

Pet Import Checklist

Please follow **each step in the order as listed below.**

- **MICROCHIP** – pet must be microchipped - Electronic Avid, HomeAgain or ResQ Microchip implant.
- **RABIES VACCINE** – Rabies Vaccine must be up-to-date/current. 1 year or 3 year vaccines are acceptable. Rabies vaccines given to pets less than 3 months of age are not considered valid by St. Kitts and Nevis. **IF NOT current on Rabies vaccine**, give booster NOW, then wait 30 days, then draw 1st titer.
- **1st TITER** – Once the Rabies vaccine is current, draw the 1st Rabies/RFFIT/or FAVN lab titer. Titer results must be > or = 0.5 I.U./ml. Send the titer to **either**:

Auburn University:

Phone: 334-844-2659

Hours: 8: AM - 5:00PM CST, Monday - Friday

Email: virology@vetmed.auburn.edu

Website: <http://www.vetmed.auburn.edu/academic-departments/dept-of-pathobiology/diagnostic-services/>

Cost: RFFIT – \$42, FAVN – \$65 per titer. **Turnaround Time** 7-10 days.

OR

Kansas State:

Phone: 785-532-4483

Hours: 8:00AM - 5:00PM

Email: rabies@vet.k-state.edu

Website: <http://www.ksvdl.org/rabies-laboratory/>

Online Status: <http://www.ksvdl.org/rabies-laboratory/favn-test/Rabies-Search/>

Cost: **ONLY** FAVN - \$90 – **Turnaround Time:** 3-4 weeks.

Auburn University OR Kansas State Testing Labs will forward the results directly to the CVO's Office in St. Kitts.

Please follow-up with the CVO's Office on a regular basis to ensure that your pet's titer results have been received.

- **FLIGHT** - Book flights for you and your pet(s) NOW.
- **PET IMPORT APPLICATION FORM** - [http://veterinary.rossu.edu/content/dam/dmi/veterinary/documents/IMPORT_PROTOCOL_FOR_IMPORTING_PETS_\(Dogs_Cats\)_INTO_THE_FEDERATION_2007_WIT](http://veterinary.rossu.edu/content/dam/dmi/veterinary/documents/IMPORT_PROTOCOL_FOR_IMPORTING_PETS_(Dogs_Cats)_INTO_THE_FEDERATION_2007_WIT)

[H_COAT_OF_ARMS.pdf](#) - print and complete the form. Be sure to include the St. Kitts arrival flight information so that the Vet can meet you at the airport in St. Kitts. The Street address on the form is referring to your current home address.

- **PET IMPORT FEE** – The pet import application processing fee is US\$20 or EC\$55 (**per animal**). **Form of payment** - International Money Order **ONLY if you live abroad. If on island** – local EC check, EC cash or US cash will suffice.

Mail the completed pet import application form and fee(s) NOW to the CVO's Office in St. Kitts:

Ministry of Agriculture – St. Kitts

Dr. Tracey Challenger
Chief Veterinary Officer
P. O. Box 39,
Veterinary Services,
Department of Agriculture,
Basseterre,
St. Kitts,
West Indies.
Telephone: 1-869-465-2110, Fax: 1-869-465-2928.



Directions if you are on island:

From the direction of RUSVM: drive past the Best Buy Supermarket, past the Movies, past the General Hospital and the two small petrol stations until you come to the cross-road immediately before the cemetery. At the cross-road, make a left and drive up the road along the top of the cemetery to the top of the road. Make the immediate left at the top of the cemetery and drive down the road to the 1st left. Drive up the road a few yards to 1st entrance with the green building on your right.

If the result of the first titer is negative, a booster vaccine must be given and the titer repeated again in 30 days.

- **2nd TITER**- 30 days after (but not more than 12 months after) the 1st titer, draw the 2nd Rabies/RFFIT/or FAVN lab titer. Your pet's Vet can send the titer to **either Auburn University OR Kansas State Testing Lab.**

Auburn University OR Kansas State Testing Labs will forward the results directly to the CVO's Office in St. Kitts.

- **FELV and FIV TESTS** – ONLY for Cats. Cats must be tested within 30 days of your pet's travel date. The test must be negative. Fax the results to the CVO in St. Kitts: 1-869-465-2928.
- **USDA DOCUMENT** – within 30 days of your pet's travel date obtain a health certificate issued by a USDA Accredited Vet and endorsed by USDA APHIS. This certificate can be obtained from the Ministry of Agriculture in your state or the state

you will be leaving from. Click on this link to find the listing of USDA Offices by State. http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/area_offices/ . They usually require the 1st and 2nd titer results and the FELV/FIV test results (if you have a cat) in order to prepare the document. Each state is different so be sure to call and ask what is needed in order to prepare the document. **Travel to St. Kitts with the USDA document.**

Please fax the top sheet of the USDA document to the CVO's Office in St. Kitts - 1-869-465-2928. The Pet Import Permit will not be granted without this document.

