



# Cows for Olympic medallists

South Africa's Olympic Games gold medallists have each received a cow as a reward.

Jan Scannell, better known as Jan Braai, promised each South African athlete who won a gold medal at the Olympic Games a cow, Beeld reported.

The four-member rowing team were each a cow richer after winning South Africa's third gold medal at the games in London.

Sizwe Ndlovu, Matthew Brittain, John Smith and James Thompson won the men's lightweight four final.

According to the report, Ndlovu and Brittain chose a live cow, while Thompson and Smith chose biltong, and biltong and meat, respectively.

A cow is worth about R7 000. Ndlovu's cow is going to a friend's farm in Pietermaritzburg, KZN, where he grew up.

He said he was delighted with the "unusual gift".

"From a national cultural perspective I did not expect to get 'lobola' because I won a gold medal," Ndlovu was quoted as saying.

Brittain's cow would be taken

to his uncle's farm in Lydenburg, Mpumalanga.

Olympic gold medal swimmer Cameron van der Burgh had decided to take 140kg of boerewors as his reward.

Van der Burgh and his manager Ryk Neethling gave the boerewors to 252 children at the Abangani Enkosini orphanage in Alexandra, Johannesburg on Friday.

Scannell said that 200m butterfly gold medallist Chad le Clos had not yet decided what he wanted to do with his cow.

- Sapa



James Thompson, Sizwe Ndlovu, Matthew Brittain and John Smith feed the cows given to them by Jan Braai as a reward for their performances at the London Olympics  
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