



PET PASSPORT APPLICATION AND GUIDELINES FOR PET PASSPORT HOLDERS
Annex I to Conditions Governing The Importation Of Dogs And Cats Into The Cayman Islands
The Animals Law (2015 Revision)

Pet owners who plan to travel with their dogs and cats from and into the Cayman Islands for three (3) or more times per year can apply for a multiple entry import permit /Cayman Islands Animal Passport. Your dog or cat must be resident in the Cayman Islands at the time of application for an Animal Passport. Three (3) successful round trips using the single entry import permit must be completed with your pet before meeting the eligibility requirements for a multiple entry import permit/ Cayman Islands Animal Passport.

The Cayman Islands Animal Passport is for travel into the Cayman Islands **ONLY**. All entries in the Pet Passport are to be written/ stamped by persons employed with the Cayman Islands Government **ONLY** (i.e. Agriculture or Customs staff).

All documents (copies) must be filed with the Cayman Islands Department of Agriculture at:

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| Mailing Address: Veterinary Services Department of Agriculture P.O. Box 459 Grand Cayman KY1-1106 Cayman Islands | Physical address: 181 Lottery Road, Lower Valley Bodden Town, Grand Cayman | Tel: (345) 947-3090 Email: ci.agriculturevs@gov.ky Website: www.doa.gov.ky |
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PET PASSPORT APPLICATION

Pet passport applicants must submit their application in person at the main office front desk of the Cayman Islands Department of Agriculture located in the above physical address.

The following items are to be submitted in order for your application to be considered:

1) Microchip requirements

Your dog or cat must first be permanently identified with a microchip transponder and a microchip implant certificate issued. Proof of the date of implant is required. Submission options include: microchip implantation certificate, proof of payment for a microchip, or any health record showing the date on which the microchip was implanted

As of March 1st, 2019, all animals receiving new microchips should have International Standards Organisation (ISO)-compliant (15-digit, numerical) microchips implanted. Animals with microchips implanted prior to March 1st 2019 will be accepted with an ISO-compatible (10 or more alphanumeric characters) microchip.

2) Copy of Current Rabies Vaccination Certificate

After identification, a licensed veterinarian using an approved inactivated or recombinant vaccine must then vaccinate your dog or cat against rabies and issue a rabies vaccination certificate. Note that 1-year, 2- year and 3-year vaccinations are recognised. Your dog or cat must be at least twelve (12) weeks old before the primary (first) rabies vaccine is given. Subsequent booster vaccinations must be administered in accordance with the World Small Animal Veterinary Association’s (WSAVA) guidelines outlines in Appendix II. Any lapse with revaccination may result in your dog or cat being delayed to re-enter the Cayman Islands.

The microchip number must be recorded on the rabies vaccination certificate. Vaccination certificates without a microchip number will not be accepted. The rabies vaccination certificate must also contain the make, serial number, validity of the vaccination, and expiry date of the vaccine product used.

Currently, only the Department of Agriculture is authorised to administer rabies vaccines in the Cayman Islands.

3) Copy of Current Rabies Titre Test Result

A blood test must be taken after vaccination to confirm the presence of protective antibodies against rabies. *The blood test, a Fluorescent Antibody Virus Neutralising Test (FAVN), must be carried out by a laboratory approved by the Cayman Islands Department of Agriculture for carrying out such a test at a minimum of 30 days after the most recent rabies vaccination. The test result must show a serum antibody level of at least 0.5 IU/ml and must bear the animal's microchip number. Test results bearing the wrong microchip number will not be accepted and a new test will have to be carried out. A list of major approved laboratories can be found in Appendix I. Please contact us at CI.AgricultureVS@gov.ky for information on other potential laboratories.*

For local pets, your local veterinarian in the Cayman Islands will draw the blood sample for the titre testing and they will send the blood sample to a laboratory approved by the Cayman Islands Department of Agriculture.

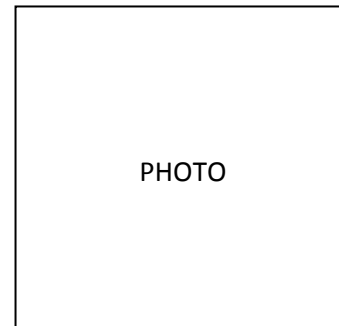
- 4) Two (2) passport sized, colour photographs of your dog or cat **printed on photo paper.**
- 5) Pet Passport fee of CI\$150.00 (payable in cash or local cheque only) – you will need to pay the fee first at our sales office prior to submitting your application at our main office front desk. Note that a copy of your payment receipt should be submitted.
- 6) Completed animal passport application form – page 3 of this document.

