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A Tribute to David 2007-2009 R.I.P

My mom started to write this, but she really struggled, so I took over. It's still very hard for her, even though she seems so brave. It worries me a LOT because since I left, she's had an ache in her heart and I hate it when she hurts. I actually hate it when anybody hurts but especially my ma and my sister, Peppa. Ahh shame, my ma used to call her "Littlest". I remember all the special things mom said and did so well - like taking us to Walkhaven.

Woohoo It's Sunday morning. She takes out the blue monkey rucksack (I ate half of the chaff-chaff monkey, Andy, and he looks funny, but she still likes her bag charm this way. Me and Peppa - yissee! - we go mal. Peppa yelps and I charge into the car. That's all I have to do. My ma does the rest. She packs: pink bandanna, pink collar for when my bandanna gets dirty, Peppa's biscuits, our hiltong, sunblock. She thinks about Beers but decides she'll get cold ones at Walkhaven and frowns as she hopes dad won't have too many tequilas with Colin this time

Haha - as my mom gets to the car she realises she left the door open again last night. I don't care - it's cool because I'm already keeping watch on the front seat. My mom always has to help "Littlest" into the back. She's such a cute Corgi sister! Her legs are short and she can't jump... plus she's a little bit chubby ... awww I wuvyoo Peppa!

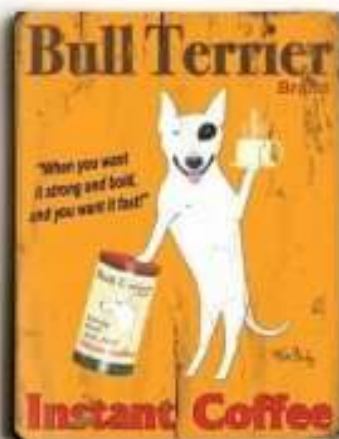
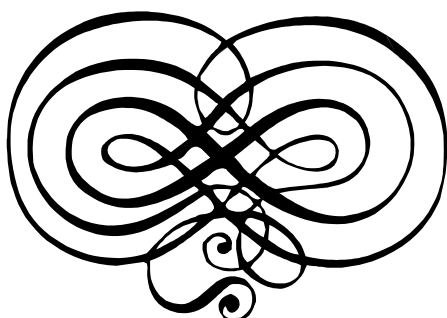
Now driving is a serious matter for me. I sit upright like a soldier cos I really don't think you should mess around in a car, and if you drink and drive you will get caught or have a smash, so our mom and dad always make sure they don't do this. Well, at least not while us kids are in the car. Imagine if something happened?! Anyway, I sit in the front seat and take everything in and I get so excited when someone approaches the car. My tail wags like crazy.. This oke has roses to sell. I eat those! Mom says no thanks, not today Awwwww m-o-m Yissy, suddenly the rose man gets a skrik from something in our car and he nearly summersaults over the roof. He looks quite pale and sick. I wonder what he saw? Shame man, I hope he'll be okay. He seems terrified. And now all the other people are giving the car a wide berth too! Eeeuw, what's going on I wonder it's scary. Just as well we're near Walkhaven. Mom can check out the car when we get there to see what frightened everybody like that. Maybe it's Peppa scaring them. As I said, she is a little chubby girl.



David

Owner: Mieks Bohmer ; Bred by: George & Helia Herbst

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David Part 2 (continued from page 1)

It's very exciting as we turn onto the little sand road that leads to Walkhaven, I jump onto my mom's lap; got to get through this window! She stops and opens up, I fly out "YEEE HAAA!!!!!!!" but Peppa needs mom to help her cos she's small. I race up to a dear little Yorkie. His mom and dad panic. Dunno why, but they grab him up and I don't even get a chance to say howzit properly. I hear them asking my ma "Does he attack?" Huh? What does that mean, ma? Please-please-please tell me what's 'attack'? And also that other big word we always hear: aggressive. Ag man, there are too many words - "bite, lock jaws, kill," and "fight" to explain to me now - we can wait for another time cos I'm off to the bar. I LOVE it there, even though I don't drink beer or anything (just water and milk sometimes). Here comes my ma with biltong to bribe me to go sit with them under the tree - hah! No way, ma! Give it to this cute little Jack Russell here next to me. His name is Jonty! Cool, hey? But his mom seems cross about something and then Jonty gets cross and takes it out on me FFS! What did I do?!! I friggin hate trouble so I'm getting outta here. I join the Labrador at the pub counter.

