philip	88
2. FIA	R Pretorius	81
3. KENN	A Philip	79
4. JEM	H vd Merwe	78
5. PEAT	P Philip	78

Best Beginner/2 days	N/A	N/A
Best Junior/2 days	CONNIE	A Gunter

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Western Province – 25/08/2019

Beginners: / 75

1. No Entries

Juniors: / 90	*M Trollip*	
1. LILLA	J vd Vyver	73
2. FLEECE	P Philip	69
3. CONNIE	A Gunter	66
4. TARN *	I Thompson	64
5. KIT	A Philip	57

Seniors: / 100	*H vd Merwe*	
1. BREEZE	I Thompson	87
2. MAC	P Strydom	86
3. NIC	Y Fourie	77
4. KYLA	P Strydom	77
5. NELL	P Strydom	66

Top Dogs: / 100	*J vd Vyver*	
1. BONNIE	R Pretorius	85
2. FLINT	A Philip	83
3. PEAT	P Philip	83
4. ZAN	P Philip	82
5. GINA	R Pretorius	79

Best Senior /2 days	MAC	P Strydom
Best Top Dog /2 days	ZAN	M Trollip

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Photo by Mary Farrell

Pippa Philip ready to pen the sheep at Caledon

Trump van Jurie vd Vyver soek welkome lafenis in die versengende hitte tydens die Caledon-kompetisie

Foto deur Mary Farrell

SA CHAMPIONSHIP - 2019 - SA KAMPIOENSKAP

OFFICIAL RESULTS - AMPTELIKE UITSLAE

1	Third SA Dog of the Year:			ACE FIA	R Pretorius	*Coligny*
	Reserve SA Dog of the Year:			SHEEPMASTER GUS	M Trollip	*Swellendam*
	SA Dog of the Year:			SHEPHERD'S OWN JADE *	M Trollip	*Swellendam*
2	Most Consistent Dog over 2 years:			SHEPHERD'S OWN JADE *	M Trollip	*Swellendam*
3	5th Novice Champion		***61/90***	PRO JOY	WA Hugo	*Lambertsbaai*
	4th Novice Champion		***62/90***	PHILIPDALE KIT	A Philip	*Caledon*
	Third Novice Champion		***68/90***	CHADE	A Gunter	*Witsand*
	Reserve SA Novice Champion		***68/90***	PRO CONNIE	A Gunter	*Witsand*
	SA Novice Champion		***72/90***	FAVOUR DIESEL	M Trollip	*Swellendam*
4	5e Junior Kampioen:		***66/100***	PRO CONNIE	A Gunter	*Witsand*
	4e Junior Kampioen:		***68/100***	SHEEPMASTER NELL	P Strydom	*Kareedouw*
	Derde Junior Kampioen:		***71/100***	ACE KYLA	P Strydom	*Kareedouw*
	Reserwe SA Junior Kampioen:		***77/100***	CHADE	A Gunter	*Witsand*
	SA Junior Kampioen:		***78/100***	PHILIPDALE NIC	Y Fourie	*Sutherland*
5	SA Junior Hond van die Jaar:			SHEEPMASTER NELL	P Strydom	*Kareedouw*
6	Best Junior Gather - 2019:			TADDYMOORE TARN *	I Thompson	*Muldersdrift*
7	Junior with most points - 2019:			TADDYMOORE TARN *	I Thompson	*Muldersdrift*
8	SA Senior Hond van die Jaar:			ACE BREEZE	I Thompson	*Muldersdrift*
9	Best Senior (6 runs) - 2019:			MAC	P Strydom	*Kareedouw*
10	Beste Beginner - 2019:			SPRITE	J Ludick	*Zimbabwe*
11	**Round 1:**	10e	***73/100***	PRO LAPPIES	WA Hugo	*Lambertbaai*
		9th	***73/100***	PHILIPDALE JAFF	A Philip	*Caledon*
		8e	***77/100***	ELFA PEAT	P Philip	*Caledon*
		7th	***77/100***	ELFA ZAN	P Philip	*Caledon*
		6e	***77/100***	CHADE	A Gunter	*Witsand*
		5th	***78/100***	PHILIPDALE NIC	Y Fourie	*Sutherland*
		4e	***79/100***	ACE FIA	R Pretorius	*Coligny*
		3rd	***80/100***	ACE PENNY	R Pretorius	*Coligny*
		2e	***85/100***	JEM	H vd Merwe	*Sutherland*
		Winner	***90/100***	SHEPHERD'S OWN JACK *	R Pretorius	*Coligny*
12	**Ronde 2:**	15e	***68/110***	ACE KYLA	P Strydom	*Kareedouw*
		14th	***68/110***	ACE PENNY	R Pretorius	*Coligny*
		13e	***69/110***	ELFA ERYN	I Thompson	*Muldersdrift*
		12th	***69/110***	DONNA	H vd Merwe	*Sutherland*
		11e	***70/110***	ELFA SISSY	J vd Vyver	*Riversdal*
		10th	***72/110***	CHADE	A Gunter	*Witsand*
		9e	***81/110***	ACE FIA	A Fia	*Coligny*
		8th	***82/110***	PHILIPDALE NIC	Y Fourie	*Sutherland*
		7e	***83/110***	JEM	H vd Merwe	*Sutherland*
		6th	***84/110***	PHILIPDALE SCOT	P Philip	*Caledon*
		5e	***85/110***	MAC	P Strydom	*Kareedouw*
		4th	***90/110***	ELFA ZAN	P Philip	*Caledon*
		3e	***90/110***	SHEPHERD'S OWN JACK *	R Pretorius	*Coligny*
		2nd	***98/110***	ELFA KENN	A Philip	*Caledon*
		Wenner	***99/110***	PRO MOLLY	A Gunter	*Witsand*

