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Dog Control Bill 2013

The Association of Trinidad and Tobago Insurance Companies wishes to inform the public of the following as it pertains to the dog Control Bill 2013:-

Breeds covered under the Bill, identified as Class A Dogs relate specifically to the following breeds:-

- Pitbull Terriers or any dog bred from the Pitbull Terrier
- Fila Brasileiro or any dog bred from the Fila Brasileiro
- Japanese Tosa or any dog bred from the Japanese Tosa

The legislation requires persons who own a Class A dog, 'To have in force in relation to each dog, a policy of insurance that provides coverage in respect of each claim for injury or death caused by that dog in the sum of not less than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars or such higher sum as the Minister may prescribe by Order.'

According to the Bill, a policy of insurance shall be a policy which-

- a) Is issued by a person who is an insurer; and
- b) Insures the owner and any authorized keeper specified in the policy against any liability which may be incurred by him in respect of the death of, or injury to a person caused by a dog in relation to which the policy of insurance under this section is in force.

The Association wishes to advise the public that insurance companies do not have separate policies for owners to the above breeds; however insurance may be covered under their homeowners' policy. We are urging all owners of Class A breeds who have a homeowners' policy to contact their insurer as soon as possible to verify whether their policy includes such coverage.