

### Who we are – Our story

Our family fell in love with the Bullmastiff breed as “a natural result of things”, having bred various other non-mastiff breeds since the 1980’s. We found no other breed which we had experience with to be as instinctively protective, loyal and obedient, yet soft natured, safe, caring and therefore well suited to a family life with young children. Our kennel was established by Johan Smith in 2011.



Once the first litter arrived we simply “got completely hooked on having more Bullmastiffs around”. In 2012 our breeding turned a bit more serious - we soon learnt that breeding these beauties bares its own set of challenges for maintaining the breed standard while covering costs. This led to a lot of research, still ongoing, on what ‘the right pup’ should be.

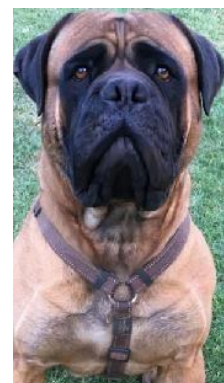


To this, we honestly still have no single answer but the result is that we attempt to conform to the KUSA Bullmastiff breed standard by being highly research-oriented when furthering our bloodlines and following disciplined, planned and health-oriented breeding plans. Johan and Christa Greyling (Previously Sabrushca Bullmastiffs) joined hands in 2013 to better our learning and breeding reresults. The kennel was transferred to Ms.

Sonja Nehring in 2019 on a manage-to-buy-transfer basis. The Nehring family has many years of breeding experience. We all found the Cape Bullmastiff Club to be the club best aligned to our thinking in terms of furthering the breed and therefore, despite being based in the North West, joined the club in 2017 with the hope to be able to collaborate with likeminded professional breeders. Of our 6 lovely (spoilt rotten ;) furry children (2 studs and 4 dams), we attempt to always have 2 dams and 2 studs available to breed with during a 6 month cycle. We usually mate a fawn and red combination and from time-to-time also breed brindles. We produce +-4 litters per year and love to see how our pups become fantastic companions and protectors to many households and breeders – therefore filtering through the many requests for pups to allocate proper homes (even before birth) is of essential importance to us. We regularly publish our research findings and opinions on our website. Our published [Bullmastiff versus Boerboel breed comparison](#) has cited over 2.8 million post reads globally during the last 3 years and we have received hundreds of positive responses from pet-lovers on our “controversial” [article which outlines the thinking on early versus late spaying and neutering of giant breeds](#).



Due to time and distance constraints we have unfortunately not been able to compete in the show ring to date, but we are excited to see the results of new pups and owners now starting to introduce our line to the judges. Because of personal subjectivity, no breeder can be 100% confident of the quality they’ve produced until



they’ve allowed their lines to be scrutinised by those experts qualified to do so. Our definition of breed success resides in continuously learning, maintaining the breed standard and in ultimately breeding pups who will remain with their families and die in the arms of those same families 12 years later. This way we all win!