Every time we go to Walkhaven mom and dad grab a few Castles and take a walk down to the pond. She calls and calls my name, which is David by the way, but I don't wanna go with. I walk funny down there. Mom says it looks like I'm walking on egg shells, but the grass tickles my feeties! And anyway, everyone is so woes. Running and jumping into the water and stuff like that ... what if they DROWN?!! It's just too wild for me. I dig it in the bar. Besides, no one's interested in meeting and playing with me or anything cos they're too busy fetching balls and stuff.

Oh ja ... my name. Lots of people ask my ma about it. They think it's weird. Wonder why? It's perfect! My ma has a letter I know what!! She says it's precious, so I'll ask her to put it here as well, okay?

Even though I don't really want to leave the pub, I have to put in some effort for them. I mean, they do so much for me and Peppa. So I follow them, but ooooooh my feeties are ticklish. Mom hangs back waiting for me so she can wipe my face - again!. What's wrong with a bit of slobber anyway? I only do it at Walkhaven because I LOOOOVE it here. It's the best place in the whole wide world.

Here comes that sweet little girl with thick curly hair "Tannie, hoekom dra jou hond pienk? Is hy nie 'n seuntjie nie?". (THAT's a good question, I wish I knew too. I'm a BOY and boys wear BLUE, not pink. It's not such a lekker colour for a boy.) I kiss her again and again - she loves me and pats me and I love her back and she keeps talking to my ma: "Tannie, hy lyk so bietjie soos 'n varkie. Hoekom het hy Chinese oë?". She pats me some more and I kiss her again. I'm in heaven.

This is going through my mom's mind: "How do I explain to this dear girl that the pink is to signal to people that he is not aggressive? It never even crossed her mind, sigh Oh, why can't everyone be like this beautiful, innocent child?" But she's thinking those big words again that I don't understand - maybe she thinks I'm a moffie?

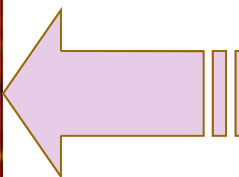
Then she tells cutie-pie it's to match her pretty pink dress and we all walk together. Cutie-pie really loves me. I'm concentrating on not giggling as I walk cos my feeties are ticklish again.

HEY! Check who's here - a Bullie cuzz! Wow, she's a stunner! But a different colour. Not white like me. Maybe she doesn't bath or shower with her ma like I do. Mom even opens the tap for me when I climb into the bath so I get fresh water before sleepies time. I like the water out the tap. It cools my nose. Peppa does not mind the water in the silver bowl, but it is not nice and cold. Doesn't matter - this Bullie cuzz is HOT!

She's such fun and I charge off after her to the pond. I even forget my tickles for a minute. Ag no man They are chasing the ball into the water. Let's blow this pop stand! I'm ducking back to the bar. If she digs me, she'll meet me there. Else I'll just shoot the breeze with the other bar-flies. BUT if another fight breaks out, I'm gone. The last time two bruisers had a punch up I shot into the bathroom until it was all over. It's so childish to fight and argue. Plus it ruins my nerves.

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Eyona Star At Aricon
What a comeback for Eric Stanley!!
The best comeback since Sugar Ray Leonard beat Marvin Hagler on points way back in 1988 for the World Middleweight Boxing Title.

David Part 3 (Continued from page 2)

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"Why this one? Why him? WHY?"

