



WHAT IS THE ROLE OF the Santa Breeders' Society

IN THE *Livestock Industry*

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WHAT IS A BREEDERS' SOCIETY?

In terms of the Animal Improvement Act, 1998 (Act No.62 of 1998) a society is defined as a group of persons that promotes the breeding, the recording or registration, the genetic improvement and the use of an animal of a specified breed of such kind of animal, that determines and applies breed standards, who at its sole discretion recommends the recording of registration of those animals. The task of the Society is set out in its constitution, which is formulated by the members of the society.

WHAT IS THE MAIN RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BREEDERS' SOCIETY?

- To formulate a policy on breed purity and identity, recording- and breeding practices, membership, breed improvement, breed promotion and the management of the Society.
- To implement the formulated policies in such a way that the breed retains its identity, progress and that the breeders realise the maximum advantages from their involvement with the breed.
- Data submitted by the breeders, must meet the requirements of the Society's constitution and by-laws and the Society and service provider is responsible for the systems and procedures to be in place.

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE BREEDERS' SOCIETY?

- Breed identity – to establish the uniqueness of the breed, to identify the purpose of the breed

and to determine the role of the breed in the broad agricultural and economic community.

- Improvement of the breed retaining its unique traits – to formulate breed standards and to ensure its discipline implementation and to establish a breeding policy based on knowledgeable marketing and needs of the industry.
- Breed promotion
- Cost effective management – to manage the finances of the Society responsibly, to implement the breeding policy, to form a council that represent the members and to handle office administration.

Some of the main services is to focus on the optimisation of an ongoing user-friendly delivery of services to all breeders, commercial and developing farmers. These services include inspections, performance measurements, educate breeders and awareness of the breed.

THE BREEDERS' SOCIETY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE BREED THAT WE REPRESENT AND THE PEOPLE INVOLVED WITH THE BREED THROUGH THEIR COMMON INTEREST AND ENTHUSIASM.