Once your application is received and approved, a reply will be provided within 3 working days.



ANIMAL PASSPORT APPLICATION FORM

(See notes on reverse)



A) TO BE COMPLETED BY OWNER

OWNER INFORMATION

Name: _____

Local Address: _____

Overseas Address: _____

Ph: _____

Ph: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

ANIMAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Microchip Number: _____

Species: Dog Cat Sex: Male Female Spayed/ Neutered: Yes No

Date of Birth: _____ Breed: _____ Colour: _____

B) OFFICIAL USE ONLY

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| Date Approved: | Passport Number: |
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| Rabies Vaccination | | |
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| Date | Make & Serial No. | Expires |
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| Rabies Serology | | | |
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| Renewals | | |
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| Date | Expires | Signature |
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Submit copies of the following documents with your completed application form:

- Proof of Microchip implantation date. Submission options include: microchip implantation certificate, proof of payment for a microchip, or a copy of your pet's health record showing the date from which the microchip was implanted.
- Current rabies vaccination certificate. The rabies vaccination certificate must bear your pet's microchip number.
- Current rabies FAVN (titre) test result showing an antibody titre of 0.5 IU/ml or greater. The laboratory result must bear your pet's microchip number.
- Two recent passport sized colour photographs of your pet that are printed on photo paper clearly showing its size and likeness from the head to the shoulders
- A copy of the payment receipt showing proof of payment of the Passport application fee of \$150.00 (payable in cash or CI cheque only) in the applicant's name.

Your application will be processed and if successful, an Animal Passport will be issued within three (3) working days.

A) BEFORE DEPARTURE

- 1) **Within 14 days of the scheduled date of travel, your dog or cat must be treated for tapeworms and ticks by your private veterinarian.**

*For tapeworms: a preparation containing **praziquantel** at a dose rate of 5mg/kg body weight.*

For ticks: a 'systemic' preparation known to have residual action. Approved product ingredients include fipronil, amitraz, pyrethrins, permethrins, and isoxazolines.

Note: *The following products are **NOT** acceptable: shampoos, collars, preparations that are licensed for control of fleas only (e.g. Program® Advantage®, Revolution® or Sentinel®).*

If you plan to stay overseas for more than 14 days, your local veterinarian can skip this step.

- 2) **Also within 14 days of the scheduled date of travel, your dog or cat must be examined by your local veterinarian and issued with an Export Health Certificate. For travel to, or via North America, your local veterinarian will email us the health certificate for endorsement and once endorsed, an export permit will be issued by the Cayman Islands Department of Agriculture. For UK/ EU pet travels, a hard copy of the export permit will be prepared by your local veterinarian. The pet owner will also have to make an appointment with the Department of Agriculture for the endorsement of their pet's export health certificate.**

The Department of Agriculture can be contacted 1-2 business days from the date of your pet's examination with the vet to check if the North American export permit is ready for collection.

B) RETURNING TO THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

- 3) If your dog or cat's stay overseas has been 14 days or less, you need to present your Cayman Islands Animal Passport, along with the Export Health Certificate (export permit) obtained prior to departure (see (2) above) and other listed requirements as per Section E below, to the Agricultural Inspector upon arrival.

Note that your vet must administer the approved tick and tapeworm treatments (see (1) above) during the exit examination so that your pet will be eligible to use the export health certificate to re- enter the Cayman Islands.

- 4) If your dog or cat's stay overseas is for more than 14 days, you must obtain and present to the Agricultural Inspector upon arrival in the Cayman Islands, in addition to the Cayman Islands Animal Passport, a Veterinary Health Certificate, as outlined in Section C below and other listed requirements as per Section E below.

C) VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE (valid for a period of 14 days only)

*A **Veterinary Health Certificate** must be completed and signed by a licensed veterinarian who is accredited by the official government authority of the exporting country to perform health examinations for the purpose of dog and cat exportation. Endorsement of dog and cat health certificates by an official veterinarian employed full time by the government of the country of origin (e.g. USDA in the USA, CFIA in Canada, DEFRA in the UK) is dependant solely on the legal requirements of the country of export. However, in the absence of an accreditation programme for the exportation of dogs and cats in the country of export, the veterinary health certificate will need to be endorsed by a veterinarian in full-time employment of the official government authority.*

The Veterinary Health Certificate is valid for a period of 14 days only, from the date the pet was examined and the tick and tapeworm treatments administered.

