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## UK TROPHY SHOW AT THE ROYAL BRITANNICA HOTEL IN FEBRUARY 2009

I had the privilege to yet again go to the UK Trophy Show recently. It was an absolute pleasure to be part of a small contingent of South African Bull Terrier supporters attending the event. [Frik Fourie, Glen Juluis, John Roodt and Andre Strydom]. The advantage of going in a small group is that by sharing Taxi Fees and accommodation a lot of money is saved in the process. We of course also socialised till deep into the night on most evenings and no need to guess the main topic of conversation of course were Bull Terriers. On arrival at Heathrow Airport we took a bus to Watford Junction and from there travelled by train to Coventry. We booked into a guest house and by sharing rooms saved good money. I will never forget our visit to the nearest local pub within walking distance from the guest house. It felt like walking straight onto the set of a Quentin Tarantino movie. The local people in this pub, though very friendly looked as if though they are auditioning for the next Quentin Tarantino horror movie. For once in my live I felt quite handsome.....believe it or not! We of course simply had to go to the Royal Britannica Hotel on the Friday evening. The pub area was packed with Bull Terrier

lovers and breeders from all over the world. It was nice to meet up with the likes of Dai Hall and his wife from CWMDULAIS, Keith and Angela from OUNSDALE, Gary and Andrea Newberry, Caroline from CASODON, Bill Poole, Jacqui Thornley, Davey Crossan from CROSSCARLEY, James and Kay Davis, and many more.



On this same evening outside the hotel we also met extremely nice looking Bull Terriers such as 'Kisa' from Charrycas Kennels, Hoskins from Stockleyview and quite a few more of which the names escape me. Glen Juluis on this same evening also re-united with 'Avonjul Astromoner Royal' and for me this was one of the stand out moments of this trip. We fortunately have it on camera. I am sure Glen will cherish it for years to come. The

next morning was the Open Show. The venue were packed to the rafters and Andre Strydom got Danny 'The Wheeler & Dealer' Gilmour to keep seats for us. Danny many thanks for this. We owe you big time. Talking about Danny..... I like to think of myself as a wheeler and dealer but in Danny Gilmour I met more than my match. Needless to say Danny is one of the real characters of the Bully world. Back to Bull Terriers and the Open Show. The ultimate winner on the day was CH. Conreniam Dark Magician. This Tri-Colour has got it all. On Sunday morning the 1<sup>st</sup> International Competition took place and the best exhibit on the day was the now world famous 'Lord of the Timar'. He was pushed all the way by 'Avonjul Astromomer Royal' but perhaps in my opinion just maybe this competition came 1 year to late for Apollo. I saw Apollo a year ago, he then looked better. Frik Fourie felt that perhaps Apollo needed a bit more weight on him. Be it as it may.....Apollo really made us all feel proud and his achievements thus far is enormous.

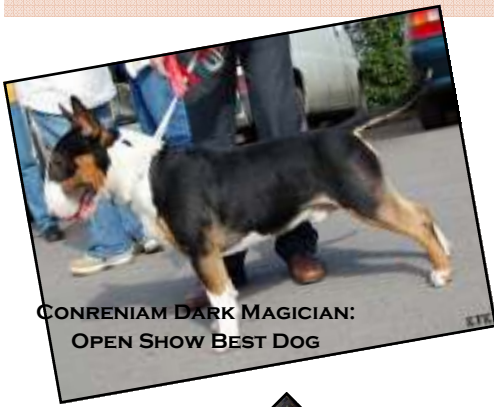
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**Quote by  
Magolciabull from  
Poland after the UK  
Trophy Show.**

'It was good to be in Coventry this year. To see a lot of beauties and meet nice people. I also fell in love with 'Lamellar Magic Millie'. See you all next year.'