Though reeling from the loss of one so vital to my days
I wear my scar secretly and drift through life's great maze
Passing minutes turn to hours to mark my time alone
then lightening streaks across the room to touch my heart of stone
the answer comes so violently like a hammer to my chest

I, who had the nerve to think that I would know what's best
The sky opened up it's eyes with a great torrent of rain
A silent voice wrapped in thunder

"Mieks, I know your pain
I asked those questions too

Before I sent his soul to you"

David is a legend. An icon. We'll plant an apple tree at Walkhaven (he loved apples) and place a bench beneath it where people can reflect. On many things – and on a Bull Terrier named David, who through his gentle ways and meek nature, changed the negative perception many had of this beautiful breed. And a dog who packed in 15 years into his short life of 2 years, 8 months.

We love you Davie. Shine on.

Till we meet again



A Letter from David

09 April - 05 December 2009

She held me against her heart
I heard her ask our Lord
All the angels and saints send special people to care for and protect me
The scripture she opened read

Behold, I am coming soon!
My reward is with me
And I will give to everyone according to what he has done
I, Jesus, have send my angel
To give you this testimony
I am the root and the offspring
of David, and the bright morning Star

A Letter from George and Helia Herbst

1. The one named David is gentle and loving
 2. He is meek of nature
 3. Because he is easily scared by loud noises, he will have to receive love in abundance by his new parents, Mieks & Gary
 5. He will be loving and kind to everybody under all circumstances
 6. The only time he will ever cause pain and sorrow is when he is called home and that day will come to soon
- Still, no matter what, from this day we will become as one under your guidance and love

Yours lovingly

Highlawn David of Kingstonia Saturday 09 June 2007

END

The Top Bull Terrier in Chile.....The South African influence played a big part

From Chile, the best Bull Terrier 'Bonami Onasis'' By Marcos Fonseca

In this note I want to present and briefly recount the history of a bull terrier, called Onasis Bonami. "Jack" is his pet name. He is in my opinion and that of most Bull Terrier lovers and breeders perhaps the best of the past 5 years in my country Chile (South America)

Bonami Onasis "Jack" was born on 07 of February 2005, inside a kennel called Bonami in the city of Santiago de Chile, "Jack" is the son of a Spanish male Vikingo de Lord Bull (Multi Ch. *Lubjan Rock and Stone X Ch. Centuria Black Satin*) and a Argentinean bitch Ch Canquimera de Coraje (Ch. *Ley de Coraje X Ch. Thaly de Coraje*). The pairing of these two Bull Terriers were done in the city of Buenos Aires (Argentina), thanks to the efforts of Mr. Ruben Riera (handler Bonami Kennel dogs) and Mr. Javier Peraccini (owner of the kennel Peracho)

"Jack" was part of a large litter, and believed it or not the last one to be homed. The kennel Bonami was visited by many people. Many people were anxious to see the results of the mentioned mating. For some strange reason people did not realise the potential of Jack and he was never considered as prime stock.

Jack" finally found a new home, at the suggestion of Mr. Ruben Riera . He was purchased by Mr. Horacio Menares. "Jack" was originally purchased to make it a companion dog and family pet. Mr. Horacio Menares fortunately had an eye for a good Bull Terrier. He saw the potential that this specimen had and decided to take Jack and venture with him into the world of dog shows.

Onasis Bonami's first participation in the show ring was done in a big way, because their debut was for the First Specialized Bull Terrier Show in November 2005. This show was judged by Mr. Edd E. Bivin (USA). 54 for Bull Terriers entered this show. Onasis Bonami 'Jack' in this occasion competed and was handled by Mr. Ruben Riera,. He managed to achieve BISS in the young dog category. This pair of "Onasis Bonami and Ruben Riera", continued to participate together for several years and became a very formidable duo and almost unbeatable.