The veterinary health certificate must contain the following information:

- 1) A unique certificate number;
- 2) The country of origin of the animal;
- 3) The name and address of the;
 - a) consignor (sender)
 - b) consignee (receiver)
- 4) A description of the animal(s) to be imported; (species, breed, sex and status {spayed, neutered, intact}, age and coat colour);
- 5) The microchip identification number of the animal(s), location of the microchip and date of microchip implant;
- 6) Information on the last rabies vaccination (date administered, the vaccine name, its manufacturer, and batch number must be on the certificate);
- 7) The type and date of other/routine vaccinations administered;

- 8) If applicable, the seal number of the container in which the animal is being transported along with the signature and stamp of the official affixing the seal. (*See part G Transportation Instructions*);
- 9) Certification statements as outlined below
- 10) Accreditation number of the certifying veterinarian

Veterinary health certificates issued outside of the Cayman Islands must have the following statements:

- a. As best as can be ascertained, the animal(s) is/are not infected with any communicable disease and is free from external parasites.
- b. After due enquiry, I am satisfied that: (*delete statements which are not applicable*)
 - a. The animal(s) has/have been resident in the country of export since birth, or continuously for the past three (3) months; or
 - b. The animal(s) has/have been in one or more 'no' rabies-risk countries for the past three (3) months; or
 - c. The animal(s) has/have been in one or more 'low' rabies-risk countries for the past three (3) months; or
 - d. The animal(s) has/have been in one or more 'high' rabies-risk countries for the past three (3) months
 - e. The animal(s) was/were originally from the Cayman Islands
 - f. The animal(s) is/are travelling by sea
 - g. Country of origin of animal(s) {if different from country of export}: _____
- c. After due enquiry, I am satisfied that the animal(s) has/have not been present within the past three (3) months in an officially quarantined or designated rabies area.
- d. The animal(s) has/have been treated on the day of examination with an acaricidal preparation, which is known to have residual action against ticks (include the name of the acaricidal product).
- e. The animal(s) has/have been treated on the day of examination with a preparation containing praziquantel at a dose rate of 5mg/kg body weight, which is known to be effective against tapeworms (include the name of the tapeworm product).
- f. The microchip(s) was/were scanned at the time of physical examination and prior to the administration of tick and tapeworm treatment.
- g. The animal(s) was/were subjected to a neutralising antibody titration test within the past 12 months with a result of 0.5IU/ml or greater (attach a copy of the rabies titre laboratory report).

The certificate should be written in legible English. In such circumstances as may be warranted, it should also be written in a language understood by the certifying veterinarian. A certifying veterinarian should have no conflict of interest with the animals he/she is certifying.

D) TRANSPORTATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. All animals travelling to the Cayman Islands must do so by the most direct route possible.
2. Animals travelling by air must be carried in an approved container, which meets standards set by the International Air Transport Association (IATA).
3. All documents accompanying the animal must be affixed to the container.
4. If travelling other than by direct route from the country of origin, **through a territory not on the approved list**, the door of the container must be sealed with a government approved seal in the country of origin before the animal is loaded onto the aircraft or vessel with the number on the seal entered onto the health certificate by an airline or government official (e.g., agriculture, customs).

E) INSPECTION ON ARRIVAL

The following items must be presented for inspection when you travel to the Cayman Islands with your pet:

- Valid Pet Passport
- ORIGINAL veterinary health certificate signed by a licensed or accredited veterinarian/ export permit issued in the Cayman Islands
- Copy of your pet's current rabies vaccination certificate
- Copy of your pet's current titre test certificate

Possession of a valid Pet Passport does not guarantee entry. All animals and documents are subject to examination at the port of entry by an Agricultural Health Inspector. Should the animal fail to meet entry requirements, the Director of Agriculture (or designate), discretionally, and at the expense of the importer, may order that the animal be refused entry and returned immediately, or be destroyed. **Detention or quarantine is NOT an option in the Cayman Islands.**

