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## Spring 2025 Bully News



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## **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Welcome to the Spring 2025 Newsletter.

Spring has sprung..... I'm yet to witness that.

The old VHS Club shows, dating back to the late 70's, have now been uploaded to our YouTube Channel. I've scheduled one video every Sunday to be released. The last Video will play on the 14<sup>th</sup> of December. The weekly videos have been getting a lot of views. Some aren't the best quality, with sound and picture issues on some of the older tapes. I had a bit of a chuckle when I noticed one of the people doing the commentary, critiquing the dogs and the handlers. I wonder if she knew she was being recorded at that particular point.....AWKS

We recently held our 2025 November Show weekend out at Bulla. Thank God the Committee made the call, the week leading up to the Show, to hold the event in doors. Saturday it didn't stop raining all day, Sunday was a mixed bag as expected in Melbourne. Although it wasn't a massive turnout, as seems to be the norm for Show these days, Quality over Quantity was certainly on display over the weekend.

Big thanks to our Open Show judge Julia Jones (Vic) & our 3 Championship Show judges Jessica Kada (NSW), Nikki Zullo (NSW) & Kerry Hellsten (Vic).

I'd personally like to thank our Committee, Deb Patterson & John Williams, for making the weekend run smoothly. The Trophy tables for the 4 Shows looked fantastic!

We had some amazing corporate sponsors this year, Bell & Bone, Bestie Health, Chkano Show Supplies, Bullicraft, Bullz N Treats, Vebo Pet, EAC Pet Care, DOG by Dr Lisa, Petzyo Premium Dog food, WAG, Ezydog, LickiMat & Standout Pets. Id also like to thank our personal sponsors, Golburnia Bull Terriers, Chewbacca Bull Terriers, Reklaw Bull Terriers, Sturgis Bull Terriers, Braxstar Bull Terriers, Debzian, Sevuks Bull Terriers, Bulloz Kennels & Villrino Kennels. Thanks to Kerry Hellsten for making some beautiful, framed artwork to be used as trophies. They were gorgeous.

This will be my last Newsletter as President. I've handed in my resignation effective at the conclusion of our AGM in December. I've been on and off committee since the late 1980's holding positions of President, Secretary, Treasurer, Fundraising Officer and social media Officer, among other positions. Now it's time for me to step back, relax and enjoy showing my dogs, without the pressure of running shows. I'm hoping there are members out there who will step up, join the committee and take on the roles which will be vacant.

Anywho, that me tapping out.

Cheers Jen

(BTCV President)..... for now.

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**2026 SHOWS**

**BULLA EXHIBITION CENTRE**

**7TH AND 8TH NOVEMBER 2026**





# Secretary's Report

Dear Members,

This will be my final Secretary's report for the club as after the AGM I will be stepping down from the role to focus my energy and time on other priorities. I have tried very hard to encourage new people into showing and breeding and have managed to get a handful of new people interested but it does seem to be inevitable that things will come to an end with the constant decline in numbers. At least I walk away knowing I promoted the breed and encouraged everyone I could.

I am making sure all the photos of our recent shows are on Facebook, I noticed a few years missing when I was uploading this recent show so I'll try and get that fixed.

Thanks to all who have helped me over the years and good luck to those who follow.

Cheers Deb.



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## Regulation Changes

*Changes to VCA Regulations  
Effective 15 November 2025*

### **PART 6 REGULATIONS – COMMITTEE ELECTIONS AND STANDING ORDERS**

#### **6.1 STANDING ORDERS FOR THE CONDUCT OF A MEETING**

Insert new

6.1.1.1. A member not physically present at a meeting may be permitted to participate in a meeting by the use of audio-visual technology that allows that member and the members present at the meeting to simultaneously communicate both verbally and visually with each other. (i.e. must be on camera at all times during the meeting). Members may be asked to use the mute button during the meeting.

6.1.1.2 A member participating in a meeting as permitted by 6.1.1.1 is taken to be present at the meeting and, if the member votes, is taken to have voted in person.

