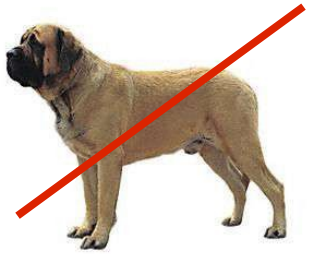
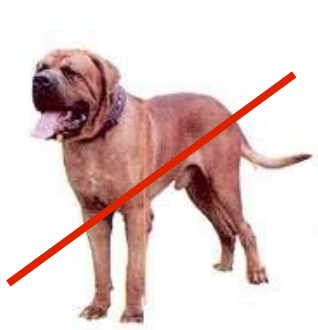
CATEGORY 1 DOGS

NOT REGISTERED IN A PEDIGREE RECORD

MAY NOT BE IMPORTED INTO FRANCE

Pitt-bull **American Staffordshire Terrier TYPE** 	Small dog of variable colour, with a chest circumference of between 60 and 80 cm; Weight: 18 to 40 kg; height at the withers: 35 to 50 cm Muscular dog, short-haired, powerful appearance: stocky forequarters with comparatively light hindquarters Distinct stop; muzzle same length as the skull but narrower: nose in front of the chin Well-defined jaws with very pronounced cheek muscles
Boerbull **Mastiff TYPE** 	Dog, generally beige, short-haired, tall, muscular, with a high, stocky and long body, chest circumference >80 cm Height at the withers: 50 to 70 cm; weight > 40 kg Head with broad skull and rather short muzzle: pendulous lips Broad neck with skin folds (dewlap) Body fairly thick and cylindrical The abdomen has a similar volume to the chest
Tosa TYPE 	Dog with short beige, brindle or black hair, tall and robust in build, chest circumference > 80 cm Height at the withers: 60 to 65 cm; weight > 40 kg Head with broad skull, distinct stop and medium length muzzle The upper and lower jaws are well-defined Muscular neck with skin folds (dewlap) Broad, high chest: abdomen high Tail thick at the base

If in doubt as to whether an animal belongs to one of the categories of dangerous dogs (category 1 above or category 2 on the next page), the owner of this animal must provide **an certificate** (detailed and understandable by French authorities) **issued by a veterinary surgeon, certifying that the animal does not meet the criteria defining these categories and therefore does not belong to one of these categories.** The criteria for issuing this certificate may be verified by a French veterinary surgeon.
Should the owner provide an inaccurate certificate or fail to provide a certificate at all during an inspection in France confirming that the animal belongs to one of these categories, the owner will be liable to the penalties in force which may lead to confiscation of the dog.
This is why extra care should be taken when importing dogs resembling these types or breeds into France.

CATEGORY 2 DOGS
Stringent requirements for importing AND keeping these dogs in France

Breeds	Requirements for importing dogs into France: **Dogs must**
Pitt-bull **American Staffordshire Terrier** 	**1 -** be registered in a pedigree record Pedigree record recognised by the French Ministry of Agriculture (in practice, any document recognised by the International Cynological Federation). **For more information, please visit**: www.scc.asso.fr or http://www.fci.be/members.asp?lang=fr&sel=1 and have documents certifying the registration in a pedigree record. (Except **for category 2 Rottweiller type dogs**) **2 –** be identified, have a European pet passport have proof of a valid vaccination against rabies
Tosa 	**Requirements for keeping dogs in France: Owners must** **3 –** themselves ensure that the **following conditions are met:** • be at least 18 years old • not be under guardianship (unless authorised by the guardianship judge) • not have been given a jail sentence (firm or suspended) for a crime listed in bulletin n°2 of the police record **(or an equivalent document for foreign nationals)** **4 –** have a French ***ATTESTATION D'APTITUDE*** **(CERTIFICATE OF APTITUDE)** (*only an accredited French trainer can issue this certificate after at least 7 hours of training*) **5 –** prove that the dog has undergone a **BEHAVIOURAL ASSESSMENT** (*only an accredited French veterinary surgeon, registered on a prefectorial list in a French département, for the purpose of carrying out behavioural assessments, can issue this assessment*) **6 –** have **a SPECIFIC CIVIL LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY** covering the damage that the dog might cause in France **7 –** keep the **dog leashed and muzzled** on the public highway, in public areas and on public transport
Rottweiller or Rottweiller Type 	**8 –** Obtain, **in the first place where he lives, a DOG LICENCE** (law of 20 June 2008): by registering their dog at the Town Hall and presenting: • the dog's identity card • the dog's European pet passport with proof of valid vaccination against rabies • the civil liability insurance policy (see insurance companies) • the behavioural assessment • the *attestation d'aptitude*, if you do not have a *Certificat de Capacité* (French certificate of competence) • the owner's identity card **9 –** have the dog registered in the **French National Canine File (*Fichier National Canin*)** after 3 months of being in France **These requirements mean that it is extremely difficult for foreign nationals to take these animals abroad for short periods of time.**