

16TH NATIONAL BOXER SPECIALTY MELBOURNE 2018

SATURDAY 25& SUNDAY 26 AUGUST 2018 – SAVE THE DATE!

The Boxer Association of Victoria will host the 16th National Boxer Specialty in Melbourne over the weekend of Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 August 2018.

In keeping with the event as a National, the Boxer Association of Victoria is working on a platform of events held over the weekend that focus on the Boxer as a breed.

In August, at the close of our 2017 Championship Show, a 16th National Boxer Specialty website will go live along with a Facebook page dedicated to the National Event. The website will be updated regularly with news items concerning the National Show, the venue, including accommodation and catering packages, Marquee hire, merchandise and exciting activities planned for the weekend. Notification of the website and Facebook page address will go out to Boxer Clubs and be widely circulated amongst Boxer enthusiasts both here in Australia and internationally.

SNEAK PEAK AT WHAT'S IN STORE FOR THE 16TH NATIONAL BOXER SPECIALTY 2018

The Venue:

In keeping with the prestigious nature of this event the 16th National Boxer Specialty will be held at **The Foothills Convention Centre** in Mooroolbark Victoria. The venue includes fabulous accommodation, wonderful grassed areas for exercising our Boxers and generous parking for floats.

Details on accommodation packages and all associated costs will be in our National Information Booklet to be published post August 2017.



The Show Ring:

Our Boxers move to their glorious best outside on well manicured grass show rings. To ensure our Boxers get the best opportunity to exhibit their movement, the 16th National Boxer Specialty will be held on grass but importantly **under the cover of a magnificent Marquee** to ensure the show can go on regardless of Melbourne's notoriously fickle weather. What ever the weekend brings, be it rain, hail or with luck beautiful sunshine – the show will go on under cover and with the comfort of our Boxers, Exhibitors and the judge assured.



The Judge:

Mr Diego Garcia (USA).

Diego Garcia is recognised worldwide as an exceptional handler of Boxers and other breeds and a well-regarded Boxer specialist.

Perhaps the best way of introducing Diego is by an article written by Andrew Brace for DogWorld UK.

The full story can be read via the following link http://www.dogworld.co.uk/story.php/127983/1920/dreams_come_true_for_diego



Dreams come true for Diego

By Andrew Brace December 2014

Diego's parents were Boxer breeders and from a very early age Diego became passionate about the breed, reading and studying all he could. His father, had started off with a fairly ordinary bitch but when mated to a carefully selected stud dog produced a few champions.

As a youngster Diego took to handling like a duck to water and although he began University studies with the original intention of becoming a vet, Diego soon realised that his calling was going to be in a slightly different direction.

Diego is now well established as a handler in the US where he is popular with his peers and clients alike.

Obviously, being an active professional handler Diego is not allowed to judge at points shows in the US, however he has qualified as a Boxer judge in his native Argentina and it is on this qualification that our Kennel Club approved him.

In the past Diego has judged Boxer club open shows here in the UK and the exhibitors obviously like him. Being a true Latino, he is flamboyant and naturally dramatic.

He engages with the ringside and exhibitors alike. Generally speaking it is usually assumed that most seasoned American judges will pay a lot of attention to profile movement and so spend a lot of time studying dogs on the go-around.

Watching all of Diego's judging, he did not fall into this category in the classes but seemed to be approaching his job with much more of a specialist mentality and spent a lot of time studying expression and details more than may have been expected.