

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

Following an enquiry from the KUSA Office, the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development (DALRRD) 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 DALRRD 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 R460.00 payable to DALRRD.
- 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 DALRRD – Registrar of Animal Improvement – AIApermits@Dalrrd.gov.za together with proof of payment of R460.00.

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