

## **CONDITIONS FOR THE ENTRY OF DOGS AND CATS INTO ST. KITTS & NEVIS FROM NON-SCHEDULE COUNTRIES**

### **1. RABIES VACCINATIONS**

Animals must be current on rabies vaccinations whether it is the annual or the 3 years vaccine. The vaccine given must be an approved monovalent **killed rabies vaccine**.

Rabies vaccination shall not be given to animals less than 3 months of age.

### **2. ELECTRONIC MICROCHIP IDENTIFICATION**

All animals to be imported into St. Kitts and Nevis must be identified with an AVID<sup>®</sup> or Home Again electronic microchip implant. *The microchip number must be included on all relevant documents including written application form, blood samples submitted for rabies testing and on results of the rabies tests.*

### **3. APPLICATION FOR IMPORT PERMIT**

Apply in writing to the Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO) for import permit. The application must include the species, name, age, sex, breed, color or color pattern and microchip number.

An import permit will be issued **after** A & B are received.

A. Two Laboratory reports with Titer results  $>$  or  $=$  0.5 I.U./ml from the RABIES/RFFIT/FAVN Laboratory at Kansas State University.

The first titre must be taken no less than 30 days after the most recent rabies vaccine. If the result of the first titre is negative, a booster vaccine must be given and the titre repeated again in 30 days.

The second test must be conducted **not less than 30 days and not more than 12 months** after the first titre.

The testing laboratory must submit the test results **directly** to The Chief Veterinary Officer, P. O. Box 39, Veterinary Services, Department of Agriculture, Basseterre, St. Kitts, West Indies. Telephone 1-869-465-2110, Fax 1-869-465-2928.

To be considered valid, the test results must include the number of the implanted microchip and complete description of the animal (age, sex, breed, color or color pattern etc).

**B.** A health certificate issued by the **Veterinary Authority or Government Vet** of the exporting country **within 30 days** of the date of arrival. The health certificate must have the **seal or stamp** of the exporting country for international travel and must include.

I. A full description of animal including implanted microchip number.

- II. Records of last rabies vaccinations including name of vaccine, lot/serial number, expiration date and route of administration.
- C. A Health Certificate issued by an accredited veterinarian within 72 hours of arrival, must accompany the animal.

#### LABORATORY WHERE THE PRE-ARRIVAL RFFIT/FAVN TEST IS AVAILABLE

Until further notice, the only laboratory approved by the Veterinary Authority of St. Kitts and Nevis for the RFFIT/FAVN TEST is KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY.

Dr Deborah Briggs, Department of Pathobiology/Diagnostic Medicine, 1800 Denison Avenue, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 66506-5600.

For information on procedures please have your veterinarian call (785) 532-4483,  
Fax: (785) 532-42982; e-mail: [Briggs@vet.ksu.edu](mailto:Briggs@vet.ksu.edu)

#### Summary of Pre-arrival Requirements

- 1) Completed application form inclusive of Application Processing and Import Permit Fee.
- 2) Two Rabies Neutralising Antibody Test > or = 0.5Iu/ml.
- 3) **Stamped** or **sealed** Health Certificate from the exporting country **within** 30 days of arrival.
- 4) Import Permit.
- 5) 72 hours health certificate issued by an accredited Veterinarian accompanying the animal.
- 6) Internal and External parasite treatment within 72 hours.
- 7) After completion of step 2 one current RFFIT or FAVN test is required for re-entry.

**Failure to have requirements 2 - 5 will result in deportation or euthanasia of your pet.**

#### POST-ARRIVAL REQUIREMENTS

**A thirty-day home confinement is required.**

Requirements for thirty day confinement

- 1) Dogs must be kept on approved premises, completely fenced and secure.
- 2) Cats must be kept in doors at all times and all windows and doors must be screened.
- 3) Dogs and cats, after inspection at the port of entry must not be removed from carrier until arrival at the place of confinement.
- 4) Dog and cats must not come into contact with any other animal during confinement.

- 5) Dog and cats must not be removed from the premises without permission of the Veterinary Authority. Permission will be granted for Veterinary emergencies.  
Monitoring of animal during the 30 day confinement-4 visits

**Quarantine violations will result in deportation of your pet.**

**Fees**

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| a) Application and Import permit | EC\$55 | <b>US\$20</b> |
| b) Airport inspection fee        | 100    | 40            |
| c) Confinement inspection fee    | 200    | 80            |

Please note that the following dogs will not be permitted to enter the federation of St. Kitts and Nevis:

Pit Bull Terrier/ Staffordshire Terrier  
Dogo Argentino  
Presa Canario  
Fila Brasileiro  
Japanese Tosa  
American Bull dog