



# Importation and Exportation of Dogs and Cats

(Rabies Vaccinations, Pet Passports, and Service & Support Animals)

## Importation

**Q:** I would like to import my dog(s) or cat(s). What are the requirements?

**A:** Please see link for the most updated requirements on importing dogs and cats into the Cayman Islands: <http://www.gov.ky/portal/pls/portal/docs/1/12806523.PDF>

**Q:** Are there any prohibited dog breeds that are not eligible for importation into the Cayman Islands?

**A:** Please see link for the current list of prohibited dog breeds that are not eligible for importation into the island: <http://www.gov.ky/portal/pls/portal/docs/1/12306439.PDF>

**Q:** How soon can I submit an application for importation of my pet?

**A:** You can submit your import application as early as 6 months prior to your intended date of travel so that we can start a file for you and advise you of your next steps.

**Q:** What are the initial documents I need to submit for importation?

**A:** For dogs: completed, signed, and dated pages 6 & 7 of our requirements; For cats: completed, signed, and dated page 6 of our requirements. We have also provided a checklist on page 8 which provides further guidance of documents to be submitted if on hand at the time of application and breed determination form submission.

**Q:** How soon before I can import my dog(s) or cat(s)?

**A:** See section B3 of our requirements for eligibility of pets to enter the Cayman Islands after a successful titre test.

**Q:** I have submitted and completed all listed requirements for importation and was given an 'application in order email', how soon before I can receive my import permit/s?

**A:** Provided all listed requirements for importation are met, we will issue import permits within 3 working days. Import permits will then be provided via email.

**Q:** Does the Cayman Islands have specific requirements for service, emotional, therapy and support animals?

**A:** At present, there are no laws in the Cayman Islands that pertain to these categories of animals. Therefore, all listed requirements must be met.

**Q:** How much do I need to pay for my pet's importation?

**A:** The fee for importation is CI\$50.00 (US\$61.00) per animal.

**Q:** What are the payment options for pet importation fees?

**A:** For local payment, you can pay in cash or Cayman Islands cheque. For international payment, you can pay the import fee (US\$61.00/pet) in the form of an International Money Order, Cashier's cheque, or Manager's cheque made payable to the *Cayman Islands Government*. Refer to section B8 of our import requirements for further details.



# Exportation

**Q: Do I need a permit to leave the island with my pet?**

A: As per the Cayman Islands' Animals Law, and respective airline regulations, all pets leaving the island must be accompanied by an export permit endorsed by the Cayman Islands Department of Agriculture.

**Q: What are the steps I need to do before my pet can leave the island?**

A: These are governed by the importing/destination country. As such, the import requirements of the destination country should be supplied to your local veterinarian on island so that they can assist you with the initial stages of meeting the requirements. The Department of Agriculture will assist with the final/endorsement stages of meeting the requirements and issuing the export permit. The following link outlines the exportation process for pets destined to the USA, Canada, the UK, and the EU:  
<http://www.gov.ky/portal/pls/portal/docs/1/12970484.PDF>

**Q: Do I need to travel with the original export permit/endorsed health certificate issued by the Cayman Islands Department of Agriculture to leave the island?**

A: Yes, you must travel with the original export permit/endorsed health certificate issued by the Cayman Islands Department of Agriculture for review by the border control of your destination country and the commercial airline.

**Q: How much do I need to pay for my pet's exportation?**

A: The fee for exportation is CI\$20.00 per animal.

**Q: What are the payment options for pet exportation fees?**

A: You can only do local payment in cash or Cayman Islands cheque upon collection of your export permit/endorsement of your health certificate.



# Rabies Vaccinations

**Q: I want my pet to be vaccinated against rabies for travel and/or hurricane preparedness, how do I book an appointment?**

A: Please call (345) 947-3090 or send us an email at [ci.agriculturevs@gov.ky](mailto:ci.agriculturevs@gov.ky) to book an appointment for your pet's rabies vaccination.

**Q: What are the operating hours of the rabies vaccination clinic?**

A: Our rabies vaccination clinic is currently held on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons between 1-2pm, and is by appointment only. It is preferred that clients send us an email, so that we can provide an information sheet for clients to complete prior to making the appointment.

**Q: Does my pet need a microchip before getting the rabies vaccination?**

A: Yes, your pet must have a microchip before we can administer a rabies vaccination.

**Q: Does the Department of Agriculture do microchipping and how much does it cost?**

A: Yes we do microchip pets and the cost is CI\$50.00/pet, payable in cash or CI cheque only. The cost includes online registration of the microchip.

**Q: How much is the cost of rabies vaccination?**

A: The rabies vaccination costs CI\$25.00/pet and is payable in cash or CI cheque only.

**Q: Do I need to get my pet vaccinated if I do not have any travel plans?**

A: No. The Cayman Islands is a rabies-free country, so pets which do not travel will not be exposed to the virus and have no need for the vaccine.



## Pet Passports:

**Q:** I want to get a pet passport for my pet. What are the requirements?

**A:** Your pet must complete three round trip travels (single entry import permit and export permit) without running into any issues before being eligible for a pet passport. Please refer to section F of our importation requirements for more details on pet passports.

**Q:** I have a pet passport. Do I still need to get an export permit to leave the island and a health certificate to come back?

**A:** You will always need an export permit to leave the island and an official health certificate issued within 14 days of travel to return to the island.



## Service and Support Animals

**Q:** Does the Cayman Islands recognise service and support animals?

**A:** There is NO law in the Cayman Islands that distinguishes service and support animals from regular pets. Hence they must meet our regulations like regular pets.

**Q:** I have a Service Animal/ Emotional Support Animal, do I need to get an import or export permit to travel in and out of the Cayman Islands?

**A:** According to the Cayman Islands Animals Law (2015 Revision), all animals must be accompanied by an import permit to enter and an export permit to leave the island.



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