



*Carel Francke Donatello*

# SA BOERPERD

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The SA Boerperd Breed joined Horse of the Year (HOY) for the first time in 1998 under the very capable leadership of Ms. Heleen Pope, who still organises the SA Boerperd Breed classes annually 19 years later. When HOY was moved from NASREC to Kyalami Equestrian Park in 2000, it was a logical decision to keep supporting this wonderful initiative that can be seen as a national show case for all active horse breeds in South Africa. During the last couple of years, the SA Boerperd was one of the best represented horse Breeds at HOY. Exhibitors, owners and studs are passionate about displaying this only fully indigenously developed South African horse breed on this showing platform. The SA Boerperd also competes with great success in General Breed Classes, as well as SASA classes.

As usual the SA Boerperd Youth Action, who automatically include all SA Boerperd riders under 19 years, surprised exhibitors and spectators in and around the arena by sponsoring free chilled water under the SA Boerperd label to quench the thirst on this first sunny day after a week of rain. These young riders are committed to the future of the SA Boerperd breed and make a difference by forming a close knit support team for each other across all the various disciplines in which they compete. They believe wholeheartedly that the SA Boerperd is indeed the ideal sporting and pleasure horse.

During 2017, the SA Boerperd Breed Championships for the first time took place in the Stubbs arena, on Saturday, 25th February with Vicky Brooker as judge. Of the SA Boerperd Champions,



B3 Koraal

three horses placed among the first 8 in the SUPREME CHAMPIONSHIPS on Sunday, 26th February. These horses are:

CHAMPION SHOW DRIVING SINGLE HARNESS HORSE also WINNER OF THE SUPREME CHAMPIONSHIP: B3 Koraal, owned by Kylin SA Boerperd Stud, driven by Linda Meintjes

CHAMPION WORKING HUNTER, 80cm, PLACED 3rd IN THE SUPREME CHAMPIONSHIP  
Goudhoek Willem, owned by Hoefstraat SA Boerperd Stud, ridden by Marnise Lambrechts

CHAMPION STALLION also placed under 1st 8 in the SUPREME CHAMPIONSHIP  
Carel-Hanke Donatello, owned by Kylin SA Boerperd Stud, exhibited by Kyla Meintjes

Other SA Boerperd Breed class winners were:

CHAMPION MARE  
Lang-Carel Wimpers, owned by Hoefstraat SA Boerperd Stud, exhibited by Madelyn Appelcryn

CHAMPION GELDING ANY AGE  
Rymaar Avontuur, owned by Choe Robinson, exhibited by Erin Robinson.

CHAMPION WORKING RIDING HORSE & CHAMPION SHOW RIDING HORSE  
Devondale Bubbles, owned by Devondale SA Boerperd Stud, ridden by Sunika Struwig.

CHAMPION WESTERN PLEASURE HORSE  
Dvondale Abedan, owned and ridden by Calista Schutte

CHAMPION SHOW RIDING HORSE, RIDER UNDER 11 YEARS  
Calista Loxton, owned by Calista Stud, ridden by D'vida Emslie.



Devondale Bubbles



Lang-Carel Wimpers

Goudhoek Willem