13	SA Brace of the Year:			N/A		
14	SA Championship:	15e	***Ret***	CHADE	A Gunter	*Witsand*
		14th	***64/170***	BECCA (Reserve)	E Jammy	*Muldersdrift*
		13e	***73/170***	PHILIPDALE NIC	Y Fourie	*Sutherland*
		12th	***81/170***	ACE KYLA	P Strydom	*Kareedouw*
		11e	***86/170***	ACE FIA	R Pretorius	*Coligny*
		10th	***86/170***	ELFA ERYN	I Thompson	*Muldersdrift*
		9e	***97/170***	PRO MOLLY	A Gunter	*Witsand*
		8th	***112/170***	ACE PENNY	R Pretorius	*Coligny*
		7e	***114/170***	JEM	H vd Merwe	*Sutherland*
		6th	***115/170***	ELFA KENN	A Philip	*Caledon*
		5e	***118/170***	ELFA ZAN	P Philip	*Caledon*
		4th	***121/170***	ELFA SISSY	J vd Vyver	*Riversdal*
	Third SA Champion:		***121/170***	MAC	P Strydom	*Kareedouw*
	Reserve SA Champion:		***127/170***	SHEPHERD'S OWN JACK *	R Pretorius	*Coligny*
	SA Champion:		***130/170***	PRO LAPPIES	WA Hugo	*Lambertsbaai*
15	Hoogste Punte - SA Geteelde Reun/Teef:			PRO LAPPIES	WA Hugo	*Lambertsbaai*
16	Highest Scoring Bitch:			PRO LAPPIES	WA Hugo	*Lambertsbaai*
17	Reun met Hoogste Punte:			SHEPHERD'S OWN JACK *	R Pretorius	*Coligny*
18	Best Gather:			SHEPHERD'S OWN JACK *	R Pretorius	*Coligny*
19	Beste Aanjaag:			ACE FIA	R Pretorius	*Coligny*
20	Best Draft:			E SISSY	J vd Vyver	*Riversdal*
21	Eienaar met hoogste punte - enige 2 honde:			SHEPHERD'S OWN JACK * & ACE PENNY	R Pretorius	*Coligny*
22	Dog with highest aggregate over 2 days:			SHEPHERD'S OWN JACK *	R Pretorius	*Coligny*
23	Highest scoring dog trained & handled by its **owner**:			PRO LAPPIES	WA Hugo	*Lambertsbaai*
24	Highest scoring dog trained & handled by its **breeder**:			PRO LAPPIES	WA Hugo	*Lambertsbaai*
25	Parent & Offspring owned by one handler:			SHEPHERD'S OWN JACK * & ACE PENNY	R Pretorius	*Coligny*
26	Hond met hoogste totale punte - 2019:			ACE FIA	R Pretorius	*Coligny*
27	Highest scoring Natal dog in Final:			N/A		
28	Most Unlucky Dog for Championship:			ACE FIA	R Pretorius	*Coligny*
29	Breeder of Winner of SA Championship:			PRO LAPPIES	WA Hugo	*Lambertbaai*
30	Reserwe Dameshanteerder:			ELFA ZAN	P Philip	*Caledon*
	SA Dameshanteerder:			SHEPHERD'S OWN JACK *	R Pretorius	*Colgny*
31	Best Male Handler:			PRO LAPPIES	WA Hugo	*Lambertsbaai*
32	Inter-Provinsiale Wenners:			WESKUS		
33	Reserve SA Brace Champion:			N/A		
	SA Brace Champion:		***122/160***	PRO LAPPIES & PRO JOY	WA Hugo	*Lambertsbaai*

COMPETITIONS – 2020 - KOMPETISIES

Herewith the available information for the Dog of the Year trials. Hou asseblief by die genoemde sluitingsdatums en ander reëlings vir goeie orde en beter beplanning en verhoed sodoende onnodige probleme. Thank you for your continued support and good sportsmanship and enjoy the season!

