

Import of Dangerous Dogs

On 21 April 2001, the German law was passed on import of dangerous dogs for protection of the citizens. The import is controlled by customs.

Dangerous Dogs can be defined by race (fighting dogs) **or** behaviour (if they attack people). There are different listings. The Federal list consists of four races:

- Pitbull Terrier
- American Staffordshire Terrier
- Staffordshire Bullterrier
- Bullterrier

These races and any dogs deriving from these races cannot be imported to Germany.

There are also State lists. For Rhineland-Palatinate, there are only three races listed:

- Pitbull Terrier
- Staffordshire Bullterrier
- American Staffordshire Terrier

This list is the same as for the neighboured state Saarland.

There are more dog races listed on the other state lists. **If you fly into Germany, you will not have to comply to the list of the state of the airport you are landing at, but with the list of the state you will live in.**

If you only fly into Frankfurt, the Hesse list is not binding for you if you live in the KMC. Nevertheless, the dogs considered to be dangerous in Hesse are:

- Pitbull Terrier/American Pitbull Terrier
- American Staffordshire Terrier/Staffordshire Terrier
- Staffordshire Bullterrier
- Bullterrier
- American Bulldog
- Dogo Argentino
- Fila Brasileiro
- Kangal (Karabash)
- Kaukasischer Owtscharka
- Rottweiler
- all dogs deriving from these races