Among the achievements of Onasis Bonami, include:

BISS category young at the First Specialized bull terrier of 2005

Best young breed, ranking Kennel Club Chile 2005

Best young breed, ranking Kennel Club Chile 2006

Best of the breed, ranking Kennel Club Chile 2006

Best of the breed, ranking Kennel Club Chile 2007

Best of the breed, ranking Kennel Club Chile 2008

Chilean Young Champion

Chilean Champion

Chilean Grand Champion

Argentine Champion

Latin American Champion

International Champion

Opposite Sex in the Second Specialized Bull Terrier of 2008

BISS Third Specialized Bull Terrier Of 2009

Winner of SICALAM

Besides being an extraordinary show dog (as their accomplishments behind them clearly shows),he is also a great stallion [Stud] that brings his great characteristics to his offspring.

Ch. Muñeca Brava de Chilcan (CH. ONASIS BONAMI y CH. EL RENACER DE CHILCAN)

Ch. Mamba Canis Major (CHI ONASIS BONAMI y CH MINY WHITE HORSE)

Ch. Rex Canis Major (CHI ONASIS BONAMI y CH MINY WHITE HORSE)

Ch. Jazmin Gargola Bull (CH. ONASIS BON-AMI y CH. AMANDA SANTA CAROLINA)

Ch. Camelia Gargola Bull (CH. ONASIS BON-AMI y CH. AMANDA SANTA CAROLINA)

Ch. Leonidas Gargola Bull (CH. ONASIS BON-AMI y CH. AMANDA SANTA CAROLINA)

To conclude it is very important to highlight the work of two other people , Ms. Marianela Mañan and Miss Valentina Menares Mañan (wife and daughter of Mr. Horacio Menares). They were very much behind the Show and Breeding success of Onasis Bonami' . They are proof that with the support of your close family members a lot can be achieved in the Show Ring.

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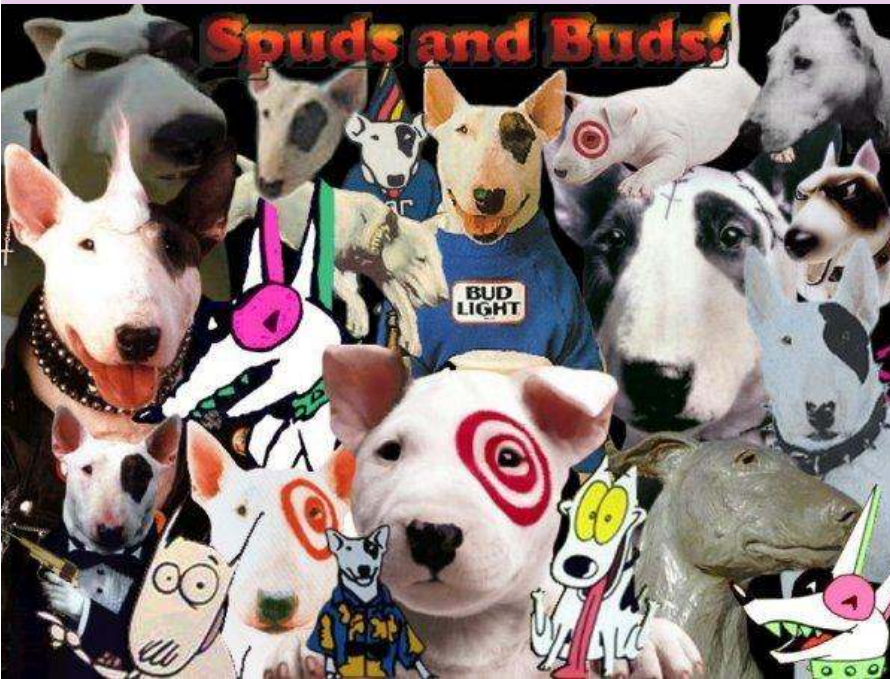
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Some fun Bully Pics



On type preference from Gary Lee Davies

"I used to love the Aricon dogs...they were IMO just the right size...they were the more athletic type BT with plenty of drive...and not like these Heavyweight couch potato's we are seeing trotting round the show ring now days"

