



Belize Agricultural Health Authority
Animal Health Department

IMPORT CONDITIONS DOGS & CATS

Legislation: Sections 60–64 of the Belize Agricultural Health Authority Act, Chapter 211 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011.

- 1.** The pet animal(s) is/are to be accompanied by a **veterinary certificate issued within two (2) weeks of travel date by a registered veterinarian** in the country of origin, and attesting

THAT:

- A. The pet animal(s) is/are clinically healthy, free of signs of infectious and contagious diseases, free of ectoparasites and has/have no fresh wound(s) or wound(s) in the process of healing.
- B. The pet animal(s) has/have been vaccinated against **Rabies** and that its/their vaccination is current. The date of vaccination, manufacturer, trade name, lot number and expiry date must be indicated on the certificate.
- C. All dogs and cats vaccinated against Rabies for the first time must be vaccinated at least four (4) weeks before traveling.
- D. Puppies and kittens must **NOT** be vaccinated against rabies before they are three (3) months old. The rabies certificate must include the puppy's or kitten's age or date of birth.
- E. Adult dogs and cats fifteen (15) months or older may travel less than four (4) weeks after a booster vaccination if they are accompanied by a history of rabies vaccination with at least one vaccine given after they were three (3) months old and one current rabies booster.
- F. Pet animal(s) must be treated against endoparasites and ectoparasites with a registered product in the country of origin within thirty (30) days of exportation.

NOTES

- a.** All pet animals entering Belize are to be inspected by a Belize Agricultural Health Authority (BAHA) official.
- b.** All pets not meeting these requirements will **NOT** be allowed entry into Belize.
- c.** Pet animals from or traversing countries affected with diseases and pests of quarantine importance (e.g. FMD, Screwworm, etc.) will require veterinary inspection at the port of entry.
- d.** Importers will be informed of the need for and cost of veterinary inspection when a permit is issued.

- e. Importer must notify date, time, and details (flight number, vessel number, etc.) of transport to BAHA two (2) working days before pet animals arrive to ensure that veterinary officer is present at the time of entry.
- f. All costs of veterinary inspection are to be borne by the importer.
- g. **It is strongly recommended that:**
 - All dogs** be vaccinated against Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, Parvovirus and Parainfluenza.
 - All cats** be vaccinated against Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis, Calici Virus and Panleukopenia.
- h. The cage must be new or cleaned and disinfected in the country of origin with a registered product prior to use for the exportation of the pet animal(s).

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