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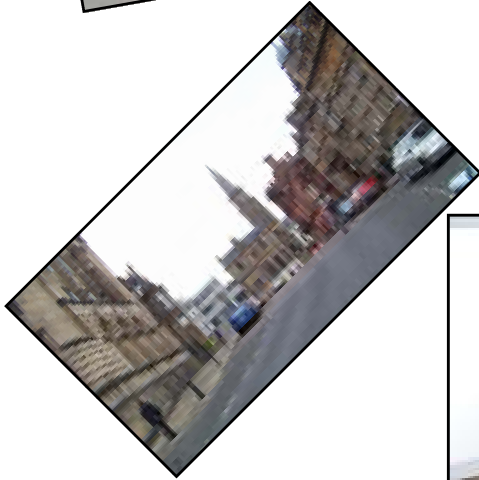
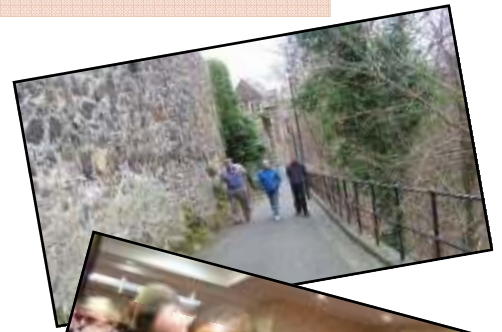
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CONRENIAM DARK MAGICIAN:  
OPEN SHOW BEST DOG



ORMANDY BITCH JUG WINNER  
CH MAGIC MILLE



### *Animal killer's kill People too*

*"One thing I have frequently observed in children is that when they have got possession of any poor creature, they are apt to use it ill; they often torment and treat very roughly young birds, butterflies and other such poor animals which fall into their hands – and that with a seeming kind of pleasure. This, I think, should be watched in them, and if they incline to any such cruelty, they should be taught the contrary usage, for the custom of tormenting and killing beasts will, by degrees, harden their minds even towards men....."*

*John Locke, 1705.*

The wise words of a philosopher almost 300 years ago. He's right. According to a 1997 study, people who abused animals were five times more likely to have a record of violent crime. The link between cruelty to animals and violence towards humans has become common knowledge in the USA. The source of information in this article is the USA but the conclusions drawn and warnings sent out are equally applicable to South Africa and elsewhere in the world. They are warnings worth heeding.

Michael Skalel bludgeoned Martha Moxley to death in 1975 at the age of 15. Before that attack he had beaten a squirrel to death using the same kind of weapon. Studies on what motivates a killer indicate that Skalel was following a common pattern of vio-

lence. According to FBI profilers, the American Psychiatric Association, law enforcement officials and child welfare organisations – people who hurt animals are likely to move on to even bigger "game", their fellow humans. Cruelty to animals is considered one of three symptoms that predict the development of a psychopath.

Dr Howard Koplewicz, director of the Child Study Centre at New York University said: "When ever I read about someone committing a horrible crime against an animal and getting off with a slap on the wrist because "it was just a cat", I become sick with dread because I know that as despicable as the acts may be that they've already committed, these people aren't finished yet. They are just getting warmed up."

Children who are cruel to animals are more likely to grow into violent adults. Not all animal abusers turn into serial killers but research indicates that the reverse is true – serial killers and other violent criminals started out by abusing animals.

Animal abuse and domestic abuse are becoming recognised as linked in Britain too. Of 23 British families with a history of animal neglect, 83% had been identified by experts as having children at risk of abuse or neglect. In one study of battered women, 57% of those with pets said their partners had harmed or killed them. One in four said they stayed with the abuser because they feared leaving the pet behind.

## Bull Terriers and Tail chasing

Compulsive tail chasing, or 'spinning' as it is commonly known in Bull Terriers, is a canine compulsive disorder that is seen most often in Bull Terriers, and to a lesser extent, in German Shepherd Dogs. In Bull Terriers it is definitely considered to have a hereditary factor. There is a lot of confusing information circulated about spinning; some people claim it is not a true neurological disorder but rather a behavior problem caused by poor training, lack of exercise, or confinement. To say that the disorder does not exist is a dangerous falsehood, however there is some truth that these things can worsen the behavior. Because this disorder is anxiety-related, a spinner exposed to circumstances that cause conflict or stress of some sort will be more likely to manifest symptoms than one that isn't. Dr. Nicholas Dodman in the USA explains "It is quite possible that a susceptible dog may not chase his tail at all if his environment is ideal, and that a dog without the genetic susceptibility may never chase his tail even under the most extreme environmental provocation."

