

CHECKLIST ONLY FOR DOGS AND CATS LOCATED IN HAWAII THAT ARE DEPARTING AND RETURNING FOR THE 5- DAY- OR- LESS PROGRAM

Only dogs or cats residing in Hawaii (and not under quarantine) are eligible for this program. Requirements on the checklist detail specific timing for the rabies vaccinations and testing that must be completed before leaving Hawaii to qualify for this program. ALL steps need to be completed as detailed in order. If you are unable to meet the following requirements, your pet will undergo quarantine for up to 120 days.

Step 1 RESIDING IN HAWAII

- The dog or cat cannot be in quarantine.
- The pet must be located in Hawaii, planning to depart* and return to the State.
* All requirements on this checklist must be completed in Hawaii before departure.
- A health certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian in Hawaii for departure from the State is required. This health certificate must contain the pet's Hawaii address and date of departure from Hawaii.
- This health certificate must be submitted to the Rabies Quarantine Branch as proof of the pet originating from Hawaii. (Also see "Step 5, DOCUMENTS" and "Step 6, SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS")

Step 2 VACCINATIONS

- The pet must have been vaccinated at least two times for rabies in its lifetime.
- These rabies vaccines were administered more than 30 days apart.
- The most recent rabies vaccination must have been administered:
 - in Hawaii;
 - Not less than 14 days before the pet's date of departure from Hawaii;
 - and
 - Not more than the vaccine's licensed booster interval listed on the manufacturer's label before returning to Hawaii.
- The date and type of rabies vaccine must be indicated on the pet's vaccination and health certificate.
Most Recent Vaccination Date: _____ Type of vaccine : 1-year or 3-year 4-year
Previous Vaccination Date: _____
Planned date of departure from Hawaii _____

Step 3 MICROCHIP (Microchip number: _____)

- The dog or cat has an electronic microchip implanted (Required before an OIE-FAVN rabies blood test is performed).
- The microchip has been recently scanned by a veterinarian to verify that it is working and that the microchip number is correct. NOTE! Make sure the microchip is working!
- If any pet cannot be identified by scanning the microchip, it will not qualify for either direct airport release or the 5-day-or-less quarantine and will be assigned to 120 days quarantine.

Step 4 OIE-FAVN RABIES BLOOD TEST

Date sample received by Kansas State University (KSU) or DOD laboratory: _____
Plan departure from Hawaii more than 14 days after KSU or DOD received the sample!
Note! Be aware that use of an intermediate lab (Antech, Idexx, etc.) may delay the date KSU and DOD receives your pet's sample.

WARNING! DUE TO VARIABILITY IN THE TIME A TESTING LABORATORY MAY TAKE TO COMPLETE A TEST, IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT THE TEST BE DONE WELL IN ADVANCE OF DEPARTURE AND THAT YOU VERIFY YOUR PET HAS PASSED THE TEST BEFORE

LEAVING THE STATE. WITHOUT A PASSING TEST RESULT AND COMPLETING THE REQUIRED RABIES VACCINATIONS BEFORE DEPARTURE FROM HAWAII, A PET WILL BE PLACED IN QUARANTINE FOR UP TO 120 DAYS UPON RETURN.

- The day after KSU or DOD received the pet's blood sample was **not less than 14** days before the pet's date of departure from Hawaii.
- The result of the pet's OIE-FAVN rabies blood test was greater than or equal to 0.5 IU/ml. (passing result)
- A passing result will be valid for 36 months after the day KSU or DOD received the test sample.
- The test was done at an approved lab (Kansas State University or the DOD Food Analysis and Diagnostic Laboratory in Texas)
- Retain a copy of this successful blood test result showing the pet's microchip number from the veterinarian for your records. Do not contact the laboratory directly. Make sure the veterinarian lists: "HAWAII" as the destination on the blood test submission form. KSU and DOD will then automatically send your pet's results to Hawaii.

Step 5 DOCUMENTS

- Original ink signature or carbon copy rabies vaccination certificates for the **two** most recent rabies vaccinations the pet received are required. (Photocopies and computer generated certificates are not accepted.)
- The vaccination certificates must have the vaccine name, lot or serial number, booster interval, vaccination date and expiration date listed.
- The original health certificate in English issued by a veterinarian in Hawaii when the pet departed Hawaii that lists rabies vaccine name, lot or serial number, booster interval, vaccination date and expiration date is required. This health certificate shall contain the pet's Hawaii address and date of departure.
- In addition, an original health certificate in English, done within 14 days of arrival in Hawaii including rabies vaccine name, lot or serial number, booster interval, vaccination date and expiration date is required if the animal will be returning to Hawaii more than 14 days after the date of the health certificate that was issued by the Hawaii veterinarian.
- A veterinarian must treat the pet for ticks with a product containing a long-acting product labeled to kill ticks (Revolution[®] is not acceptable) within 14 days of return to Hawaii and the product name and date of treatment must be recorded on the pet's health certificate.

Step 6 SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS

Send documents and payment to: Rabies Quarantine Branch, Animal Quarantine Station, 99-951 Halawa Valley Street, Aiea, Hawaii 96701.

Note! Do not send each document in separately. Send all documents (Dog & Cat Import Form, two rabies vaccination certificates, Hawaii issued health certificate and payment) in as a set more than 10 days before return to Hawaii. Faxes are not accepted !

