

GUIDELINES FOR HOLDING OF DOG SHOWS

The Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security wishes to draw the attention of the general public that in accordance with **Section 37 (1) and (2) of the Animal Welfare Act 2013** no person shall hold a dog show unless he has applied for and obtained a permit issued by the Animal Welfare Unit (AWU) under the Livestock and Veterinary Division.

In addition, the Act stipulates that the permit shall be issued on certain terms and conditions as determined by the Unit. An administrative fee of Rs 50,000 will also have to be paid on application of the permit.

For any query or additional information, the Animal Welfare Unit may be contacted on:

Animal Welfare Unit

Email address: animalwelfaredev@govmu.org

Telephone Number: 464-4891

Address: **Headquarters**
 Livestock and Veterinary Division
 Agricultural Services, Reduit

Encl: Application form for holding of dog show in Mauritius and specified terms and conditions

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IMPORTANT CONDITIONS TO BE RESPECTED FOR SHOW APPROVAL

- 1) All dogs shall be duly identified by way of Microchipping.
- 2) Dogs should be vaccinated as appropriate. A copy of their vaccination card bearing the signature and stamp and telephone number of the veterinary doctor who performed the vaccination should be submitted to the Livestock and Veterinary Division on application.
- 3) Sick dogs will not be allowed in the show. Health certificates from a registered veterinary surgeon concerning the general health status of dogs participating in the show should be submitted to the Livestock and Veterinary Division within 48hrs prior to the holding of the show.
- 4) During the show, the organiser will ensure that a registered veterinary doctor will be appointed from beginning to end of the show for any casualty caused to any dog participating at the said show, be it sicknesses and/or injuries. A letter of acceptance from the standby veterinary doctor should be submitted to the Livestock and Veterinary Division on application.
- 5) A copy of an insurance certificate for the duration of this particular event regarding injuries and other unforeseen circumstances covering the exposed animals and also members of the public should be submitted to the Livestock and Veterinary Division on application.
- 6) Approval from the police and fire departments should be sought and copies of approval should be submitted to the Livestock and Veterinary Division on application.
- 7) Dogs participating in the show shall not in any manner be subjected to distress, suffering or pain. They shall be kept in special covered resting enclosures allocated to them with sufficient water at their disposal at any time. All dogs should be muzzled and leashed when they are brought at the place of the show and when they depart from there back to their respective resting enclosures. Dogs should not be kept inside their boxes.
- 8) All dogs pertaining to the same owner should be kept separately from dogs belonging to other owners.
- 9) **THE PUBLIC IS NOT ALLOWED TO GET INSIDE THE STALLS.**
- 10) In order to easily identify any dog participating in the show **each dog** shall bear a number either on its chest or any other visible part of its body.
- 11) Only dogs which appear on the list in the application form will be allowed entry in the dog show.
- 12) The organiser of the show will be **RESPONSIBLE** to ensure that all conditions laid down for the animals' welfare are respected. In case of non-compliance, the organiser will be held responsible and further requests for dog shows may be denied.



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CONDITIONS FOR THE HOLDING OF DOG SHOWS
APPLICATION FORM TO BE FILLED BY ORGANISER AND CONDITIONS TO BE OBLIGATORILY FULFILLED

1	Name, address, phone number, email of organiser (In case of company state details of Director)	Name:	
		Address	
		Phone No.	
		Email Address	
2	State reason for holding show		
3	Place where show will be held		
4	Date and time of show		
5	Name, address and phone number of the veterinary doctor employed for the show.	Name	
		Address	
		Phone No.	
6	No. of stalls available		
7	Criteria for judging pets		
8	Name and qualification of judges		
9	List of dogs participating		
10	Prizes to be awarded		



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13) Officers from the Animal Welfare Unit will closely monitor the good conditions in which animals are kept and will report to this office for any non-compliance.

3. Administrative Fee

A fee of Rs 50,000 (fifty thousand rupees) is payable to the Livestock and Veterinary Division after completion of the dossier and approval granted.

4. Read and Approved by the organiser and/or his representative:

I, Mr/Mrs/Ms
herby acknowledge having carefully read the terms and conditions governing the issue of a permit in relation to the holding of dog shows and I understand that in case of non-compliance to any of these terms and conditions I will be held responsible and any further requests for the holding of dog shows in the future may be denied.

Designation :

Signature :

Date :