WESKUS HVJ: ***17 – 18 Des 2019!!*** **"Steenbokfontein" LAMBERTSBAAI**
Inskrywingsfooi: **R70/hond/paar/lopie** Sluitingsdatum: **01 Des 2019!!**
Begintyd: Afhangend van inskrywings Beoordelaar/s: Later bekend
Baan: Standaard vir Beginners, Juniors & Seniors. Top Honde – "shed, pen, single".
Inskrywings: *KONTANT BY BAAN. WA Hugo* **-** *+27 82 611 4004 / prowahugo@gmail.com*
Akkommodasie: EIE BESPREKINGS ASB
Carol Burger - +27 83 458 1575; **Toerisme-kantoor -** +27 27 432 1000; **Steenbokfontein Seeplaas -** +27 73 178 8433
Spyseniering: Daagliks by baan beskikbaar. **Aandete 17/12** – Muisbosskerm – kontak WA Hugo.
Rigtingaanwysings: Steenbokfontein, 6km suid van Lambersbaai op die kuspad. Volg tekens.

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WITS 1 & 2 DOY: ***11 – 15 Feb 2020*** **"Uitvlugt", DULLSTROOM**
Entry Fee: **R70/dog/brace/run** Closing date: **28 Jan 2020!**
Starting time: Entry dependent Judge/s: To be advised
Course: Standard for Beginners, Juniors, Seniors. Top Dogs – to be advised
Entries with proof of payment to: *Elsie Jammy – +27 82 441 9646 / emjammy@gmail.com – no proof, no receipt.*
EFT –ABSA branch 632005, Acc no 4061618038 – E Jammy OR CASH AT VENUE.
Accommodation: OWN BOOKINGS PLEASE – *Contact Elsie for info – +27 82 441 9646*
Dullstroom Accommodation – +27 13 254 0020 / +27 82 448 5253 / info@dullstroom.co.za / www.dullstroom.co.za
Catering: Field catering available daily. Evening meals to be advised.
Directions: 22km out of Belfast on the Dullstroom road. GPS: S25 28.586 E30 00.884

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BESTUURSVERGADERING – EXECUTIVE MEETING
Dindag – 10/03/2020 – Tuesday
17h00 *– Tri-Angle B&B – BEDFORD*

OOS-KAAP 1 & 2 HVJ: ***11 - 14 Mar 2020*** **"The Mill Cricket Ground", BEDFORD**
Inskrywingsfooi: **R70/hond/paar/lopie** Sluitingsdatum: **25 Feb 2020!**
Begintyd: Afhangend van inskrywings Beoordelaar: Hennie Ferreira
Baan: Standaard vir Beginners, Juniors & Seniors – tyd afhangend van baan en weer. Top Honde – later bekend. Baan word na eerste twee dae omgeswaai.

<u>Inskrywings met fooie en betalingsbewys (EFT) na</u>: *Pierre Strydom – +27 87 809 1653 / +27 82 575 7122 (whatsapp only) / strydompierre10@mail.com. PJ Strydom – Standard Bank, tak 050917, Spaarrekening 18 315 694 3*
<u>Akkommodasie</u>: EIE BESPREKINGS ASB
Tri-Angle B&B – +27 46 684 0584 / muriel@procamp.co.za
Kampering by "The Mill" – Adéle vd Meulen - +27 82 875 3772
Symington House (Fort Beaufort) - +27 46 645 1175
<u>Spyseniering</u>: ***11-12 Mar*** – later bekend.
13-14 Mar – verversings daagliks beskikbaar by die baan.
<u>Rigtingaanwysings</u>: Op R63 Bedford – Adelaide, Oos-Kaap. Volg padtekens na "The Mill".

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<u>**NORTH CAPE 1 DOY**</u>: ***31 Mar – 01 Apr 2020*** **"Kraanvlei", MOORREESBURG WC**
<u>Entry Fee</u>: **R70/dog/brace/run** <u>Closing date</u>: **17 Mar 2020!**
<u>Starting time</u>: Entry dependent <u>Judge/s</u>: To be advised
<u>Course</u>: Standard for Beginners, Juniors, Seniors – time according to course. Top Dogs – to be advised
<u>Entries with fees and proof of payment to</u>: *Pippa Philip – +28 050 0373 /+27 83 392 1956 / ajfp@isales.co.za. PM Philip – Nedbank Caledon, branch 198 765, Account 1470 049 600. (R30 extra if depositing cash please) OR CASH AT VENUE before start of the trial.*
<u>Accommodation</u>: OWN BOOKINGS PLEASE
Moorreesburg Tourism Bureau – *+27 22 433 1072 / info@moorreesburgTourism.co.za/ www.moorreesburgtourism.co.za*
<u>Catering</u>: To be advised.
<u>Directions</u>: 15km from Moorreesburg off R311 on coastal side. ***From Cape Town***: Take N7 and turn LEFT at first entrance to Moorreesburg. Drive right through town (Lang Straat) and onto R311. *** 4km from town at "Drinkvlei" signboard, turn RIGT onto gravel road, 4km further on at farmyard turn LEFT (signboard "Kraanvlei - Ondergeskikte Pad"), continue for 6km to "Kraanvlei" – A vd Merwe. ***From Namibia side:*** Take first turnoff RIGHT to Moorreesburg and drive along Main road until robot. Turn RIGHT onto R311 and follow directions from *** above.