# agenda

Event: Annual General Meeting

Venue/Meeting Link: Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 892 5178 1960

Passcode: 258385

Date and Time: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 7:30pm 2025

Chair:

Attendees:

Apologies:

Meeting Opened:

Item	Discussion	Action
1	<b><u>Approve Minutes from previous AGM 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024</u></b> Business Arising: Moved: Seconded:	
2	<b><u>Financials</u></b> Treasurer's Report – Audit Report for EOFY 2025 Current Balances Debit Card - \$ Statement - \$ Term Deposit - \$ Moved: Seconded:	
3	<b><u>Committee Reports</u></b> Secretary President	
4	<b><u>Voting on Committee Positions</u></b> President – Treasurer – Secretary - Vice President –	
5	<b>Membership Fee –</b>	
6	<b>National Council Business –</b>	
7	<b>Show Business –</b> NZ show dates 2027	

Meeting closed:



# BTCV Open Show Results 8th November

Judge: Ms Julia Jones

Best In Show (Best Bitch): BRAXSTAR SWEET DEVIL

Runner Up In Show (Best Dog): CH POTENS DREAD FORT

Best Baby Puppy: BULLROY SWEET N SASSY

Best Puppy: BRAXSTAR SWEET DEVIL

Best Junior (RU Dog): CH. ENGUILA BULLY CALLONETT

Best Open: CH POTENS DREAD FORT

RU Bitch (Puppy): LOWDINA SIDE BY SIDE



# BTCV Champ Show Results 8th November

Judge: Ms Jessica Kada

Best In Show: BRAXSTAR MOONSHINEGANGSTA (AI)

Runner Up In Show: CLOWNDOG VIOLET VIPER

Best Baby Puppy: BULLROY SWEET N SASSY

Best Puppy: BRAXSTAR SWEET DEVIL

Best Junior (Challenge Bitch): CLOWNDOG VIOLET VIPER

Best Intermediate (Challenge Dog): BRAXSTAR MOONSHINEGANGSTA (AI)

Opposite Intermediate: CH POTENS NEEDLE

Best Australian Bred (Reserve Challenge Bitch): ZEEJAY IVORY

Best Open (Reserve Dog): CH POTENS DREAD FORT

Opposite Open: CH. STARDOM MERLOT TIPPED DIAMON





# BTCV Champ Show Results 9th November

Judge: Ms Nikki Zullo

Best In Show: BRAXSTAR MOONSHINEGANGSTA (AI)

Runner Up In Show: CLOWNDOG VIOLET VIPER

Best Baby Puppy: BULLROY SWEET N SASSY

Best Puppy (Reserve Bitch): BRAXSTAR SWEET DEVIL

Best Junior (Challenge Bitch): CLOWNDOG VIOLET VIPER

Opposite Junior: CH. ENGUILA BULLY CALLONETT

Best Intermediate (Challenge Dog): BRAXSTAR MOONSHINEGANGSTA (AI)

Opposite Intermediate: CH POTENS NEEDLE

Best Australian Bred: CH. KAHA HIGH ROLLER (AI)

Opposite Australian Bred: ZEEJAY IVORY

Best Open: CH POTENS DREAD FORT

Reserve Dog (Intermediate) STARDOM DEVIL MAY CARE



# BTCV Champ Show Results 9th November

Judge: Mrs Kerry Hellsten

Best In Show: STARDOM DEVIL MAY CARE

Runner Up Best In Show: BRAXSTAR MOONSHINEGANGSTA (AI)

Best Baby Puppy: BULLROY SWEET N SASSY

Best Puppy (Challenge Bitch): BRAXSTAR SWEET DEVIL

Best Junior: CH. ENGUILA BULLY CALLONETT

Opposite Junior: CLOWNDOG VIOLET VIPER

Best Intermediate (Challenge Dog): STARDOM DEVIL MAY CARE

Opposite Intermediate: CH POTENS NEEDLE

Best Australian Bred: CH. KAHA HIGH ROLLER (AI)



