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## Traveling to HAWAII with pets



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## Important Information:

*When travelling with your pet(s), there may be animal health requirements specific for that destination. As soon as you know your travel details, contact your local veterinarian to assist with the pet travel process. Factors to consider may include meeting time frames for obtaining a health certificate, updating vaccinations, microchipping, diagnostic testing, or administration of medications/ treatments.*

### Other factors to consider while traveling:

*Breed restrictions, Age restriction, Appropriate kennel size, Airline requirements, Pre-notification and/or consulate approval to specific country, On-base housing pet requirements/ restrictions, etc.*

### **Remember...**

- ◆ *It is the responsibility of the pet owner to make sure their pet has met the requirements of the destination country.*
- ◆ *Failure to meet the requirements may result in problems gaining certificate endorsement or difficulties upon arrival in the destination country.*
- ◆ *Health certificates must be legible, accurate, and complete.*

## Helpful Resources:

For the most up to date information on pet travel to HAWAII please visit the following websites:

⇒ <http://hdoa.hawaii.gov/ai/aqs/aqs-info/>

\* Look for: Hawaii’s animal quarantine law > “Hawaii Rabies Quarantine Information Brochure” OR “Checklist 1 – for Direct Airport Release & 5 Day or Less Program”

### **QUARANTINE CONTACT INFO:**

- ◇ Email: [rabiesfree@hawaii.gov](mailto:rabiesfree@hawaii.gov)
- ◇ Animal Quarantine Station # : (808) 483-7151
- ◇ Mailing address to submit forms:  
Hawaii Department of Agriculture  
Animal Quarantine Station  
99-951 Halawa Valley Street  
Aiea, Hawaii 96701

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Hawaii’s Animal Quarantine Station or your local veterinary treatment facility. Thank you in advance for your attention to and assistance with this matter.

### **DISCLAIMER:**

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# HAWAII Summary Sheet:

## 1. Microchip

- Microchipped PRIOR to FAVN
- Any microchip type/brand is acceptable

## 2. 1st Rabies Vaccine

- Must not be expired before 2nd rabies vaccine

## 3. 2nd Rabies Vaccine

- Must not be expired and must be more than 30 days after 1st vaccination
- Administer at least 30 days before arrival to Hawaii or pet will be quarantined at owner's expense

## 4. FAVN Blood Test

- Schedule appointment as early as possible for FAVN blood draw.
- VTF will ensure FAVN results are sent directly to the Hawaii Quarantine Facility. Be sure HAWAII is listed as destination on lab submission form
- FAVN results must be passing (>0.5 IU/ml)

*Recommended to check your pets FAVN results on the Hawaii Dept. of Agriculture website.*

## 5. 30 Day Waiting Period after FAVN results

- Dogs and cats are required to undergo a wait of at least 30 days between the date the results are received by the lab for the rabies titer test and the date the animal arrives in Hawaii. If 30 days have not passed before the animal's arrival in Hawaii, the animal will be quarantined at the Hawaii Quarantine Facility to make up the number of days remaining in the 30 day wait period.

## 6. REQUIRED Treatments:

- Dogs and Cats:** Tick treatment (with approved products and administered by veterinarian at the time of the health certificate examination.)

## 7. RECOMMENDED Vaccines:

- Dogs:** DA2PP, Lepto, and Bordetella (kennel cough)
- Cats:** FVRCP, Chlamydia, and Feline Leukemia

## 8. Owner submits documents to Hawaii:

- As soon as possible and NLT 10 days before arrival, submit to the Animal Quarantine Station in Hawaii:
- Completed Dog & Cat Import Form AQS-278 (Must have legal owner of pet on form)
- Originals of two most current rabies certificates with vaccine name, lot/serial number, booster interval, vaccination date and vaccine lot expiration date listed.
- Payment of fees, as listed on the Import Form (AQS-278)

\*See Hawaii Rabies Quarantine - Information Brochure for detailed instructions located under "Helpful Resources"

## 9. Veterinary Health Certificate Appointment

- Schedule appointment as early as possible to ensure availability for health certificate appointments.
- No more than 10 days prior to arriving, receive health certificate exam and documents from veterinarian.
- Name, address, phone number of owner/shipper/recipient MUST match travel orders exactly, unless pet is being shipped separately. If different, power of attorney must be presented with travel orders.
- For the owner/recipient name, each and every person that might possibly pick up pet at the airport MUST BE LISTED.

★ **MUST ARRIVE WITH ORIGINAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE**

NOTE: Airlines may have separate and additional requirements. Check with your airline to determine what requirements they may have, if any.



## Basic pet travel checklist: HAWAII

### Vaccines & Tests?

- TWO Rabies current and given prior to arrival
- Rabies antibody test (FAVN) complete and passing (0.5 IU/ml+)
- Tick treatment during exam
- OPTIONAL: Additional vaccines

### Microchip?

- Any brand/type
- Prior to FAVN

### Health Certificate? (2 copies)

- Issued within 10 days of travel in English
- USDA Aphis form 7001
- 2 Original rabies certificates
- Original FAVN report
- Acclimation memo

### Advance Notification?

- Send all required forms by mail with return receipt to verify delivery NLT 10 days or more before intended date of arrival (listed on #8)

**NOTE:** If you do not send the original health certificate to the Animal Quarantine Station in advance of your pet's arrival with your other documents, you must provide the health certificate upon arrival to the Inspector. Failure to bring the original health certificate (photocopy not acceptable), will prevent your pet from being released.

Send documents (Dog & Cat Import Form AQS-279, two rabies vaccination certificates, payment\*), include a cashier's check or money order (no personal checks are accepted) for \$185 for Direct Airport Release in HNL or \$244 for 5 Day Or Less. Include your pet's microchip number with the payment to ensure proper credit. Payable to: **Department of Agriculture.**

**Failure to send documents as instructed will incur additional fees and can disqualify a pet from airport release.** Other than the original health certificate, hand carrying documents in for review and qualification on arrival will cause delay and result in a higher fee of \$244 for DAR, and \$110 for Re-Entry. Priority is given to dog and cat owners that properly submitted documents beforehand as instructed.

→ **Refer to "Checklist 1 – for Direct Airport Release & 5 Day or Less Program" on Hawaii's DOA website**