

KUSA: 'Geen wet verbied die afsit van sterte'



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Die Kennel Union of Southern Africa (KUSA) het in November 'n verklaring uitgereik wat dit onomwonde stel dat daar geen wetgewing in Suid-Afrika is wat die afsit van sterte verbied nie.

Hierdie verklaring volg op wye publisiteit in Junie toe die SA Veterinêre Raad aangekondig het dat veeartse wat dié prosedure uitvoer ingevolge die Dierebeskermingswet, Nr. 71 van 1962, vervolgt kan word omdat die Raad dit oneties verklaar het.

Die verklaring wat aan KUSA-lede uitgereik is, lees as volg:

- 1. KUSA has taken note of communications by way of written documents and newsletters from the various parties involved in all aspects of tail docking and, drawing from the available information and without detracting from the various communications, provides the following information for its members.*
- 2. The Veterinary Act established the SAVC and empowered it to make rules regulating the veterinary profession. In terms of Section 30(3) of the Veterinary Act, any rule made by the SAVC will not be of any force and effect until such time as the Minister has approved the rule and it has been published in the government gazette by the Registrar (of the SAVC).*
- 3. A thorough search of the government gazettes since the 2nd June 2006 resolution taken by the SAVC to ban tail docking, has revealed no Ministerial notice confirming the approval of this resolution, and the KUSA's legal advice confirms that Ministerial approval is required in terms of Section 30 of the Veterinary and Para-veterinary Professionals Act, 1982. Consequently, we understand that the ban on tail docking, implemented on 1 June 2008, is not capable of being enforced by law.*
- 4. KUSA's point of view is that humane veterinary procedures must remain available to all dog owners at all times for any treatment the owner or breeder deems necessary, and the KUSA supports the right of choice for the individual, be it breeder, dog owner or practising veterinarian.*

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