- Allow necessary delivery time to ensure documents are received by the Rabies Quarantine Branch more than 10 days before the pet is scheduled to arrive in Hawaii for direct release.
- If you didn't send the original health certificate to the Rabies Quarantine Branch in advance of your pet's arrival, you must provide it upon arrival at the Airport Animal Quarantine Holding Facility. If you fail to bring the original health certificate (photocopy not acceptable), your pet will not be released.
- Required Documentation:(The following must be received by the Rabies Quarantine Branch 10 days or more before the pet is scheduled to arrive in Hawaii!)
 - Completed *Dog & Cat Import Form* (AQS-278) must be notarized.

- Two original rabies vaccination certificates with original signatures in ink.
- Hawaii issued health certificate (See “Step 1 Residency” above).
- Payment (\$165 per pet in advance for direct airport release or \$224 for 5-day-or-less program) by cashier’s check or money order (no personal checks are accepted). Include the pet’s microchip number with the payment to ensure proper credit. Payable to:
Department of Agriculture.
- Send your documents by mail with return receipt to verify delivery, or by another overnight carrier that provides tracking of your documents.
- Payment may be at the airport however processing will be delayed. Payment by cashier’s check or money order is recommended. VISA, MasterCard, traveler’s checks and cash (exact amount) will also be accepted upon arrival, but will delay processing time. Payment must be made in full before your pet is released. All payment in excess of fees will receive refunds through the mail in 6 to 8 weeks after a request for refund is made.
- Retain copies of necessary qualification documents (health certificate, rabies vaccination records, and blood test result) for your records and to accompany the pet as a backup.

Step 7 OTHER

- It is recommended that you check your pet’s blood test results for the 5-day-or-less program at the Hawaii Department of Agriculture web site: <http://hawaii.gov/ai/aqs/info>

Direct Release at Honolulu International Airport

- Understand that Direct Release is only done at the Honolulu International Airport.
- Arrange for your pet to arrive at the Airport Animal Quarantine Holding Facility at the Honolulu International Airport during **normal inspection hours between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM**. Note! It may take up to one hour or more for the airlines to transport your pet to the Airport Animal Quarantine Holding Facility [Phone: (808) 837-8092] and animals not arriving at the facility during normal inspection hours will not be released at the airport.
!Warning: Inspection hours are subject to change without notice.
- Animals on international flights will also need to clear U.S. Customs **before** they may be released from the Airport Animal Quarantine Holding Facility. Please check with your airlines regarding U.S. Customs hours of operation to assure they will be open to process your pet for release.
- If your pet is not picked up that day, it will be transferred to the Animal Quarantine Station the following morning and will be entered into the 5-day-or-less program. Fees for the 5-day-or-less program are \$224 per pet.
- Your pet will not qualify for direct airport release if ticks or other parasites are found on arrival.
- Direct release at Honolulu International Airport will not be possible when prohibited by Federal airport security advisories. Under those circumstances pets will be released the following day at the Animal Quarantine Station 99-951 Halawa Valley Street, Aiea, Hawaii 96701, phone: (808) 483-7151, during normal office hours:

Monday through Friday: 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM & 1:00 PM to 4:30PM

Saturday, Sunday, State Holidays: 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM to 3:30PM

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- An animal may only be released to the consignee identified on the shipmaster’s declaration or owner(s) listed on a notarized Dog and Cat Import Form (AQS 278). If you are not traveling with your pet, you must make arrangements with the airlines to consign your pet to the individual who will pick up the pet.
- It is your responsibility to arrange all transportation for your pet once it is released from the Airport Animal Quarantine Holding Facility in Honolulu.

NOTE! Pet owners should bring baggage carts or other means to transport their crated Pet from the Airport Animal Quarantine Holding Facility to the Inter-Island terminal if traveling on to an outer island after release. There are no carts or porters in the immediate vicinity of the Airport Animal Quarantine Holding Facility.

- Due to Federal security regulations at the Honolulu International Airport, all pets that qualify for direct airport release must be secured in their flight carriers when picked up from the Airport Animal Quarantine Holding Facility until the animal is out of the Airport. **Do not remove your pet from its transport carrier on airport property!**
- You must notify the Animal Quarantine Station prior to arrival, follow the same procedures, and meet all the requirements each time your dog or cat enters or returns to Hawaii.
- You will pay a fee of \$165 per pet for direct airport release or \$224 per pet for the 5-day-or-less program each time your pet enters or returns to Hawaii unless it qualifies for subsequent entry fees outlined in: "Re-Entry Fee Requirements".
- Unless prior arrangements are made with the Airport Animal Quarantine Holding Facility (AAQHF), 5-Day-or-Less Pets arriving between 5:00 PM and 8:00 AM will be transferred to the Animal Quarantine Station and entered under the 5-day-or-less program. The first day of quarantine shall be the day following the date of animal arrival into the State. In this situation, after all necessary documents are received and verified, pets may be picked up at the Animal Quarantine Station, 99-951 Halawa Valley Street, Aiea, Hawaii 96701, phone: (808) 483-7151, during normal office hours:

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- You will be assessed an additional \$17.80 each day your pet remains at the Animal Quarantine Station beyond its scheduled release date.

Hawaii Department of Agriculture contacts: Animal Quarantine Station telephone: (808) 483-7151 fax: (808) 483-7161 email: rabiesfree@hawaii.gov, hdoa.info@hawaii.gov

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