Department of Environment and Natural Resources

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Breed Categories

Law imposes restrictions on the importation and breeding of the following breeds:

Prohibited Breeds	Restricted Breeds
Argentine mastiff (Dogo Argentino)	Akita
Boerboel (South African Mastiff)	Australian Cattle Dog
Brazilian Mastiff (Fila)	American Bulldog
Cane Corso	American Pit Bull Terrier
Neapolitan Mastiff	American Staffordshire Terrier
Presa Canario	Belgian Malinois
Tosa Inu	Bouvier des Flandres
Wolf	Bull Terrier
Wolf Hybrid	Bullmastiff
Any Cross of the above	Cão de Fila de São Miguel (Azorean Cattle Dog)
	Chow Chow
	Doberman Pinscher
	Dogue de Bordeaux
	Shepherd (all breeds thereof)
	Mastiff – English
	Rhodesian Ridgeback
	Rottweiler
	Olde English Bulldogge (Old English Bulldog)
	Staffordshire Bull Terrier
	Any Cross of the above

Any rare, exotic or uncommon breed may also be refused entry or permission to breed despite its absence from the above lists. You may contact us if you have a dog of a breed that may be perceived as dangerous.

Prohibited Breeds

- Dogs of these breeds may not be imported, bred or used for breeding.
- New acquisitions of these dogs require pre-approval.

Restricted Breeds

- Dogs of these breeds may be imported under permit once the conditions for importation and keeping have been fulfilled by the importer.
- New acquisitions of these dogs require pre-approval.
- Dogs of these breeds may be bred only following receipt of, or inclusion on, a Breeder's permit.