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<u>**NOORD-KAAP 2 HVJ**</u>: ***03 – 04 Apr 2020*** **"Klipfontein", SUTHERLAND**
<u>Inskrywingsfooi</u>: **R70/hond/paar/lopie** <u>Sluitingsdatum</u>: **17 Mar 2020!**
<u>Begintyd</u>: Afhangend van inskrywings <u>Beoordelaar/s</u>: Later bekend
<u>Baan</u>: Standaard vir Beginners, Juniors & Seniors – tyd afhangend van baan en weer. Top Honde – later bekend.
<u>Inskrywings met fooie en betalingsbewys (EFT) vooraf na</u>: *Pippa Philip – +28 050 0373 /+27 83 392 1956 / ajfp@isales.co.za. PM Philip – Nedbank Caledon, tak 198 765, Rekening 1470 049 600*
<u>Akkommodasie</u>: EIE BESPREKINGS ASB
Nicol & Marina - +27 23 571 2631 **of Rina -** +27 23 571 2565 / +27 63 266 6405
<u>Spyseniering</u>: Selfsorg-kombuis beskikbaar. Aandetes (later bekend) – bespreek asb by Rina vd Merwe **-** +27 23 571 2565 / +27 63 266 6405
<u>Rigtingaanwysings</u>: Neem Matjiesfontein-pad vanaf Sutherland en volg "Blesfontein" aanwysings tot by "Klipfontein" – 2km vanaf Blesfontein Gasteplaas en 24km vanaf Sutherland.
<u>Waarskuwing:</u> Moet asb nie u honde op Blesfontein laat loop nie aangesien daar periodiek gif opgetel word – Klipfontein is egter veilig.

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"All glory comes from daring to begin." – Eugene F Ware

NOORD-KAAP 3 HVJ: *07 – 08 Mei 2020* *UPINGTON*

Inskrywingsfooi: **R70/hond/paar/lopie** Sluitingsdatum: **24 Apr 2020!**

Begintyd: Afhangend van inskrywings Beoordelaar/s: Later bekend

Baan: Standaard vir almal.

Inskrywings: KONTANT BY BAAN – Jas Liebenberg – +27 82 579 3861

Akkommodasie: EIE BESPREKINGS ASB - www.lekkeslaap.co.za

Gastehuise – *Ditsem Gasteplaas; Die Kalaharihuis; Alimento Guesthouse* – reël spesifiek vir honde.

Kampering – Jas Liebenberg – +27 82 579 3861

Spysenering: Ligte verversings (koffie, tee, beskuit, worsbroodjies) daagliks by baan beskikbaar.

Aandetes (bespreek by Jas Liebenberg) – *Woens – Braai @ R100p/p; Don – Potjiekos @ R100p/p; Vry – Braai @ R100p/p*

Rigtingaanwysings: 15km vanaf Upington op die Upington-Keimoes-hoofroete – teerpad. Volg tekens tot by baan.

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Dear SASDA Members

We are hoping to see you in Zim this year and again would like to make it as easy as possible for you to attend. As you will know from those who have visited Zim we have a beautiful country, which has its issues being Africa, but is generally a very friendly place with much to offer.

1. **The trip up:** I would suggest travelling together to make the border easier but not essential if anyone wants to come or go at a different time. It may be a good idea to overnight in Louis Trichardt at a pet friendly venue like *The Ultimate Guest House* and reach the border early so it's not too hot. I can contact them once I know numbers and also find out about their camping facilities for those who may prefer that option. There are also other pet friendly places between Johannesburg and Harare that we can recommend. **Once you are through the border someone can be organised to meet you and travel up with you. The distance is approx. 600km, but slower than SA side due to no dual highway**.
2. **Car requirements:** Most of our car requirements are the same as yours and some of our rules do not apply to foreign registered cars. If you would like to know all the rules and all the fines possible go to www.bigsky.co.za for the cubbyhole notes! There is nothing that's difficult and remember you will have an escort, but the police are very similar on both sides of the border!
3. **Border requirements:** No visa is required on a SA Passport. To help we can have a friendly clearing agent to guide you through. The border can be a bit confusing but has speeded up considerably and the agent will keep you on the right path.
4. **Dog papers:** (All part of SADAC region) You just need a **movement permit from a vet and the most important thing is the rabies** (has to have been done within the last year and not less than 30 days before obtaining the movement permit.) You do not have to do anything on the SA side going through. On the Zim side you just need to go and see the vet official and he will fill out a form and charge you $5 per car for the trouble. I would suggest not bringing any non trialing dogs to keep things simple and economical.
5. **Currency:** Any cash. Most things can be paid by credit card (visa etc)
6. **Costs:** We will accommodate anyone making the trip. Entries will be normal as in SA.
7. **Trial:** Will be run to SASDA rules with a SASDA judge.
8. **Holiday options:** Eg Victoria Falls, Nyanga, Kariba. Anyone able to make more of a holiday and visit other destinations should try. I am happy to offer my kennels if they are wanted or needed.

