

Animal Health Guidelines to obtain an Import Permit for the importation of Dogs into The Commonwealth of Dominica

- The animal must be examined by a Licensed and an accredited Veterinarian in the country, and a certificate issued indicating the Animal Health Status of the animal.
- The animal must be free from internal and external parasites
- The animal must be tested , and treated for Heartworms
- The health records indicating the Immunization Status of the animal must be provided with a current **DHLPP+ C** Immunization Record or any other endemic diseases of importance.
- Dogs must be immunized with an approved Rabies Vaccine by an official veterinarian stating type, serial number, date of expiration and date of administration, at least 30 days and not more than one(1) year prior to exportation of animal.
- A blood sample must be taken from the dog and sent to a reputable Rabies Reference Laboratory to perform the RNATT/FAVN, and the result must be sent directly to the Veterinary Services at the above address prior to issuing an import permit. The test result must show a serum antibody level of at least 0.5 IU/ mL
- **The test must be done not less than one (1) month after vaccination with Approved Rabies Vaccine.**

N.B Please note that the test takes not 3-4 weeks or longer before a result can be obtained. Please be guided by this information in relation to your travel plans

- An Import permit will be issued once the requirements are met, and sent to the importer by fax or email.

Animal Health Guidelines to obtain an Import Permit for the importation of Cats into The Commonwealth of Dominica

- The animal must be examined by a Licensed and an Accredited Veterinarian in the country and a certificate issued indicating the Animal Health Status of the animal must be provided.
- The animal must be free from internal and external parasites
- The health records indicating the Immunization Status of the animal must be provided for the endemic diseases of importance Immunization Record or any other endemic diseases of importance.
- Cats coming from **Rabies endemic Countries** must be immunized with an approved Rabies Vaccine by an official veterinarian stating serial number, date of expiration etc...at least 30 days and not more than one(1) year prior to exportation of the animal.

- A blood sample must be taken from the cat and sent to a reputable Rabies Reference Laboratory, and the result must be sent directly to the Veterinary Services at the above address prior to issuing an import permit. The test result must show a serum antibody level of at least 0.5 IU/mL.
- **The test must be done not less than one (1) month after vaccination with Approved Rabies Vaccine.**

Please note that the test takes not 3-4 weeks or longer before a result can be obtained. Please be guided by this information in relation to your travel plans

- An Import permit will be issued once the requirements are met, and sent to the importer by fax or email.

N.b. An Import Permit is not an Emergency and every effort must be made in advance to provide the necessary information regarding your pet prior to making travel plans. **Processing and other fees may apply**

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RNATT- Rabies Neutralizing Antibody Titration Test