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## Lubjan Le Patron of Niroux - The most talked about Bull Terrier in South Africa at the moment.

By John Roodt

It seems Rumania,s loss is a huge gain for Bull Terriers in South Africa. This Bull Terrier was initially exported but had to be returned from the Netherlands to South Africa. Reason being that the prospective Rumanian Buyers ran into some beraucracy and red tape with regards to Import regulations. Lubjan Le Patron of Niroux is considered to be an absolute gem and his show results speak volumes. A youngster based on the East Rand, who this author considers to have an extremely good eye for a dog initially told me about this Bull Terrier which he saw at the recent ETBTC Bull Terrier Show. In his mind this Bull Terrier is a class above any Bull Terrier male he has seen recently and it seems his judgement was spot on. Gary Evangelides also awarded him Best in Show at the ETBTC Championship show in May.

Lubjan Le Patron of Niroux oozes class and his head quality and substance are out of this world. There are quite a few Bull Terriers around with strong heads at the moment but in this particular case we have a nice smooth head which complies to the egg shape the standard calls for without any indentations or coarseness. One prominent South African judge considers this Bull Terrier to be the best ever bred in South Africa. This is a mouthful and only time will tell.

Lubjan Le Patron of Niroux also won a Best Of Breed award at an all Breed Show under Greg Eva and yes he is an impressive specimen who stands out in any competition under all round and specialist judges.

The Europeans must be kicking themselves for losing this Bull Terrier to South Africa.....Why he was exported in the 1<sup>st</sup> place should also be questioned as we can not afford to lose such quality. Now lets hope we hold onto this gem! For those of you who have been wondering. His Sire is Multi Ch. Lubjan Rock & Stone and the Dam is Booksale Mayflower of Lubjan.

Here underneath the Critiques on Lubjan Le Patron by Gary Evangelides after his recent win at the ETBTC Championship show in Bedfordview, Johannesburg.

“A correct middle of the road type white dog that immediately caught my eye with a small mismark at the root of his tail (Superficial fault) gentle curve and maximum fill in the muzzle, His head is long, strong & deep with aperfect bite, his correctly placed ears and eyes giving a very nice expression. He has a long neck flowing into a short back with nice roach over the loins and low set tail and maximum substance / bone with deep chest and a



nice fore- chest and well bent stifles. He moves very well coming and going with a perfect top line on the move. To be critical he could move a little wider at the back. This dog has size and quality which is a great virtue. With all these virtues his mismark paled into insignificance”

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## ART

## Animal Paintings

# The Magic of art



John and Puppet, one of his own Bull Terriers

## A struggling artist and friend get together to share their love for art and animals

Think for a lot of people there is something about an animal painting that brings peace to the heart and John Roodt felt the same way. After a trip abroad a small idea expanded to something huge in his mind and the rest is history, especially for an artist named Adam Lin.

### The Beginnings

"The company, Global Reach Paintings, was started when I noticed an artist on the side of a busy road on the outskirts of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, doing animal paintings. This particular artist, named Adam Lin, earned a living from selling paintings to tourists, but at the time he was really battling," says John. Thoughts tumbled in his mind after seeing Adam and because of John's passion for art as well as animals, the artist lingered in his mind. On his return to South Africa he still could not stop thinking about Adam and his work, and if somehow he could help him. This is the point when John thought up his company, Global Reach Paintings.

Global Reach Paintings is all about promoting artists who don't have the resources themselves and it certainly has become a success over the past few years. John is a freight forwarder by profession, so having the business mind beforehand definitely helped the business grow and expand. They now sell paintings all over the world and often get orders from South Africa, America and Europe.

### The artist behind the magic

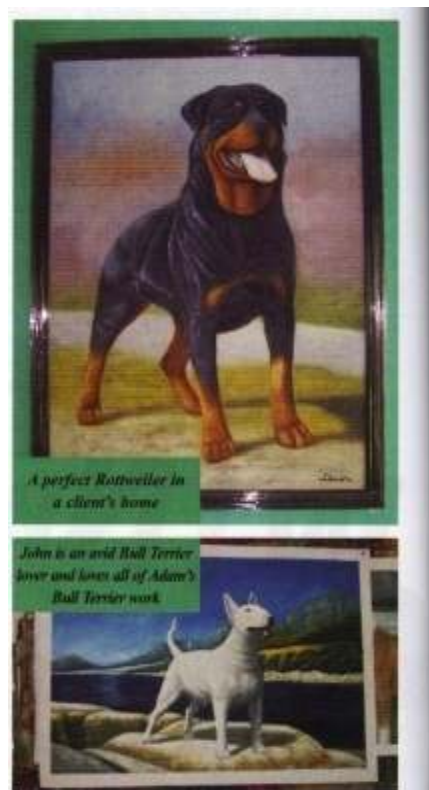
"Adam Lin has been painting all his life and his work is spectacular, I must add that

apart from painting, he is quite a talented guitar player as well but there is no doubt that painting is his passion," says John. And from seeing the work you will completely agree and be amazed by his precision and technique.