Rose vd Ruit – Sheepdog Association of Zimbabwe

ZIMBABWE 1 DOY: *20 – 21 May 2020* **MACHEKE / HARARE**
ZIMBABWE 2 DOY: *23 – 24 May 2020* **"Bramber Farm", RUWA**
Entry Fee: **R70/dog/brace/run** Closing date: **07 May 2020!**
Starting time: Entry dependent Judge/s: To be advised
Course: Standard for Beginners, Juniors, Seniors. Top Dogs – to be advised
Entries: CASH AT VENUE - *Rose vd Ruit – rosevdr@gmail.com*
Accommodation & Booking: All visitors will be hosted by Zim members close by. Contact *Rose vd Ruit – rosevdr@gmail.com*
Catering: Available at venues. Evening meals with hosts or at venues.
Directions: From Harare go out on the Mutare Rd, at the 28,5km peg, turn left down Goromonzi Rd, travel for 1,5km to the Van de Ruit driveway (Bramber Farm) on the right. Pin drops on request. Visitors will be escorted to the away venue from here.

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WP 1 HVJ: *06 – 07 Jun 2020* **"Rhenosterfontein", WITSAND**
Inskrywingsfooi: **R70/hond/paar/lopie** Sluitingsdatum: **22 Mei 2020!**
Begintyd: Afhangend van inskrywings Beoordelaar/s: Later bekend
Baan: Standaard vir Beginners, Juniors & Seniors. Top Honde – later bekend.
Inskrywings met fooie en betalingsbewys (EFT) na: *Pippa Philip – +28 050 0373 /+27 83 392 1956 / ajfp@isales.co.za. PM Philip – Nedbank Caledon, tak 198 765, Rekening 1470 049 600. (R30 ekstra indien kontant gedeponeer word asb). VERW – u naam.*
Akkommodasie: EIE BESPREKINGS ASB
Witsand Tourism Information Center - +27 28 537 1010 / +27 82 922 9905 / www.witsand.com
LET WEL: Moenie blyplek aan die Infanta-kant van die rivier bespreek nie – daar is nie 'n brug nie. Daar blyk heelwat troeteldier-vriendelike selfsorg-plekke in Witsand te wees.
Spyseniering: Later bekend.
Rigtingaanwysings: Vanaf N2, neem die R322 (naby Heidelberg) na Witsand. By die 4-rigting stop in Witsand, draai REGS op die grondpad (R324). Ry verby 'n melkplaas op die regterkant tot by Rhenosterfontein (4.5km vanaf 4-rigting-stop). Volg tekens tot by die baan.

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WP 2 HVJ: *10 – 11 Jun 2020* **"Kinko", BUFFELJAGSRIVIER**
Inskrywingsfooi: **R70/hond/paar/lopie** Sluitingsdatum: **22 Mei 2020!**
Begintyd: Afhangend van inskrywings Beoordelaar/s: Later bekend
Baan: Standaard vir Beginners, Juniors & Seniors. Top Honde – later bekend.
Inskrywings met fooie en betalingsbewys (EFT) na: *Pippa Philip – +28 050 0373 /+27 83 392 1956 / ajfp@isales.co.za. PM Philip – Nedbank Caledon, tak 198 765, Rekening 1470 049 600. (R30 ekstra indien kontant gedeponeer word asb). VERW – u naam.*
Akkommodasie: EIE BESPREKINGS ASB
Swellendam Toerisme – www.visitswellendam.co.za
Spyseniering: Streng self-versorgend
Rigtingaanwysings: ***Vanaf N2:*** Draai suid by die BP Garage in Buffeljags, volg die tekens vir 5km en draai links in na die baan. Buffeljagsrivier is 10km vanaf Swelendam aan George-kant.

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WP 3 DOY: *13 – 14 Jun 2020* **"Skeiding Guest Farm", HEIDELBERG WC**
Entry Fee: **R70/dog/brace/run** Closing date: **22 May 2020!**
Starting time: Entry dependent Judge/s: To be advised
Course: Standard for Beginners, Juniors, Seniors – time according to course. Top Dogs – to be advised

Entries with fees & proof of payment to: *Pippa Philip – +28 050 0373 /+27 83 392 1956 / ajfp@isales.co.za. PM Philip – Nedbank Caledon, branch 198 765, Account 1470 049 600 (R30 extra if depositing cash, please.) REF – your name.*
Accommodation: OWN BOOKINGS PLEASE
Skeiding Guest Farm - +27 82 451 4965 / skeiding@easycoms.co.za
More info to follow. ***Do not stay in Barrydale – too far away***.
Catering: To be advised.
Directions: ***From the Heidelberg WC:*** On N2 drive 21.5km towards Cape Town/Swellendam. Turn RIGHT opposite Slangrivier turnoff (Skeiding is signposted). Follow signs to Guest Farm.
From Swellendam: Approx 43km along N2 towards George, turn LEFT opposite Slangrivier turnoff (Skeiding is signposted). Follow signs to Guest Farm.