Opposite Australian Bred (Reserve Bitch): ZEEJAY IVORY

Best Open: CH POTENS DREAD FORT

Reserve Dog (Intermediate): BRAXSTAR MOONSHINEGANGSTA





 		
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Championship Show 09/11/2025 Mr Sylvan Rousse (France)		
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CHALLENGE DOG \$50	Reklaw BT	CHIKANO SHOW SUPPLIES
RESERVE CHALLENGE DOG \$40	Villrino Kennels	
CHALLENGE BITCH \$50	Sturgis BT	CHIKANO SHOW SUPPLIES
RESERVE CHALLENGE BITCH \$40		
BABY PUPPY \$30	Braxstar BT	CHIKANO SHOW SUPPLIES
MINOR PUPPY \$30	Debzian	CHIKANO SHOW SUPPLIES
PUPPY \$30	Reklaw BT	CHIKANO SHOW SUPPLIES
JUNIOR \$30		CHIKANO SHOW SUPPLIES
INTERMEDIATE \$30	Bullox Kennels	CHIKANO SHOW SUPPLIES
AUSTRALIAN BRED \$30		CHIKANO SHOW SUPPLIES
OPEN \$30		CHIKANO SHOW SUPPLIES
Championship Show 09/11/2025 Mrs Kerry Hellsten (Aus)		
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CHALLENGE DOG \$25	Reklaw BT	CHIKANO SHOW SUPPLIES KERRY HELLSTEN
RESERVE CHALLENGE DOG \$25	Villrino Kennels	KERRY HELLSTEN
CHALLENGE BITCH \$25	Sevaks BT	CHIKANO SHOW SUPPLIES KERRY HELLSTEN
RESERVE CHALLENGE BITCH \$25		KERRY HELLSTEN
TROPHY & SASH		
BABY PUPPY \$30	Braxstar BT	CHIKANO SHOW SUPPLIES
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## THE SIMPLE APPLICATION OF GENETICS WHEN BREEDING

People who are interested in dogs tend to shudder when they hear the word genetics. Geneticists do not set out to blind their fellow mortals with science, but in all scientific subjects there are new words to understand and as a result, the subject has a certain mystique about it. The word genetics simply means the study of heredity and variation in animals (and plants). Heredity is the tendency of like to produce like or, the makeup of organic beings by which offspring have the similarities of parents or ancestors.

Over the years there has been a lot of obscurities written and said about hereditary disease and quite naturally dog breeders have become nervous whenever the word heredity is used. However, the aim of all dog breeders must be to produce pups which are capable of; breathing easily, exercising freely, mating and whelping naturally and living to a reasonably ripe old age whilst fitting into the modern society in which they will have to exist.

The point to understand about inheritance is that it is inevitable. The fact that when a breeder successfully mates a male Staffordshire Bull Terrier to a female Staffordshire Bull Terrier, the puppies are all Staffordshire Bull Terriers, is a perfect example of inheritance. Similarly with any other coupling of dog and bitch of the same breed, the outcome is predictable in that one can say that the pups will be like their parents. It is this point which distinguishes the purebred animal from the mongrel. Purebred puppies will vary within certain very closely outlined limits, but they will all be basically recognisable. On the other hand the products of mating a male Corgi with a female Yorkshire Terrier for example will receive characteristics from their parents, but no two puppies will get exactly the same 'mix', so they will vary tremendously even in the first generation. In the same way other crossbreeds from other breeds will be a bit on the unpredictable side and this is only the first generation.

If taken a little further, when we put the male 'Yorgi' (Corgi x Yorkie) in with a female 'Doodle' (Dachshund x Poodle), the outcome is such as to defy prediction all together! The pups may be quite delightful, healthy and may be the most perfect pets, companions, guards, etc., but one thing they will not be is predictable. And predictability is the purpose of studying genetics as far as pedigree dog breeding is concerned.

We have no right as breeders to bring into the world dogs which have breathing problems as a result of the shape of the heads or the shortness of their noses. We have no right to breed dogs which we know to suffer from skeletal abnormalities of the joints. We have no right to breed from animals which will not mate naturally because of defects of the genitals. We have no right to mate animals when we know that the chances of natural whelping are remote or the offspring will suffer painful defects for their entire life. Similarly, we should not continue to breed a strain of a particular breed which is known to die much younger than the average for that breed, whatever the reason may be.

