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Judge Bio – Lourens ten Napal | South Africa | Sivhana

I purchased my first Staffordshire Bull Terrier, a son of English and South African Champion Belnite Dark Huntsman of Zutar, named Colrani Black Power in 1993. In the same year I also entered my first open show. I was a scholar at the time and therefore could not attend dog shows regularly. My wife, Marieta and I purchased the legendary Ch. Sylon Saphooka Bullet of Sivhana (Bullet) in 2006 and decided to join a Stafford club in South Africa. Ms. Riette Steyn (Riefra) invited our family to their open show to be judged by Mr. Koos Richards (Richmax). On the day Bullet walked away with Reserve Best Puppy in show and needless to say, we were bitten by the bug and our active show career started.

In 2010 I arranged the import of SA Ch. Seastaff Top Gun of Eukleia from Harry Carter (Seastaff) who also became the top stud dog in South Africa for 6 consecutive years and is also sire to many champions, including the internationally well known, Int Ch and grand Ch Eukleia Aurora Sparkle of Sivhana.

I am currently the vice chairman of the Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of the Transvaal, which is our parent club and my wife and I are also members of several other Staffordshire Bull Terrier Clubs, both locally and abroad. I have absolutely no preference to any colour whatsoever and have either owned, bred and/or showed blacks, black brindles, brindles, reds, and peds. Throughout the years we've been spoiled with some lovely Staffords in terms of temperament and structure and each one has been a valuable member of our family.

I have also handled many other Staffords at championship shows, to name a few:
KUSA National dog 2009 - Int. Ch & SA. Ch Sylon Leo of Monetrouge
Sivhana Jabulani
Sivhana Sky's the limit

To date I have judged Staffords at the following shows:

- Western Cape Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club 2011 – Dogs and Bitches – 64 present.
- North West Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club 2012 – Dogs and Bitches - 78 present.
- Breede Rivier kennel club 2013 – Dog and Bitches – 49 present.
- Natal Terrier Club 2013 – Dog and Bitches – 42 present.
- Witwatersrand Kennel Club 2014 – Dogs and Bitches – 91 present.
- Western Australia Staffordshire bull terrier club 2015 – Dogs and Bitches – 98 present
- Freestate Terrier Club 2016 – Dogs and Bitches – 88 present.
- Kennel Club Sau Paulo 2017 – Dogs and Bitches – 48 present
- Western Gauteng kennel club 2018 – Dogs and bitches 49 present

My next appointment will be in June 2019 at the Malmesbury kennel club to be held in the Western Cape. Since 2012 I have judged more than 120 classes I have also stewarded on numerous occasions for different breed clubs.

I am also qualified to judge the working and toy group at championship show level and am currently a learner judge for the herding and gundogs group. My aim is to become an international all breeds judge, but my passion will always first and foremost be towards Staffords.

It is an honour and privilege to judge the breed that I love so dearly and I am extremely grateful for your consideration.