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WP 4 (Hill Trial): ***04 – 05 Aug 2020*** **"Jakkalskloof", SWELLENDAM**
Entry Fee: **R70/dog/brace/run** Closing date: **20 Jul 2020!**
Starting time: Entry dependent Judge/s: To be advised
Course: Standard for Beginners, Juniors, Seniors. Top Dogs – to be advised
Entries with fees & proof of payment to: *Pippa Philip – +28 050 0373 /+27 83 392 1956 / ajfp@isales.co.za. PM Philip – Nedbank Caledon, branch 198 765, Account 1470 049 600. (R30 extra if depositing cash, please.) REF – your name.*
Accommodation: OWN ARRANGEMENTS
Catering: Sponsored light finger lunch both days.
Directions: From Swellendam proceed for 12km on R60, venue on right. From Ashton proceed for 32km on R60, venue on left. GPS: S33.9949 E20.3213

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WP 5 HVJ: ***07 – 08 Aug 2020*** **"Watergat", RIVERSDAL**
Inskrywingsfooi: **R60/hond/paar/lopie** Sluitingsdatum: **21 Jul 2020!**
Begintyd: Afhangend van inskrywings Beoordelaar/s: Later bekend
Baan: Standaard vir Beginners, Juniors & Seniors – tyd afhangend van baan. Top Honde – later bekend.
Inskrywings met fooie en betalingsbewys na: *Pippa Philip – +27 28 050 0373 /+27 83 392 1956 / ajfp@isales.co.za. PM Philip – Nedbank Caledon, tak 198 765, Rekening 1470 049 600. (R30 ekstra indien kontant gedeponeer word asb). VERW – u naam.*
Akkommodasie: EIE BESPREKINGS ASB
Riversdale Tourism – +27 28 754 2602 / riversdale@hessequa.co.za / www.riversdaler.co.za
Spyseniering: Later bekend.
Rigtingaanwysings: ***Vanaf Swellendam:*** Neem N2 na Riversdal, ry deur die dorp en draai REGS, net verby die Wimpy/Petrolstasie, na "Vermaaklikheid/Kwanokathula". ** Ry ongeveer 7km op grondpad tot by vurk, hou links na "Swartheuwel". Ry 'n verdere 6km tot by vurk, hou links na "Swartheuwel" en ry 3km. Draai LINKS by T-aansluiting, ry 1km en draai REGS by "Watergat". Volg pad vir 1km tot by bloekombome en draai REGS na baan.
Vanaf Mosselbaai: Neem N2 na Riversdal. Draai LINKS by ingang van dorp, net voor die Wimpy/Petrolstasie, na "Vermaaklikheid/Kwanokathula". Volg aanwysings vanaf ** soos bo.
Onthou – die baan is aan die see-kant van Riversdal.

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"Baie min is nodig vir 'n gelukkige lewe; dit lê alles binne jouself, in jou manier van dink." – Marcus Aurelius

SA CHAMPIONSHIP ***01 – 04 Oct 2020*** **"Grootvlei", CALEDON**

Entries to: *SASDA – +27 78 439 0329 /sasda@jenny.co.za* Closing date: **30 August 2020!!**

All other information to be advised

Directions: ***From Cape Town:*** Take N2 to Caledon, stay on N2, 18km beyond Caledon, turn LEFT to Greyton. Travel 3.5km on gravel road to Grootvlei Farm and follow signs to venue.

From Riviersonderend: On N2, 30km beyond Riviersonderend, turn RIGHT to Greyton (3rd turnoff to Greyton from Riviersonderend). Travel 3.5km on gravel road to Grootvlei Farm and follow signs.

GPS: 34°10'36.34"S / 19°36'15.04"E

Accommodation: *Greyton* (20km gravel road) – Greyton Tourism Bureau – +27 28 254 9414 / 9564 / www.greyton.net. *Caledon* (18km tar and 3.5km gravel road) – Caledon Tourism Bureau – +27 28 212 3282 / tourism@twk.org.za / www.caledontourism.com

Catering: At the venue on Saturday & Sunday ONLY.

Contact: *Pippa Philip – +27 28 050 0373 / +27 83 392 1956 / ajfp@isales.co.za*
Martie Ferreira – SASDA – +27 78 439 0329 /sasda@jenny.co.za