- **PET IMPORT PERMIT** – the Pet Import Permit will be issued by the CVO in St. Kitts upon receiving your pet's 2 titer results, the FELV/FIV result (if you have a cat) and the USDA faxed document. The permit will be scanned and emailed to you. **Print the permit and travel with it to St. Kitts**
- **SCIENCE DIET FOOD** - If your pet is on a special diet or if you prefer **Science Diet** meals for your pet check with the RUSVM campus store <https://www.facebook.com/Hills-RUSVM-463710093697243/>, before arriving on island, to confirm that they carry your pet's food.

If your pet's prescription food is not carried in our RUSVM store, please make arrangements to ship a supply for the semester.

- **72 HOUR DEWORMING** - Internal and External parasite treatment must be done within 72 hours of the pet's travel date. The treatment can be topical preventatives plus Panacur, Flagyl, etc. However just using Advantage Multi or Sentinel will not require added Panacur or Flagyl. **The accredited Vet must record this treatment on the 72 hour health certificate mentioned below.**
- **72 HOUR HEALTH CERTIFICATE** – within 72hours of the travel date, this certificate must be issued by an accredited Vet. Always check vaccine dates and animal histories to make sure they correlate with what is on this health certificate. **Present this health certificate to the Vet at the airport in St. Kitts.**

FLIGHT TIPS

Traveling with a service pet

- **AA** - <https://www.aa.com/i18n/travel-info/special-assistance/service-animals.jsp>
- **United Airlines** - https://www.united.com/web/en-US/content/travel/specialneeds/disabilities/assistance_animals.aspx
- **Medical or Emotional Support Pets** - <https://www.aa.com/i18n/travel-info/special-assistance/service-animals.jsp>

Hot & Cold Restrictions

- You cannot travel with a pet if the current or forecasted temperature is above 85 degrees Fahrenheit (29.4 degrees C) at any location on the itinerary.
- You cannot travel with a pet if the ground temperature is below 45 degrees Fahrenheit (7.2 degrees C) at any location on the itinerary.

When booking a flight

- Avoid booking an Emergency Exit seat. You will be asked to relocate.
- When you confirm with your airline, they will give you a New Record Locator Number for travelling with pets.

Multiple Animals:

- Two cats under 20lbs total can travel in the same carrier.
- Your medical or emotional service pet DOES NOT count as a carry on item but DOES count as a pet.
- You can carry two cats in a carrier and a dog plus a personal bag as your three carry-on items.

AT THE ST. KITTS AIRPORT

- Have US\$120 **cash** into hand to pay the CVO/VO in St. Kitts at the airport to clear one pet requiring confinement. This includes airport and inspection fee of US\$40 and a confinement fee of US\$80.

Additional fees:

- US\$50 for each additional animal animals requiring confinement.
- US\$40 for each returning animal.
- US\$10 late fee per animal. **Late** – animals arriving after 4:00pm
- US\$10 weekend fee per animal. Animals arriving on a Saturday and/or Sunday.
- Have in hand the 72 hour Health Certificate and the Pet Import Permit to show the Vet at the airport.
- **Service Animals** – have in hand documentation showing that your pet is a service animal in order to have **him/her in the baggage hall on a leash but not crated.**

QUARANTINE

- 30-day **home confinement** is mandatory.
- Your pet will be visited 4 (four) times to monitor your pet during home confinement.
- Dogs must be kept on approved premises: completely fenced and secured.
- Cats must be kept in-doors at all times and all windows and doors must be screened.
- After inspection at the port of entry, dogs and cats must not be removed from carrier/crate until arrival at the place of confinement.
- Dog and cat must not come into contact with any other animal during confinement.
- Dog and cat must not be removed from the premises without permission of the Veterinary Authority. Permission will be granted for Veterinary emergencies.

***** Quarantine violations will result in deportation of your pet.**

PROHIBITED DOG BREEDS

The following dogs are not allowed to enter St. Kitts and Nevis:

- Pit Bull Terrier
- Staffordshire Terrier
- Dogo Argentino
- Presa Canario
- Fila Brasileiro
- Japanese Tosa
- American Bull dog