How it all works (as Adam is based in Malaysia) is that people will get hold of John and send him pictures they wish Adam to paint. John then sends the photo to Adam and he will start the painting on his normal medium, which is canvas, usually in the region of 96 x 73 centimeters. Adam's average turnaround for a painting is around a month. The trick to the success of Adam's paintings is John's company, Global Reach Paintings, advertising them to the desired market.

### Adam's success

*BEELD* newspaper did an article on Adam's paintings about two and a half years ago and due to the high number of people wanting paintings, his career was successfully launched. "Adam has since been able to get off the street and open his own gallery/studio. The money for this was earned through Global Reach Animal Painting's successful monthly orders. I also have shares in the gallery/studio and in time hope to earn some good money from this which I am sure will be in the future," says John. From the streets of Kuala Lumpur, Adam has become a successful artist and John hopes to be able to share his talent with the people around the world and also help to promote more artists in the future.



### Artist insider

Adam has a huge passion for animals and his absolute favourite this to paint is wildlife, but coming close second are dogs.

John says, "I am sure Adam will still be painting in 20 years time. He is a young 28 years old and loves doing it. I will of course continue to market Adam to pet lovers all over the world."

To get in contact with Global Reach Paintings and get your own Adam Lin painting of your pets, contact John at [john@globalreach.co.za](mailto:john@globalreach.co.za) or visit their website [www.cbtjournal.yolasite.com](http://www.cbtjournal.yolasite.com)

# Canine Morphology: Hunting for Genes and Tracking Mutations

*ScienceDaily* (Mar. 3, 2010) — Why do domestic dogs vary so much in size, shape, coat texture, color and patterning? Study of the dog genome has reached a point where the molecular mechanisms governing such variation across mammalian species are becoming understood.

In an essay published in the March 2, 2010 issue of *PLoS Biology*, National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) researchers discuss advances in understanding the genomic mechanisms controlling canine morphology.

There are more than 300 dog breeds in the world, including 170 recognized by the American Kennel Club. All are members of the species *Canis familiaris*. The authors review unique features of the canine genome that make it particularly good for genetic studies, and they show that breeds can be divided into five major groups derived from groups of ancient forebears. "Study of variation in the dog species, with its breeding structure, helps us hone in on the genomic factors for traits shared across species, including analogs for diseases that occur in the human

population," said senior author Elaine Ostrander, Ph.D., chief of NHGRI's Cancer Genetics Branch.

This essay highlights the unique features of dog populations that offer advantages for genetic studies, as well as recent advances in canine genomics that show how genetic mechanisms may control breed-defining traits. For example, the hunt for genes for a prominent trait in more than one breed (such as short legs) is simplified because of the genetic diversity observed between breeds. Also it is easier to identify disease genes in dogs than in the much more diverse human population.

Several features of the dog genome may lead to the large differences between domestic dog breeds, generating a higher rate of new, non-lethal variants in the dog genome, which are then available to be selected upon by breeders. Several discoveries correlating a gene to a particular trait are discussed, from the characteristic short legs of breeds like dachshunds and corgis, to

the 30-fold differential in dog skeletal



size, to fur texture and color.

"The dog genome is an extraordinary model for genomic study due to the combination of selective breeding practices and perhaps this species' unique capacity to undergo adaptive molecular changes," said co-author Abigail Shearin, a University of Pennsylvania veterinary student pursuing research training in the Ostrander Lab.

This work is supported by the intramural Program of the National Human Genome Research Institute and the Howard Hughes Scholars Program.

## SOME HEALTH PROBLEMS WHICH BREEDERS SHOULD BE AWARE OF IN THE BULL TERRIER.

### Spinning

A much more serious form of tail chasing is called spinning. This usually begins at about 6 months of age. The dog is obsessed by its tail and may circle for hours. It loses interest in food and water. All attempts to get the dog to stop this behavior fail. Sometimes the dog yelps while spinning and may even attempt to bite its interfering owner. In the past, most of these spinners were eventually put down. Even amputating the tail does not help! Over the past few years, a research project at Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine suggests that spinning is form of seizure. Most spinning dogs respond to treatment with phenobarbital either alone or in conjunction with other medications. Some of the less severe cases do well on anti-obsessive drugs such as Anafranil or Prozac. It is interesting that treatment of spinning **Bull Terriers** has been more successful in females than males.

### Rage

Incidents of unexplained aggression toward human members of its own family by a dog which usually behaves normally may signify rage. A **Bull Terrier** with rage is an extremely frightening and dangerous dog. The episodes are usually unpredictable. Some owners claim that the dog gets a glazed look in its eyes before a "spell". Rage is presently considered to be another seizure-type disorder. Some of the severe spinners develop rage-like symptoms as the spinning becomes worse. Prognosis is poor. It is important not to confuse dominance aggression with rage. Whereas dominance aggression is a behavioral problem which can often be overcome by correct training and proper handling, rage is apparently a neurological dysfunction which does not seem to respond to training.

### Epilepsy

A few **Bull Terriers** develop grand mal type epileptic seizures. If a dog has the form of epilepsy which seems to be inherited, seizures usually begin between the ages of 6 to 18 months. Although the seizures may be controlled somewhat by medication, the prognosis is not good.

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Cup Time in South  
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