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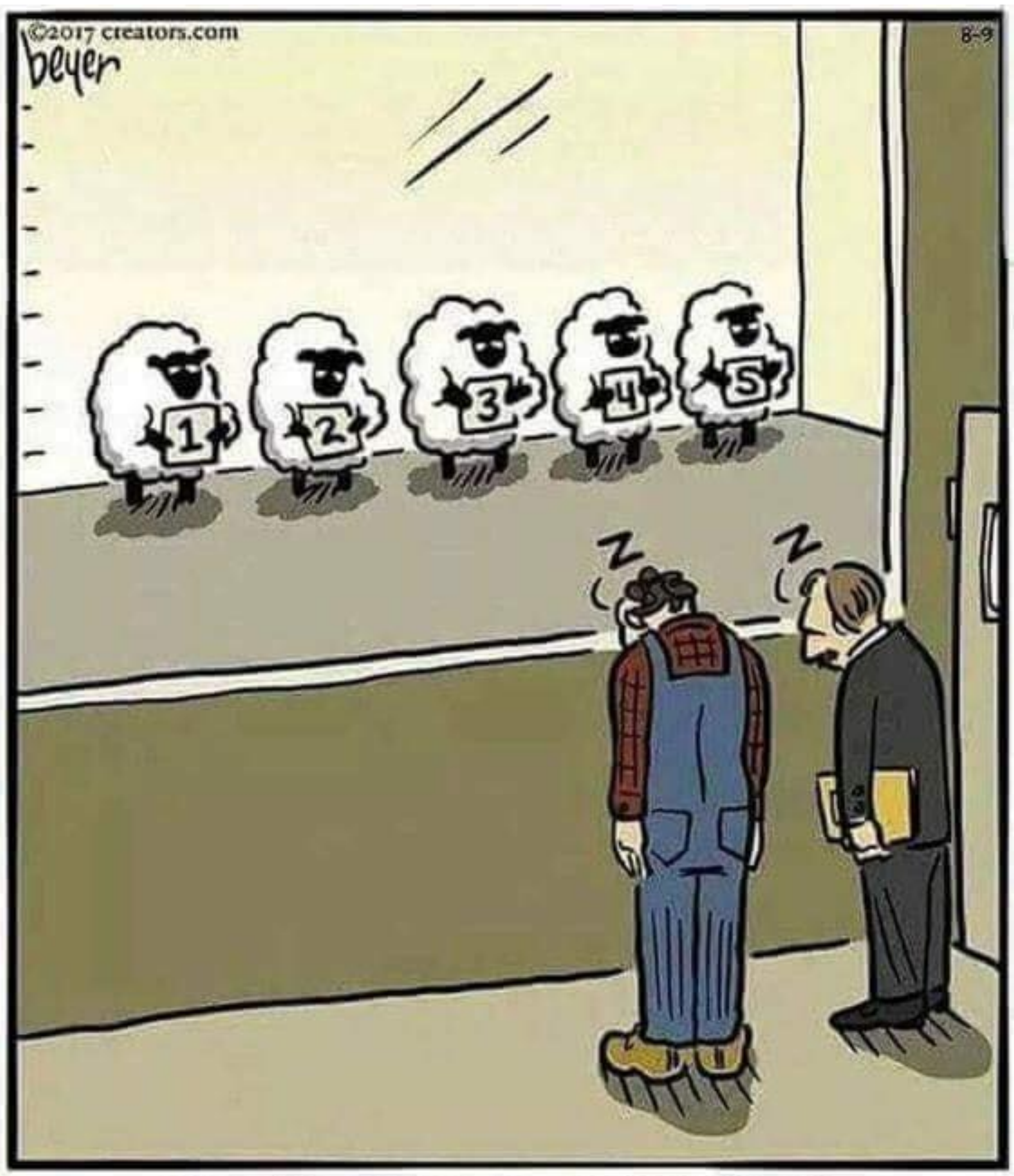
Sent in by Sally Adam



How Sheep Get Away With Murder

BECOMING A BREEDER (Part 2) – *sent in by Anita Basson*

THE RESEARCH PROCESS

Today we have access to so much information and most of your research can be done via internet.

The best place to start your research is through the different kennel clubs and Working Dog Councils. The next place to look for reputable breeders will be at the different show results. All countries have sheepdog trials and searching for dogs with the specific traits you are looking for will be quickly recognized by looking at the results of the shows and or trials.

A very important part of your research should also include health issues. Today DNA tests are more common and cheap. If importing a Border Collie DNA tests can be done for CEA, PRA, PLL, NCL and TNS.

The Australian Kelpie can carry CA, unfortunately there is no DNA test for this decease, therefore is of utmost importance to do thorough research of the bloodlines that you'd be using to develop your own. Researching your dog is the most important and crucial part of developing your bloodline.

When you want to buy a dog keep the next points in mind:
1. Don't go cheap. In truth, the more you spend the better dog you will get. Don't tighten the purse strings, spend more and you will be happier as a result.
2. Make sure you choose your breeder/trainer carefully. Ensure you research his/her work and ensure they are good and successful at training dogs. Ask about the breeders'/trainers' previous training experience and for an example of a dog that they have trained.
3. Again research is key. Make sure and shop around first before any decisions are made. Usually there are sheepdog trials underway, so keep an eye out for the best trained dogs and trainers that keep popping up at these trails.
4. Discuss your requirements thoroughly with the breeder/trainer before purchasing. He/she, once given enough information, should be able to help choose the dog best suited to you and your farm.
5. There are different dogs for different jobs. Choose the breed of dog based on what jobs you have in store for it. Again, asking the breeder/trainer and telling them your requirements will ensure you have chosen the right dog for you.
6. The temperament of the dog is vital. Check the temperament of the dog's parents. A pup's personality tends to be similar to either of its parents. If you are a loud spoken person who tends to shout commands, then it's best to steer clear of a sensitive dog. If a dog is a bit overly hyper, it's probably best not to choose it, as you don't want to stress your livestock. Choose a dog based on its personality, just as you would choose a friend. It is going to be at your side indefinitely after all.
7. Be patient. It takes time for a dog to settle to its new surroundings, team and its new role, so remember to give it time. Within a few months you should have gained its trust, and begin to reap the benefits. Ensuring that you learn the commands exactly as its previous trainer spoke them is vital to avoid confusion and allow for an easier transition.
8. Don't panic. If all fails and you and your new dog don't click, most trainers give you the option to return them after one month. Don't give up, the harder you work with your dog the higher the rewards.

