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n Bull Terrier is in baie opsigte beter as 'n mens, doen gerus hierdie toetsie vanaand as jy by die huis kom. Vat jou vrou, druk haar in jou kar se boot, vat jou Bullie en druk hom in die ander kar se boot, los hulle daar vir 'n uur, kyk dan wie is die blyste as jy hulle oopmaak



Some more photo's of this great pup at the back

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This Bull Terrier Puppy is currently residing in Kemptonpark with Hein Oosthuizen from Rhizen Kennels. 'Potential' is written all over him. Definitely one for the future.

**Sire: CH. Navada Eye Bandit
Dam: Malycwa Dima Bilon of Rhizen.**

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From Juliet in UK Source: International Bull Terrier Forum

"So you really do believe some of the dogs around at the moment are "fit"? Quite honestly some of those I have gone over recently are FAT. A fit well dog has a pelt that is thick but mobile over it's ribs..these you should be able to feel but not quite see, but an indication of them and some tuck up is required. Most show dogs these days seem to live in crates or kennels. A dog needs time and space to free run every day, at least forty minutes in my opinion. Fact is that fat dogs, like fat people, are unhealthy. I obviously am NOT interested in "fit for purpose"..i.e. dog fighting, but feel that at least a bullie should be capable of ratting or rabbiting as they used to do. I guarantee that the present trend of overweight ,oversize Bull Terriers could do neither without collapsing after maybe twenty minutes! Possibly the present day mini is closer to the old active bully some of us want...they are so quick and intelligent in comparison"



Jock of the Bushveld

Jock of the Bushveld is a true story by [South African author Sir Percy Fitzpatrick](#). The book tells of Fitzpatrick's travels with his Bull Terrier, Jock, during the 1880s, when he worked as a storeman, prospector's assistant, journalist and [ox-wagon transport-rider](#) in the [Bushveld](#) region of the [Transvaal](#) (then the [South African Republic](#)). Fitzpatrick later recounted these adventures as bedtime stories to his four children. [Rudyard Kipling](#), a good friend of Fitzpatrick, also took part in these story-telling evenings and eventually persuaded him to collect these tales in book form. Illustrations for the book were done by

Edmund Caldwell, a brother of [Mary Tourtel](#), creator of [Rupert Bear](#). The book was first published in 1907 and had an extremely warm reception, being reprinted four times in that year alone. Since then it has achieved the status of a classic South African book and has been also widely read abroad - more than one hundred editions have been printed and it has been translated into [Afrikaans](#), [Dutch](#), [French](#), [Xhosa](#) and [Zulu](#), amongst others. Jock was saved by Fitzpatrick from being drowned in a bucket for being the runt of the litter (he would ruin the litter if left with them). Jock was very

By Sir Percy Fitzpatrick
loyal towards Percy, and brave.

He was once enticed to fight a [baboon](#) by Seedling. He killed the baboon in the fight, due to his powerful, stocky build. Jock permanently lost his hearing when a [kudu](#) cow kicked him. This is attributed as one of the main reasons he died, as he could not hear Tom Barnett when he called him, and was mistakenly shot, because he was thought to be the dog killing chickens on the farm (when Jock had meanwhile already killed the other intruding dog).

We are proud to announce that this is our first full year in circulation.

We would like to thank our readers for all the nice letters and comments regarding this journal.

A Happy new year to all !!!!!!!

"40kg dogs are around but they aren't the norm, you can get a nice balanced terrier type male at 28kg and the same for a 36 kg bull type. The key is balance and keeping in with the standard - lets face it weight doesn't come in to it.

Saying that the smaller types are healthier is ridiculous. In my opinion these days many males are too feminine, no spring of rib and no bone, without the heavyweight bull type to use this trait would disappear. I'm a firm believer in fit healthy dogs, so don't put all breeder/exhibitors in that fat show dog category - there should be the impression of maximum substance for size of dog consistent with quality and sex".

From Bullgtrax in UK Source: International Bull Terrier Forum

Are Bull Terriers bred for a purpose or only for the Show Ring ?

By John Roodt

Going into 2010 a new school of thought is making themselves heard rather loud and clear. They are totally against the breeding of oversized heavy Bull Terriers with exaggerated heads. They feel Bull Terriers 1st and foremost should be athletic, fast and strong and unfortunately for them the Show Bull Terrier does not fall into this category. This school of thought has also got the NSPCA and various animal activists as an ally who feel that current breeders are taking it to far these days. To them the only goal some breeders have is to gather as much trophies and rosettes as possible at shows and in the process destroy a once athletic and agile Bull Terrier into a non-functioning mess. They will also tell you that nowadays modern Bull Terrier Breeders are so set on going for exaggerated heads and body mass, that in the process we end up with useless caricatures waddling around show rings with ribbons and ro-

settes attached to them. To quote a follower who falls into this category " The Bull Terrier is often described as the gladiator of the Terrier breeds.....yet in reality the Bull Terrier is no more a gladiator than I am an astronaut!.....Do today,s Walrus type, overly exaggerated cartoon heads really resemble gladiators?"

