

# **Curriculum Vitae of Sonia van Kraayenburg**

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## **A. Personal Particulars**

Maiden Name: Dalziel  
Birth: 17 July 1959, Port Elizabeth  
Marital Status: Married Frikkie in January 1984. Two children born 6 November 1987 and 28 July 1989

## **B. Academic Qualifications**

Matriculated from Lyttelton Manor High, Centurion in 1977. Subjects were English A, Afrikaans B, German, Science, Biology and Maths. 1980: Completed elementary French and Standard eight Typing Course at Pretoria Technical College. 1981: Completed 2 year PRISA Public Relations Course.

## **C. Business Experience**

September 1979: Accepted post in Buying Dept. at Laursen Bros, Pretoria.

October 1980: Sold Language Tapes and books direct to the public for Programmed Language Courses in Pretoria.

February 1981: Buyer for Miller Engineering (Pty) Ltd, Pretoria West.

August 1982: Started new buying department for Fursten Plastics, Waltloo, Pretoria. Left due to closure of company.

September 1983: Telesales, production forecasting and planning for Tubecon Africa (Pty) Ltd.

September 1987: Ran own business: Grehenheim Boarding Kennels and German Shepherd Dogs. The boarding Kennel was utilized by Public Protection Services (PPS) from its inception in August 1995. Kennel sold in February 1998 to Public Protection Services for their own use.

August 1995: In charge of general health of dogs, kennel management, administration and record keeping, selection of young dogs for training for company, as well as Public Relations Officer for PPS.

January 2005: After the sale of PPS in December 2005 returned to running own business. Co-founder and director of Hubulu Properties (Pty) Ltd.

## **D. German Shepherd Dogs**

After marrying Frikkie in 1984, began actively participating in Breeding and Showing of German Shepherd Dogs. Undertook a successful trip to Germany in 1987 to purchase a stud dog and 3 brood bitches. Responsible for all administration, sales and record keeping as well as selection and rearing of puppies as future breeding stock.

The kennel "Grehenheim", in partnership with Frikkie & Darren, has subsequently grown to one of the most successful in South Africa, becoming the first kennel to be awarded the Breeders' Diamond Award.

The kennel won the National Kennel Group competition 11 times out of 14, 10 of which were consecutive.

Actively participates in the training of breed animals for their various qualifications.

Regular visits are paid to Germany to keep abreast of latest breeding and training principles.

An active role is also taken in courses presented in South Africa by visiting German experts.

A book entitled *A New Approach to the Management & Breeding of Protection Dogs* which concern all aspects of protection dog management and breeding was written together with Frikkie. Published April 1995.

Qualified as GSD Federation Breed Judge in August 1998 and Senior Breed Judge in 2003.

Co-author of the book *Breeding German Shepherd Dogs* published in 2009.

Has also published numerous articles on German Shepherd Dogs.

Resigned from the post of honorary secretary for the German Shepherd Dog Federation of Southern Africa in July 1992, which was held from June 1990.

Has held position on GSD Federation National Breed Committee since 1994.

Appointed as National Administrator of the GSD Federation in 2000.

Qualified as the first woman Breed Surveyor in the Federation in October 2006.