

## NEW MUNICIPAL BY LAWS JUNE 2010

Due to the new implementation of municipal by laws, breeders of dogs are going to come under the spot light. In an attempt to prove dog Breeders are exactly that DOG BREEDERS, KUSA is implementing a system that as from the 1 September 2010 ALL single dogs and litters of pups registered from this date must be micro chipped. By implementing this system Kusa will be able to prove to the municipalities that the DOG BREEDER is a dog breeder, and are registered with them.

Correct me if I am wrong but I was told Port Elizabeth still charge dog license fees. This reminds me of a good few years back, we as breeders, had to prove we were that – Registered Dog Breeders, if you were not a registered breeder, you were allowed two dogs per property and they had to be sterilised. Proof of sterilisation to be handed over to the authorities at the time of applying and paying for your annual dog licenses. To keep an unspayed bitch cost you a fortune, and all pups you had on your property e.g. your first or second dog, had to be sterilised at 6 months of age, proof of this to be submitted as well. We were all advised to make it easy for both ourselves and the inspectors, and secure our licenses or Breeders information to a window close to the front door. The policing of this policy was rigidly controlled.

By implementing these new bylaws, the population of the unwanted, cross bred pooch should be controlled, and in general, the Animal Welfare Societies, will hopefully return to the purpose for which they exist, to take in lost pets and take in pets where owners can no longer care for them, as a result of moving or old age etc. If everyone towed the line, there would not be thousands and thousands of dog's country wide being subjected to euthanasia, as a means to control the population explosion of dogs resulting from lack of management of unsterilised dogs.

New municipal by laws - Good or bad idea? One thing is for sure. People who buy a dog or two and then proceed to breed in their backyard are going to hit a problem. If they wish to continue, they are now going to have to become registered breeders, and their dogs and pups will need to be micro chipped. It is going to become an expensive issue for them to continue their breeding. Micro chipping is pricey. The folk who purchase a couple of dogs and start having pups, up until now, have had a free ride. They are not registered, which costs money, their pups in a lot of cases are not registered (which costs money) – or they claim the parent dogs are but the pups are not – this has always made me suspicious WHY? Surely if your parent dogs are registered, and you in turn register the pups, surely then you have a better chance of selling the offspring, and secondly, the public are more secure of knowing that this is a pedigreed animal. We have heard over the years – that the odd registered pup sold by JOE SOAP is actually a cross bred dog. We can only hope that in instances like this, the purchaser took further steps to sort that problem out, and the authorities were made aware of the situation. This I can only imagine would happen where various breeds of dogs are kept together and the other breed are not sterilised to avoid cross mating. There again if the dogs were supervised with the mating process, this would have never happened or if there was an accident, this would have been obvious to Joe Soap at the time.

The majority of the reputable dog breeders ban the breeding of their pups, but this is where I do believe the story arises with pups being unregistered but bred from registered parents. Alternatively, it may

sound good to say the parents are registered. One cannot be sure what the motivation is behind the “unregistered but bred from registered parents.” Banning the paper work (Pedigree) is the intention of the breeder to not have their pups bred from. The public having purchased the pups under these conditions. HOWEVER - the odd purchaser will breed the dogs although they agreed to the terms and conditions in the beginning when purchasing the pup from the breeder, that it was sold as a pet and a non breeding dog.

Reputable Breeders have principals – they do their utmost for the pups they bring into this world. They want them to have the best possible lives and this is the reason they ban the breeding of their pups. Anyone breeding, who believes they need to sell to people who want to breed – are doing something very wrong... There are more purchasers out there who want a pet than those who willy nilly want to breed. I guess there will always be those who just want their pups sold, irrespective who the buyer is or what the reason is for the purchase of that pup.

I have been selling my pups for a good few years with a Sales Contract, something KUSA have suggested breeders do for MANY years. My pups are all micro chipped prior to leaving our care – we have micro chipped our dogs and pups for a good few years. A sales contract lists your rights as the purchaser and the rights of the Breeder all down in black and white, there is NO grey area. It should mention terms and conditions of sale, sold as a pet (details about sterilization) or breeding dog, If the pup should be diagnosed with a major health problem(life threatening or should the dog die as a result of a major health problem )within the first year – what are your rights as the purchaser.

We offer guarantees on our pups, health guarantees for the first year of their life. We also will guarantee that any pup leaving us will be totally socialized, will be confident and have NO insecurities. We go to extreme lengths to ensure our pups are handled from day one as a result they have no fears or phobias. NO pup of ours has ever left our property without having been dewormed and the first inoculation (at least) being administered. OUR pups are all VET checked, prior to going to their new homes.