

## **BRINGING YOUR DOG TO A SHOW IN THE BAHAMAS**

In order to enter your dog in a BKC show, that dog must be registered with the BKC. If your dog is registered with another recognized kennel club, you will receive a show registration which allows you to compete in all BKC events. To receive this registration, you must have your kennel club's registration certificate. If you do not have such a document, you will receive an initial registration. This will entitle you to compete in any obedience, rally and agility event. For this you complete the registration form, but leave the foreign KC registration number blank.

Bringing a dog to the Bahamas would normally require you obtain an Import License directly from the Ministry of Agriculture at a cost of \$15. We have made arrangements with the Ministry that allows us to obtain these licenses for no cost to you. However, you must complete the form, in order for us to obtain it. You will not be allowed to bring your dog into the country without this license. Once we receive it, we will scan it and email it or fax it to you so you can give it to your vet who has to sign it.

When you receive your Import license, you will see that your are required to have a health certificate dated within 24 hours of your arrival in the Bahamas. Your vet will also be required to confirm that your dog is at least 6 months old, is free of parasites and has had the necessary shots.

### **For your convenience - A CHECKLIST MEMO**

#### **ENTRY FORMS**

Entry forms must be completed and signed, and sent with fee either by International Air Mail or Courier. **NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MARCH 1, 2011.**

#### **REGISTRATION FORMS**

Registrations forms must be completed and sent with a copy of AKC or other KC registration certificate and entry. The original certificate **MUST** be presented for inspection by the BKC Secretary in order to receive a BKC Show Registration Certificate.

#### **MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE IMPORT FORM**

Ministry of Agriculture form must be completed and sent with the above. Please note that if this form is not submitted to the BKC, we will be unable to obtain your Import License, and you will not be allowed to bring your dog in to the Bahamas. All dogs being imported into the Bahamas must be at least 6 months of age.

#### **HEALTH CERTIFICATE**

A Health Certificate must accompany each dog dated within 24 hours of arrival in the Bahamas. The same certificate may be used to take your dog back to his/her home country.