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STEFANI WESTPHAL VONESCH

NANDIPA OLDY

Our beloved oldie – Ch MVCh Makololo Chanda Nandipa ya Umlani

On 14 July 2009, 8 minutes past midnight, our Nandipa was born in the Makololo Kennel as puppy no. 4 of the C-litter, which consisted of five males and three females. What a wonderful gift you have given us, dear Annemarie and Christian! And the word 'gift' is also the appropriate meaning of her name: in Setswana, Nandipa means 'the gift'. We came across the name on one of our trips to Botswana and we knew immediately that our next Ridgeback bitch would be called Nandipa.

Nandipa is a true gift with all of her facets. Starting with the fact that she is a granddaughter of our most remembered Bantu (C.I.B./Int Ch Gomoimba Bantu), she has been enriching our lives for over 13 years now.

She was probably only a few minutes old when Annemarie recorded the first protruding features on her puppy sheet: " Dainty bitch, very beautiful - resembles Buyuni with Matonga's chest spot!!!" That too, a gift! Her mother Makololo Bamuthi wa Binti Buyuni and her grandmother Makololo Analia Amatonga have a permanent place in our hearts. They were such wonderful bitches!

The petite bitch became the Makololo combat munchkin. Undaunted, little Miss Red faced all the challenges of the puppy garden - her first big world.

The combat munchkin grew into a very pretty bitch - never very



big, but with an all the bigger heart. She became a combat smoocher, a rocket on the agility course, a successful show bitch, a wonderful breeding bitch – she is the dam of our C, D and E-litter - , a sovereign nurturer and coach for her own and for so many puppies in the puppy school, a gifted tracking bitch, a happy, affectionate and truly amazing life companion in all situations.

Her poised nature has also made her the doyenne of the Umlani and Makololo pack. She naturally assumed this position immediately after







the death of her mother Buyuni - and to this day no one has ever challenged her.

And today? Noticeably greyer now, she is still cheerful and affectionate, but of course much calmer. Yes, even sensible - who would have thought that! She still likes to accompany us on short walks and still controls her territory carefully and closely. She is and remains the boss!

Dear Nandipa! You have been a gift since the day you were born. We are so thankful for every minute we are privileged to spend with you and we wish for many more.

Please stay this happy and healthy for a long time!