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CAYMAN ISLANDS

GUIDELINES FOR PET PASSPORT HOLDERS
Annex I to Conditions Governing The Importation Of Dogs And Cats Into The Cayman Islands
The Animals Law (2013 Revision)

These guidelines are for persons wishing to travel from and into the Cayman Islands on a repeated basis, and have obtained a multiple entry import permit (Animal Passport).

The Cayman Islands Pet 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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A) PET PASSPORT SUBMISSION AND RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS::

- 1) Your dog or cat must first be permanently identified with a microchip transponder. *Only microchip brands accepted by the International Standards Organisation (Standard 11784 or Annex A to standard 11785) should be used. These include some AVID®, Home Again®, and Identichip® microchips... those that are read by 134.2 kHz scanners. Please note: not all microchips conform to this standard.*
- 2) After identification, a licensed veterinarian using an approved, inactivated, adjuvanted vaccine must then vaccinate your dog or cat against rabies.
(Currently, only the Department of Agriculture is authorised to administer rabies vaccines in the Cayman Islands.)
The vaccine must be administered not less than thirty days and not more than one year prior to shipment. Your dog or cat must be at least twelve (12) weeks old before the primary rabies vaccine is given.
[N.B. The Department of Agriculture strongly recommends that animals that have received only a primary vaccine against rabies be given a booster vaccination 30 days later before the blood test is carried out.]
The rabies vaccinations MUST be kept up to date 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.
- 3) A blood test must be taken after vaccination to check for protective antibodies against rabies. *The blood test, a neutralising antibody titration test, must be carried out by a laboratory approved by the OIE for carrying out such a test, not more than 12 months prior to travel. The test result must show a serum antibody level of at least 0.5 IU/ml and must bear the animal's permanent identification number. (We recommend that you wait at least 28 days after vaccination to have the blood test, as antibody response to the vaccine usually takes this length of time).*
ANY lapse in titre testing will result in the animal being out of the country for a longer period of time. The rabies titre must be kept up to date if you wish to continue to be a Pet Passport holder. If the rabies titre lapses, then your Pet Passport will no longer be valid for your pet to travel into The Cayman Islands.
- 4) A copy of the current rabies vaccination certificate, a copy of the current rabies titre laboratory report, 2 passport size photographs of your dog or cat (if replacing the passport) and a non-refundable application fee for the multiple entry passport: CI\$150 (US\$183) must be submitted to the Cayman Islands Department of Agriculture for the processing of the renewal of the Pet Passport.
The documents will be processed and a reply given within three (3) working days.

NB. A Multiple Entry Import Permit/Passport is NOT recognised for travel by any other country and is for travel into the Cayman Islands ONLY. The passport is recommended for people that travel into the Cayman Islands three (3) or more times per year with their pets.

B) BEFORE DEPARTURE

- 5) **Within 10-14 days of the scheduled date of travel, your dog or cat must be examined by a private Veterinary clinic and issued with an Export Health Certificate. This is then sent by the clinic to the Cayman Islands Department of Agriculture for issuing of an Official Export Permit. The Cayman Islands Department of Agriculture charges a fee of CI\$20 for this service**
- 6) **Within 14 days of the scheduled date of IMPORT and 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 topical preparation known to have residual action. A product containing fipronil is preferred. Other approved products include amitraz, pyrethrins, and permethrins. The following products are NOT acceptable: shampoos, collars, preparations that are licensed for control of fleas only (e.g. Program® Advantage®, Revolution® or Sentinel®).
NB . There are some oral tick and flea treatments, but these must be approved for use before the medication is given, or it may result in the animal having to be treated again.

C) RETURNING TO THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

- 7) If your dog or cat's stay overseas has been 14 days or less, you need only present your valid animal passport, **or** Single Entry Import Permit, along with the Export Health Certificate (with the treatments administered) obtained prior to departure (see (6) above), to the Agricultural Inspector upon arrival.
- 8) 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 valid Animal Passport, an Official Health Certificate, as outlined in Section D below.

D) OFFICIAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE (valid for a period of 14 days only)

An Official Veterinary Health Certificate is a document issued and endorsed by a veterinarian employed full time by the government of the country of origin (e.g. USDA, Canadian Food Inspection Agency, DEFRA in the UK). The document may be filled out and signed by a licensed veterinarian, but must also be endorsed by a government veterinarian.

The Official Health Certificate is valid for a period of 14 days only.

- 9) **The official health certificate must have the following information:**
- The name and address of the owner/agent;
 - A description of the animal to be imported;
 - The microchip number of the animal;
 - The date of the last rabies vaccination (including vaccine make and batch number);
 - The date of other vaccinations (DHLPP, FVRCP);
 - The seal number of the container in which the pet is being transported along with the signature and stamp of the official affixing the seal. (See part E, Transportation Instructions);

The health certificate must have the following statements:

- As best as can be ascertained, the animal is not infected with any communicable disease and is free from external parasites.
- The animal has been continually resident in the country of origin since exportation from the Cayman Islands, or for the past 6 months prior to export and as best as can be ascertained has not been exposed to rabies or has not been present within the past 6 months in an officially quarantined or designated rabies area
- The animal has 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).
- The animal has 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).
- The animal was subjected to a neutralising antibody titration test within the past 12 months with a result of 0.5 IU/ml or greater (attach a copy of rabies titration report).

The certificate should be written in English. In such circumstances as may be warranted, it should also be written in a language understood by the certifying veterinarian.

E) PROHIBITIONS

In accordance with the Animals Law (2013 Revision), no animal of any description may be imported into the Cayman Islands from any country in Asia, Africa or Central and South America. Other territories from which dogs and cats are prohibited are Cuba, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

F) ELIGIBILITY FOR IMPORTATION

These conditions apply to specified countries or territories in which rabies is absent or well controlled. These are as follows:

- a) Territories recognised as being rabies free by the Cayman Islands Government:**
Antigua, Australia, Barbados, Bermuda, Great Britain, Hawaii, Ireland (Rep), Jamaica, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, St Vincent.
- b) Territories recognised where rabies is well controlled:**
Anguilla, Aruba, Austria, Bahamas, Belgium, British Virgin Islands, Canada, Curacao, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guadeloupe, Hawaii, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Martinique, Monaco, Montserrat, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, St Martin, Sweden, Switzerland, Trinidad And Tobago, US Virgin Islands, USA, Vatican.

Notwithstanding section D 1., territories not listed above may make representation to the Cayman Islands Department of Agriculture for inclusion in the above lists.

G) TRANSPORTATION INSTRUCTIONS

- 10) You must give at least 48 hours' notice of expected date and time of arrival, along with details of the vessel or airline (e.g. Airline and flight number).
- 11) All animals travelling to the Cayman Islands must do so by the most direct route possible.
- 12) Animals travelling by air must be carried in an approved container, which meets standards set by the International Air Transport Association (IATA).
- 13) All documents accompanying the animal must be affixed to the container, or must be in hand on board the aircraft and ready for inspection if requested.
- 14) 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).

H) INSPECTION ON ARRIVAL

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 approved inspector. Should the animal fail to meet entry requirements, the Director of Agriculture may at his discretion and at the expense of the importer, order that the animal be refused entry and returned immediately or be destroyed. Detention or quarantine is **NOT** an option in the Cayman Islands.