



PET IMPORT CHECKLIST

PLEASE FOLLOW EACH STEP IN THE ORDER AS LISTED BELOW.

- MICROCHIP** – pet must be an ISO compatible electronic microchip - Electronic Avid, HomeAgain or ResQ Microchip implant. The microchip number must be included on all relevant documents including written application form, health certificates, blood samples submitted for rabies testing and on results of the rabies tests.
- 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.

2 TITERS ARE REQUIRED:

- 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:

Rabies Laboratory
Department of Pathobiology
College of Veterinary Medicine
Auburn University
Alabama
36849-5519
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:

Rabies Laboratory
Kansas State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (KSVDL)
Kansas State University 2005 Research Park Circle
Manhattan, KS 66502
Phone: 785-532-4483
Fax: 758-532-4474
Hours: 8:00AM - 5:00PM
Email: rabies@vet.k-state.edu
Website: <http://www.ksvdl.org/rabies-laboratory/>
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.

If outside of the U.S.A or Canada; any OIE certified laboratory is acceptable.

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** - [Pet Importation Application](#) - 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.



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Mail the completed pet import application form and fee(s) after the 1st titer has been drawn 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.

Phone: 1-869-465-2110, Fax: 1-869-465-2928.

Email: Skbvet12@gmail.com

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. **DO NOT TRAVEL TO ST. KITTS WITH YOUR PET WITHOUT THE PET IMPORT PERMIT.**
- 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.**



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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

- US\$120 (confinement & inspection fee) per pet arriving during the week between 8am and 4pm.
- US\$125 (confinement & inspection fee) per pet arriving after 4pm and on weekends.
- US\$50 (inspection fee) per additional pet(s).
- Have in hand the 72 hour Health Certificate and the Pet Import Permit to show the Vet at the airport.

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- 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. The animal (s) will be monitored during the 30 day confinement (4 visits).

*** 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

PROHIBITED PETS

Pet rodents and rabbits pose a biosafety risk to rodent species used in teaching and research at RUSVM. Consequently, students and colleagues working with these rodents are prohibited from housing (on and off campus) and caring for pet rodents (e.g. mice/rats/hamsters/guinea pigs) and rabbits. Students who choose to keep pet rodents or rabbits will limit several aspects of their 4th semester lab experience.