NOTES IN USING THE PET PASSPORT FOR TRAVEL TO THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

- 1) The pet passport is valid for **one (1) year** only from the date of approval or renewal (date of stamp on the pet passport). Hence, it has to be renewed on or before the expiry date. If you fail to renew the pet passport before its expiry, the pet passport will no longer be valid for importation of your pet. In that case, the pet owner should apply for a single entry import permit before the pet will be eligible to enter the Cayman Islands. Once granted with a single entry import permit, the pet owner can then renew the pet passport once on the island with their pet.
- 2) Your pet's **rabies vaccination** MUST be kept updated at all times if you wish to continue to be a pet passport holder. If the rabies vaccination lapses, then your pet passport will no longer be valid for your pet to travel into the Cayman Islands. You will then have to complete an application for a single entry import permit before your pet will be eligible to enter the Cayman Islands. Once your pet is on the island, you will be eligible to renew or use the pet passport for future travel.
- 3) Your pet's **titre** MUST also be kept updated if you wish to continue to be a pet passport holder. If there is a lapse in your pet's rabies titre, then your pet passport will no longer be valid for your pet to travel into the Cayman Islands. You will have to complete an application for a single entry import permit before your pet will be eligible to enter the Cayman Islands. Once your pet is on the island, you will be eligible to renew or use the pet passport for future travel.
- 4) To renew your pet passport, the following must be submitted:
 - a) Valid Pet Passport
 - b) Current rabies vaccination certificate
 - c) Current titre test certificate
 - d) Payment of CI\$150.00 (US\$183.00) – you can attach a copy of your payment receipt to your application for renewal
- 5) You will need to travel with the following documents when entering the Cayman Islands with your pet:
 - a) Valid Pet Passport
 - b) ORIGINAL veterinary health certificate signed by a licensed or accredited veterinarian/ export permit issued in the Cayman Islands
 - c) Copy of your pet's current rabies vaccination certificate
 - d) Copy of your pet's current titre test certificate



Appendix I: LIST OF APPROVED LABORATORIES in the USA & UK

Kansas State University (Civilians)
The Rabies Laboratory
Kansas State University
2005 Research Park Circle
Manhattan, KS 66502

Phone: 785-532-4483

Fax: 785-532-4474

Fax: 785-532-4522

<http://www.vet.k-state.edu/depts/dmp/service/rabies/favn.htm>

Biobest Laboratories Ltd 6 Charles Darwin House
The Edinburgh Technopole
Milton Bridge
Nr Penicuik EH26 0PY
Tel: + 44 (0) 131 440 2628
Fax: + 44 (0) 131 440 9587
email: enquiry@biobest.co.uk
www.biobest.co.uk

Animal Health & Veterinary
Laboratories Agency
New Haw
Addlestone
Weybridge
Surrey KT15 3NB
United Kingdom
Tel: +44 (0) 1932 357345
Fax: + 44 (0) 1932 359519
email: lab.services@ahvla.gsi.gov.uk
www.defra.gov.uk/ahvla

Auburn University Diagnostic Services
Serology/Virology Lab
261 Greene Hall
Auburn, AL 36849
Tel: 334-844-2659 or 334-844-4539
Fax: 334-844-2652
Email: virology@vetmed.auburn.edu

For USA Military only
United States Army Public Health Command
DoD Food Analysis & Diagnostic Laboratory (FADL)
PHCR-SOUTH
ATTN: Diagnostics Lab
2899 Schofield Road
Suite 2630
Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234-7583
http://www.vetlab.army.mil/documents/pet_docs.html

Any laboratory being used for rabies FAVN titre testing in preparation for animal exportation must be one that is approved by the European Union. Please contact the Cayman Islands Department of Agriculture for a list of other laboratories if needed.

Appendix II: CAYMAN ISLANDS GUIDELINES FOR RABIES VACCINATIONS FOR DOGS AND CATS

(adapted from the WSAVA vaccination guidelines for dogs and cats)

Vaccination guidelines for rabies-puppies and kittens

- Vaccinate at a minimum of 12 weeks of age. A second booster vaccination may be given 4 weeks after the first vaccination
- Revaccination booster 1 year later
- 1-year, 2-year, and 3-year vaccines are recognised
- Thereafter, revaccination boosters as per manufacturer's recommendation or as required by legal statutes

Vaccination guidelines for rabies- adult dogs and cats

- Administer a single dose
- Revaccination booster 1 year later
- 1-year, 2-year, and 3-year vaccines are recognised
- Thereafter, revaccination boosters as per manufacturer's recommendation or as required by legal statutes

Comments

- All initial rabies vaccinations must be followed 1 year later (no earlier than 9 months and no later than 12 months) by revaccination. **Only after that second vaccination can the interval for revaccination be extended legally to 2 or 3 years with a product that has a 2-year or 3-year duration of immunity label**
- Antibody titres generally reach protective levels 4 weeks (30 days) after vaccination