WHAT DO YOU IMPORT?

What you import depends on the type of breeding you want to do. That is why it's so important to do research, overseas and in South Africa. There are four ways to import new bloodlines, namely a puppy, a brood bitch, a pregnant bitch or semen.

It's always nice to have a new puppy, most of the time it's because you can train your puppy to your hand. Most people are under the impression that a puppy bonds with you far better than an adult dog does. This, however, is a myth and should not be the basis of choosing to import a puppy.

One thing that should be considered when choosing to **import a puppy** is the length of time it will spend in a crate. The length of time does have an unpredictable effect on the puppy and can be portrayed in eg noise sensitivity, claustrophobia, shyness, and so on.

The puppy that handles the flight better is normally the more independent puppy who is also harder to train. So, before you import a puppy make sure that this is the best choice and fit for you personally.

I advise that puppies stay at a kennel, which most pet companies have, overnight before picking them up. This will help the puppy settle and calm down. Adult dogs can handle the long flights better than puppies.

I would buy a **brood bitch** that had had at least one litter before I import her. The most economical breeding bitch to import is one that is **already pregnant**. This has its own challenges and risks. The best is to import a bitch that had had more than one litter and had proven to produce strong puppies.

Today, **importing semen** has become more common. Just like the other import options, this also has its pros and cons. This is where communication with vets and breeders is vital. The owner of the dog needs to use an expert in harvesting semen of dogs as well as an experienced vet to do the AI at the correct time.

THE PROCESS OF IMPORTING

After your research and lots of communication and relationship building – which may take a few years – and you deciding to take the leap, the process of importing becomes simple.

Your breeder that you're talking to will decide on the pet travel company they will use. That pet travel company will work with one of the companies in South Africa. The South African company will contact you to apply for an import permit on your behalf. You can apply for the permit yourself at www.daff.gov.za. The department is very helpful and phoning them establishes a personal relationship and speedy assistance. The most expensive part in this process is the plane ticket itself.

The single most important thing when you want to import a new dog is communication and building relationships with the breeders and experts on the breed in the country that you are importing from. Their expertise will help and guide you in choosing the correct dog not only for yourself but also for your new bloodline.

MY LEAP

I am an instructor of people on dog training. After moving to the farm in the Eastern Cape, I saw the need for trained herding dogs amongst the farmers in our area. So I started shopping around for a puppy and doing research on the different breeds available in our country.
I fell in love with the Australian Kelpie, but I was shocked at the inbreeding. This discovery has set my plans on a different path. It took me months to decide on a breed and then my real research started.

I was introduced to a breeder in Australia and we started corresponding via e-mail. I also did a lot of research on the Internet. I discovered that England, Europe (mainly Netherlands), Australia and New Zealand, and America Kennel Clubs, have long lists of breeders. I also discovered that these countries

have sheepdog associations with lists of breeders. All sheepdog trials in these countries are available on the Internet and YouTube.

I made a study and then decided that I wanted to improve the bloodlines of our Australian Kelpies, so I wrote to the Working Kelpie Council of Australia and asked for advice on breeders and import. I was given a list of breeders that had over the years not only produced winners but also sound pups. I started e-mailing one after another and got good response from a few, others were not interested in exporting.

After 18 months of communicating with one breeder, I took the leap and imported a male pup. He was a good puppy but we had to work on a few issues when he arrived. Unfortunately an accident happened and he died at the age of nine months. I was devastated, but these things happen – needless to say I was a bit apprehensive to import the next dog.

At the same time as I was corresponding with the first breeder, I was also corresponding with a second breeder. When she heard of the death of my first pup, she changed my mind. She advised me to import a pregnant bitch from her. It was not her top working brood bitch, but she had produced exceptional puppies. What a wonderful breeder, and someone who wanted to help improve our bloodlines.

There was a waiting period – and lots of "should I, shouldn't I" times – and then the news came: Bitch is in heat. So I gave the go ahead and got the ball rolling.

Then things happened fast, this is when your bank must be able to handle such transactions. For some travel companies you can do online payment, others need bank transfers. The bitch had to fly before 35 days of pregnancy, but the breeder wanted to make sure that she was pregnant. A scan was done at 19 days and the vet confirmed that there were at least 3 pups. The pet travel company was paid the next day, import permit came through the next day, and the South African pet travel company was paid.

Cherry arrived on her 36th day of pregnancy and on 23 October 2018 a wonderful litter of eight, red and tan Australian Kelpies were born. Six pups went to pre-selected SASDA breeders to enhance their respective gene pools, whilst one went to a farm in the Northern Cape and another is set for the agility scene.

I was so grateful for the wonderful help, advice, and friendship from the second breeder. My Aussie girl is not the best herder, but she loves to work, learns quickly and loves her cuddles. *AB*