

CLARITY ON ANIMAL IMPROVEMENT ACT PERMITS FOR DOGS LEAVING SOUTH AFRICA AND RETURNING

Following an enquiry from the KUSA Office, the Department of Agriculture has clarified the uncertainty surrounding AIA Export/Import Permits for South African dogs travelling to attend Shows held in neighbouring countries, or abroad, and thereafter returning to the RSA.

Dogs travelling on either INTER-TERRITORIAL MOVEMENT PERMITS or PERMITS TO TRAVEL FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES, are also required to apply to the Dept. of Agriculture for an Import/Export Permit, as required under the Animal Improvement Act, using the ***Application to Import/Export Animals for Certain Purposes*** form.

- The AIA Import/Export Permit will cover both the exit from and re-entry to South Africa.
- The AIA Permit must be applied for first and then submitted, in conjunction with and attached to, the application for the Veterinary Permits.
- The AIA Permit is required in addition to the usual Veterinary Permits/Inter-Territorial Permits.
- The current cost of the AIA Import/Export Permit is R480.00 payable to the Dept. of Agriculture.
- An AIA Import/Export Permit can cover multiple dogs (it is not necessary to obtain one permit per dog).
- The AIA Import/Export Permit is **NOT** required to be signed or endorsed by the Breeders' Society or Registering Authority (i.e. KUSA)

Applications for AIA Import/Export Permits must be submitted directly to the Dept. of Agriculture – Registrar of Animal Improvement – animalimp@nda.gov.za together with proof of payment of R480.00.

The Permits are to be collected from the Dept. of Agriculture Production Unit Office. Dept. of Agriculture Permit Office telephone numbers are (+27) 12 319 7576 / 7590 / 7486 / 7474 / 7434