

Going to Hawaii with Pets

Rabies Vaccinations

Dogs and Cats must be vaccinated for rabies with an approved monovalent inactivated or recombinant rabies vaccine within 12 months of arrival if using a one year vaccine and within 36 months if using a 3 year vaccine. Rabies certificates must be hand signed and contain full vaccine information. This includes manufacturer, vaccine name, lot number, expiration date, the date the vaccine was given, and the date the vaccine will need to be boosted. This vaccination must be give at least 90 day prior to arrival.

For the 5-day-or-less or Direct-release programs:

Proof of two rabies vaccines more then 90 days apart in a lifetime must be given. Both vaccinations follow the above guidelines for certification.

Other Vaccinations – if being quarantined!

Dogs must be vaccinated against DA2LPP and Bordetella within 180 days to 10 days prior to arrival. A vaccination against Corona is recommended. Cats must be vaccinated against FVRCP between 180 days and 10 days prior to arrival. A Feline Leukemia vaccine is recommended but not required.

Microchipping

All animals must be microchipped prior to being FAVN tested. This must be a chip that can be read with an AVID scanner (AVID or HomeAgain chips). Record the microchip number on all documentation for the animals.

FAVN Testing

Blood is to be drawn for a FAVN test at least 90 days prior to arrival. This test must be completed by the Kansas State University or Fort Sam Houston. A result of 0.5 IU/ml is necessary for approval for entry. The test generally takes about three to four weeks to get the results back. The original results of this test will be sent directly to Hawaii by the lab. Results are good for entry to Hawaii for 18 months from the date the blood is drawn.

For the 5-day-or-less or Direct-release programs:

The FAVN test must be done 120 days prior to arrival.

Waiting Period

From the day after the valid FAVN test arrives at the lab, it is a wait of 90 days before the pet may arrive in Hawaii. If the animal arrives prior to the end of this period, he will not be eligible for the 30-day quarantine. The animal will be quarantined for 120 days. The owner will be assessed an additional \$14.30 a day charge for every day the animal is in quarantine.

For the 5-Day-or-Less or Direct-Release programs:

From the day the blood for the valid FAVN test arrives at the lab, it is a wait of 120 days before the pet can arrive in Hawaii and be quarantined for 5-days or less. If the animal arrives prior to this day, it will be quarantined for up to 120 days at the owner's expense as stated before.

Documentation

The following documents must be completed and submitted to the Animal Quarantine Branch at least 10 days prior to arrival to Hawaii. It is suggested to send the papers next day or 2-day air with return receipt to verify delivery.

A completed notarized Dog and Cat Import Form (AQS-278)

2 original rabies vaccination certificates with original signatures.

An original Health Certificate with an original signature. (If one is not sent, one must be presented upon arrival at the Airport Animal Quarantine Holding Facility.)

The fees for the quarantine paid be cashier's check or money order made payable to the **Department of Agriculture** with the animal's microchip number included on the check. (If payment is not sent, the owner can pay by cashier's check, money order, traveler's checks, Visa, MasterCard, or cash upon arrival. If anything besides a Cashier's check or money order are used, there may be processing delays. All payments must be made in full.)

Extra copies of all documents should be kept to be transported with the animal.

For the Direct-Release program:

All documents, including the health certificate and the full payment of all fees, must arrive in Hawaii a minimum of 10 days prior to the animal. The following document must be sent as well:

2 original rabies vaccination certificates with original signatures for the previous rabies vaccination.

Right Before You Go

Go to the vet and get a Health Certificate within 14 days of arrival, 10 days or less for departure. It must have an original legible signature and be written in English, with the clinic address and phone number. A complete description of the animal. A written declaration by the vet of treatment for ticks with fipronil within 14 days of arrival with the name and date of the treatment noted. Last, but not least, the name, lot#, and expiration date of the rabies vaccine and the date it was given must be noted. Also attach a record of all other required vaccines given.