

## CHECKLIST GUIDE

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If the Dog or Cat is:  
Not Located in Hawaii; and

Flying To:

HNL – Honolulu  
Island of Oahu

**Use:** Checklist **1** for Direct Airport Release (DAR) & 5 Day Or Less Program

2

If the Dog or Cat is:  
Not Located in Hawaii; and

Flying To:

KOA – Kona  
Island of Hawaii

OGG– Kahului  
Island of Maui

LIH– Lihue  
Island of Kauai

**Use:** Checklist **2** for Requesting Direct Airport Release at Kona, Kahului and Lihue Airports

3

If the Dog or Cat is:  
Located in Hawaii;  
Leaving the state; and

On return Flying To:

HNL – Honolulu  
Island of Oahu

**Use:** Checklist **3** Only for Dogs and Cats Located in Hawaii that are Departing and Returning for Direct Airport Release and the 5 Day Or Less Program

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If the Dog or Cat is:  
Located in Hawaii;  
Leaving the state; and

On return Flying To:

KOA – Kona  
Island of Hawaii

OGG– Kahului  
Island of Maui

LIH– Lihue  
Island of Kauai

**Use:** Checklist **4** Only for Dogs and Cats Located in Hawaii that are Departing and Requesting Direct Airport Release at Kona, Kahului and Lihue Airports on Return

## CHECKLISTS

The checklists on the following pages have been created to assist owners in preparing their dog or cat to enter Hawaii without quarantine.

**Please check each box after you read and understand each item so that all the procedures are followed.**

**If all procedures are not followed in the case of Direct Airport Release (DAR) in Honolulu, the dog or cat will be: denied Direct Airport Release and will undergo quarantine up to 120 days until requirements are met for release; or transported out-of-State at the owner's expense**

**If all procedures are not followed in the case of neighbor island entries, the dog or cat will be denied entry at Kona, Kahului or Lihue Airport. Pets that are denied entry will be transported to Honolulu for inspection and/or quarantine or transported out-of-State at the owner's expense.**

For complete information, additional forms and Checklists such as "Checklist for Pets Arriving from British Isles, Australia, Guam and New Zealand", go to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture's, Animal Quarantine Information Page at:  
[hdoa.hawaii.gov/ai/aqs-info](http://hdoa.hawaii.gov/ai/aqs-info)

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## 2 Checklist 2 for Requesting Direct Airport Release at Kona, Kahului and Lihue Airports

A Neighbor Island Inspection Permit (NIIP) is required to fly any dog or cat directly into Kona (KOA) - Island of Hawaii, Kahului – (OGG) Island of Maui and Lihue (LIH) – Island of Kauai. No Permit is required for Honolulu – (HNL) Island of Oahu

### Step 1 PLANNING

- Contact a listed veterinary hospital **before booking your flight** to see if they can perform the inspection.
- Some airlines may not be participating. Check with your airline well in advance.
- Every dog or cat must meet the requirements listed on this Checklist and **all required documents must be submitted earlier than for Direct Airport Release (DAR) in Honolulu; 30 days or more before the intended date of arrival.**

### Step 2 MICROCHIP

**NOTE! Make sure the microchip is working!**

- The dog or cat has an electronic microchip implanted (**Required before a FAVN rabies antibody blood test is performed**).
- Have your veterinarian scan the microchip to verify that it is still working and check that the microchip number is correct. Microchip number: \_\_\_\_\_
- Any pet that cannot be identified by scanning the microchip will not qualify for either Direct Airport Release or the 5 Day Or Less quarantine and will be assigned to 120 days quarantine.

### Step 3 RABIES VACCINATIONS

- Your pet must have been vaccinated at least twice for rabies in its lifetime.
- These rabies vaccines must have been administered **more than 30 days** apart.
- The most recent rabies vaccination was done:
  - Not more than the vaccine’s licensed booster interval listed on the manufacturer’s label; and
  - Not less than 30 days before the pet’s date of arrival in Hawaii.

**NOTE!** Two rabies vaccinations are required. The pet’s most recent rabies vaccination must not be expired when your pet arrives in Hawaii. **If arrival in Hawaii occurs before 30 days has elapsed from the most recent rabies vaccination, the animal is subject to quarantine until the 30 days are completed.**

The date and type of vaccine must be indicated on the pet’s vaccination and health certificates.