A trend is developing where more and more people world wide are distancing themselves from Show Bull Terriers and the dog show scene in general. The BBC "boicott" of Crufts Dog Show in 2009 also played into the hands of the anti-show dog brigade. This being said we do live in a different era and perhaps we must accept the Bull Terrier is no longer bred for a specific purpose, other than to look good in the Show Rings of the world or perhaps just lying around as the family pet at home. The other school of thought would

be your current breeders who feel the present day Bull Terrier is a far more powerful and compact specimen with a sound temperament and no real detrimental health issues. They will tell you the Bull Terrier were never bred to run around all day but instead these days is meant to be a companion dog. My personal experience is if exercised regularly, the present day Bull Terrier is an active, energetic specimen with more than adequate athletic ability. To conclude going into the next 10 years or so the challenge for breeders will be to ensure they turn out nice well proportioned Bull Terriers which enhances the impression that they were bred for a purpose. In the process we should keep in mind that a group of people world wide are gunning for the breeders of show dogs and lets not give them the ammunition to shoot at us.

New Clues To Extinct Falklands Wolf Mystery

ScienceDaily (Nov. 3, 2009) — Ever since the Falklands wolf was described by Darwin himself, the origin of this now-extinct canid found only on the Falkland Islands far off the east coast of Argentina has remained a mystery. Now, researchers reporting in the November 3rd issue of Current Biology who have compared DNA from four of the world's dozen or so known Falklands wolf museum specimens to that of living canids offer new insight into the evolutionary ancestry of these enigmatic carnivores.

"One of the big draws for an evolutionary biologist is that this species had a big influence on Darwin's ideas about how species evolve," said Graham Slater of the University of California, Los Angeles, noting that Darwin recognized differences between the East Falkland and West Falkland wolves as evidence that species are not fixed entities. But the wolves' circumstances were also just downright puzzling.

"It's really strange that the only native mammal on an island would be a large canid," Slater explained. "There are no other native terrestrial mammals -- not even a mouse. It's even stranger when you consider that the Falklands are some 480 kilometers from the South American mainland. The question is, how did they get there?"

Possible explanations for the wolves' presence on the islands, which have never been connected to the South American mainland, range from dispersal by ice or logs to domestication and subsequent transport by Native Americans. Ultimately, the Falklands wolf died out because it was perceived as a threat to settlers and their sheep, although fur traders took out a lot of the population as well.

Biologists have also puzzled over the Falklands wolf's ancestry. It had been suggested that they were related to domestic dogs, North American coyotes, or South American foxes. Slater said the wolves were the size of a coyote, but much stockier, with fur the color of a red fox. They had short muzzles, just like gray wolves, and thick, woolly fur.

Slater's team now reports that the Falklands wolf's closest living relative is actually the maned wolf -- an unusually long-legged, fox-like South American canid. The researchers also found that the four Falklands wolf samples that they examined shared a common ancestor at least 70,000 years ago, which suggests that they arrived on the islands before the end of the last ice age and before humans ever made it into the New World. That rules out the prevailing theory that Native Americans had anything to do with their presence on the islands.

"The biggest surprise was that the divergence of the Falklands wolf from its closest living relative, the maned wolf, occurred over 6 million years ago," Slater said. "Canids don't show up in the South American fossil record until 2.5 million years ago, which means these lineages must have evolved in North America. The problem is that there are no good fossils that can be assigned to the Falklands wolf lineage in North America."

Given that maned and Falklands wolves split so long ago, there should be fossils of their close relatives in South America, Slater said. And in fact, the researchers may have a candidate: a species from Patagonia called *Dusicyon avus*, which went extinct 6,000 to 8,000 years ago. Slater says that's a possibility that study coauthor Alan Cooper at the University of Adelaide in Australia is further investigating now.

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Extinct Falklands Wolf

"Of course you have to look at the **WHOLE** dog, not just the weight but that goes both ways I think. We all know that they are getting bigger by the day (and higher on their legs too) and a heavier dog can lose the terrier-part which is as bad as losing the bull-part. We want them to look like a bull-and-terrier, not like a bull-and-elephant."

By Bella from Angel Bullies



"Doesn't the weight of the dog depend on the frame of the dog, it's not about how heavy they are it's how they carry it that matters"

A quote out of England

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Author Unknown

A quote from Nadia a Bully Lover in Rumania:

"For me a bully must have:

- 2 things long: neck and tail
- 2 things short: topline and face
- 2 things small: ears and eyes
- 2 things wide: chest and nose
- 2 things deep: body and skull
- 2 things thick: head and legs
- 2 things big...(only if it's male)"