The severity and age of onset vary, and environmental factors play a part; the hormonal changes of puberty or heat cycles, certain types of anesthesia, and the stress of



undergoing a surgical procedure such as neutering have all been implicated as triggers, as have numerous other things -- pretty much anything that causes any sort of stress can be a trigger if the potential is there. The spinning can begin gradually or very suddenly, and while in some cases there is a clearly identifiable trigger, in others there may not be. A fairly common scenario is for a previously 'normal' puppy to suddenly begin spinning between five to twelve months of age.

Treatment of the condition involves identifying (and eliminating wherever possible) things that seem to act as triggers, and embarking on a program of behavior modification targeted towards reducing the dog's anxiety, redirecting towards more appropriate behavior using a program that involves positive training methods, and making sure the dog is getting the appropriate amount of exercise and mental stimulation. Sometimes medication is needed to help bring the behavior under control but it is important to realize that the medication is only an aid and will not work without behavior modification. There is no 'magic pill' to control spinning.

In some cases, spinning is thought to be caused by partial complex seizure activity and anticonvulsant drugs may be of benefit. A veterinary behaviorist or veterinary neurologist would be best able to help in these situations.

### Limpopo Bull Terrier Club Polokwane

Pietersburg South Africa

Congratulations to Riaan Naudè and Jannie Lubbe for winning Best in Show recently in Polokwane with 10 month old Lubjan Monchou. This Bull Terrier will surely be one to watch in the coming months.



**On the day herewith his achievements:**  
BIS, BPIS, Best Head, Best Substance

### UK Trophy Show Part 2

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Later in the day the UK Trophy Show Invitees took centre stage. We were most impressed with the exhibits and ultimately at the end of the day the Regent Trophy was awarded to CH. EMRED HUNTSMAN. This Bull Terrier is a well made compact package with great expression and he also showed very well on the day.

To conclude after having seen the best dogs in Europe and the United Kingdom, my feeling is

that perhaps our Bull Terriers lack slightly in size and bone. Perhaps the time has come for us to bring in semen from the real heavy weight big boned Bullies who are not necessarily the Champion dogs in the UK. My advise would be for all of us to at least once in our lives go and visit Kennels in the UK and just maybe the penny will drop.

**It definitely did for me!!!**

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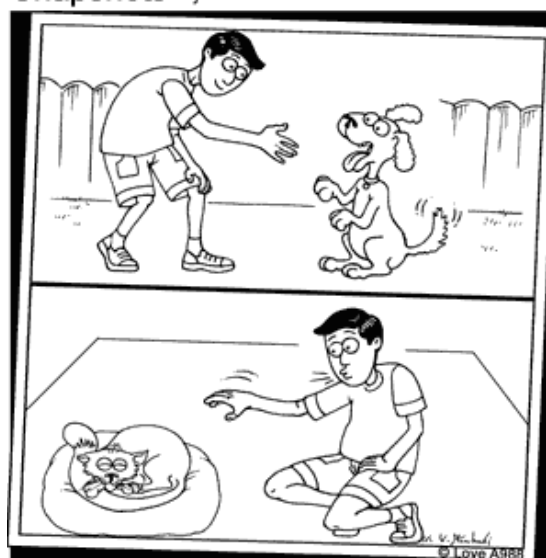
***Dog Racing***

By: National Council of SPCA's

Public hearings continue. The NSPCA was present at the hearing in Port Elizabeth last week which was well attended. Local pro-hunting and pro-racing groups voiced their opinions in favour of legalising dog racing. The NSPCA and other animal welfare bodies emphasised our opposition on welfare grounds. These hearings, held by the Department of Trade and Industry are ongoing.

Individuals are starting up petitions on this issue and have raised it on Facebook. Such actions will be ineffective. The matter has reached the public hearing stage. Please see [www.nspca.co.za](http://www.nspca.co.za) for information as we beg anyone who can possibly attend to do so. There is no confrontation or argument. Individuals are merely asked to state who they are, what their stance is and on what grounds they have taken this position.

Snapshots at jasonlove.com



Dogs are smart enough to understand human commands. Cats are smart enough to ignore them.

Any comments and suggestions more than welcome. Articles and opinions also welcome.

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