If you would like to breed dogs you should give the matter a great deal of thought. If you have any idea that there is money to be made out of breeding dogs, forget it. There are a few people who make a commercial success of the venture after great capital outlay, but most of us breed a litter now and then in order to keep our own line going.

'Line-breeding' involves using dogs and bitches with common ancestors in their pedigrees three or four generations back. It is used by the great majority of dog breeders. As a system it will usually help you to evolve the type of dog that you admire, 'fixing' characteristics more slowly over a greater number of generations.

'Outcrossing' uses animals from totally different families. Such a system tends to produce pups which vary greatly, and although the occasional super dog may pop up, there will also be a great number of pretty nondescript ones. Careful introduction of an 'outcross' into a 'line-bred' strain will sometimes bring in qualities which are lacking, but it is not a form of breeding which should be consistently repeated at short intervals.

To review, you should start with as good a bitch as possible and select a dog as her mate on a combination of how his physical virtues and pedigree match with hers. The following is not an exact science, but one thing is certain, whatever the 'mix' between the parents they will each contribute 50 per cent to a puppy's make-up. In the same way, grandparents will have a 25 per cent 'representation' and great grand parents 12 1/2 per cent, and by the fifth generation that one-off Champion in red on the pedigree which somebody will point to so proudly will only be able to lay claim to a mere 6 1/2 per cent contribution.

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We exhibit the ones we keep and this involves travelling all over the country. We pay stud fees, we feed the bitch and hopefully, the pups regardless of expense. We incur veterinary fees and we sell the pups we cannot sustain at prices which seem far too cheap. We keep our bitches from the day they are born to the day they die and the average bitch will only produce pups from the time she is two years old to when she is about seven. Most of them will not have more than two or three litters, if you do your sums on those sort of figures you will soon see that financial gain is the last thing you can look forward to. If your motive is gain, you're in the wrong game!

Once you are certain that you want to breed dogs you should start with a bitch. This may seem obvious, but it is surprising how many people believe that they can start with a dog. Keeping a stud dog is very easy, until you want to use him at stud! For a start, if he has not been 'advertised' in the show ring to prove his quality, who will want to use him? Although the average male dog demonstrates his sexual desires by chasing after and attempting to mate every female in sight, when he is actually presented with a bitch to be mated he often fails to perform appropriately. This may be easy enough for the experienced owner to put right, but is most frustrating for both the novice owner and the dog.

The bitch you are going to start with is hopefully to be the foundation of your kennel, the first of a 'new line'. So, she should be a good specimen of her breed without too many faults. You will be very fortunate indeed if you have bought a top quality bitch as your first, but you should ask an established breeder who is involved with a breed club for an opinion of suitability for breeding. It is pointless commencing with a poor quality animal. If the experts advise you to look for a better bitch, take their advice. In time, you will then need to find an appropriate stud dog as a mate for your bitch. The mere fact that dog and bitch are of the same breed only ensures the resultant puppies to be purebred, it does not guarantee that they will be good specimens. With luck you will have learned by observation and from speaking with experts in the breed any shortcomings of your bitch. Every breed has an official National Kennel Council breed standard which defines the breed and you should compare your bitch against that standard.

For example, if the standard says that the ears should be small, the neck of good length, the coat harsh, the hind legs well angulated, and your bitch has large ears, a short neck, a soft coat and hind legs without angulation, you certainly don't want to breed her to a dog with the same faults. Select a dog who has as few faults as possible and definitely not one who is wrong in the same areas. This is the basic application of genetics.

There are various terms used when describing patterns of breeding:

'In-breeding' indicates that the type of mating has involved close relatives, such as grandfather to granddaughter or half brother to half sister. This system tends to 'fix' the good points quickly in the resultant offspring and their descendants, but it also tends to expose any major faults which the family is carrying. It is a system which some experienced breeders have used with great success and failure. Experienced breeders are well aware of the possible dangers. Inbreeding should not be practised until one is well experienced.





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