### Step 4 FAVN RABIES ANTIBODY TEST

~~RFIT~~ Do **NOT** do a RFFIT

- NOTE!** Be sure “**HAWAII**” is listed as the destination on the lab submission form!
- Do the FAVN Rabies Antibody Test.**

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### Step 4 FAVN RABIES ANTIBODY TEST continued

- Have the test done at an approved lab (Auburn University (AU), Kansas State University (KSU) or the DOD Food Analysis and Diagnostic Laboratory in Texas(DOD).
- The day after AU, KSU or DOD received your pet's blood sample must **not be more than 36 months and not less than 30 days** before the date of arrival in Hawaii.  
**Note!** Be aware that use of an intermediate lab (Antech, Idexx, etc.) may delay the date AU, KSU and DOD receives your pet's sample.
- The result of the pet's blood test must be greater than or equal to 0.5 IU/ml.
- Obtain a copy of this successful blood test from your veterinarian result showing the pet's microchip number for your records. Do not contact the laboratory directly.

### Step 5 DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

**Owners must ensure that a confirmation is sent by a veterinary inspector listed below, to the Animal Quarantine Station 30 days or more ahead of the planned arrival:**

- 1. **Owners must contract with and make reservations with the following for inspection at:**

**Kona (KOA):** Alii Veterinary Hospital (808) 329-8999 or Keauhou Veterinary Hospital (808) 322-2988.

**Kahului (OGG):** At Home Animal Hospital & Mobile Veterinary Services (808) 873-0102, Central Maui Animal Clinic (808) 893-2380, Kahului Animal Hospital (808) 871-7387, Kihei Veterinary Clinic (808) 879-5777, Makawao Veterinary Clinic (808) 572-9003, Maui Humane Society (808) 877- 3680, South Shore Veterinary Care (808) 874-3422, or West Maui Animal Clinic (808) 662-0099.

**Lihue (LIH):** Kauai Humane Society (808) 632-0610.

- These veterinary facilities will send a confirmation to the Animal Quarantine Station that they have agreed to perform the inspection and release procedure. Owners are responsible for the additional fees to the private veterinary facility for this service.

**IMPORTANT! Authorized Handlers and Transport Companies cannot be listed as owners of an animal. Not identifying and listing the legal owner of the animal on the Dog and Cat Import Form (AQS-279) is considered fraud and will create delays in processing and disqualification.**

**Owners must submit the following documentation so it is received by the Animal Quarantine Station 30 days or more ahead of the planned date of arrival:**

- 1. Completed and signed Dog & Cat Import Form (AQS-279). (Does NOT have to be notarized.)
- 2. Original rabies vaccine certificates for the 2 most recent vaccinations.
- 4. Payment of \$165 by cashier's check or money order.
- 5. Flight information (i.e. Airlines, flight number, date and time of arrival).
- 6. Check "Neighbor Island Inspection Permit \$165" on the program applying for section of the Dog and Cat Import Form AQS-279.

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### Step 6 WAITING PERIOD

**NOTE! Arriving Early = Disqualification**

- Following a successful FAVN Rabies Antibody test result, *animals must wait at least 30 days* before arriving in Hawaii. If arrival occurs before 30 days has elapsed, the animal is subject to quarantine until 30 days are completed.
- Your pet must complete the 30-day waiting period before arriving in Hawaii or your pet will not qualify for either NIIP direct airport release or the 5 Day Or Less quarantine program.

**IMPORTANT!:** The waiting period begins the day after AU, KSU or DOD received the blood sample for the OIE-FAVN test. The test must also have a **result  $\geq 0.5$  IU/ml**.

**WARNING!** Arriving before the 30-day waiting period has elapsed will result in disqualification of a pet from the 5 Day Or Less quarantine program and direct airport release. All pets arriving before the eligible date of entry **will be quarantined and assessed \$14.30 each day in addition to the \$244.00 program fee. There are no exceptions.**

### Step 7 NEIGHBOR ISLAND INSPECTION PERMIT

**NIIP**

- A Kona, Kahului or Lihue Neighbor Island Inspection Permit (or NIIP) will be issued once the Animal Quarantine Station has:
  - Received the above required documents, information and payment (see 1-5 above);
  - Confirmed the pet meets all of the requirements for the 5 Day Or Less program and neighbor island inspection and release; and
  - Received confirmation from Alii Veterinary Hospital, Keauhou Veterinary Hospital, At Home Animal Hospital & Mobile Veterinary Care, Central Maui Animal Clinic, Kahului Animal Hospital, Kihei Veterinary Clinic, Makawao Veterinary Clinic, Maui Humane Society, South Shore Veterinary Care, West Maui Animal Clinic or Kauai Humane Society that they will meet the pet.

- The Neighbor Island Inspection Permit (NIIP) will be mailed once documents are received and the pet qualifies.

**Note!**

- Be sure to consider the time required for the NIIP to be delivered during planning.
- Enclose a self-addressed **prepaid** envelope for an overnight carrier (example FedEx, UPS, etc.) that provides tracking if you want your permit shipped faster. Envelopes that are not prepaid by the owner will not be used.
- The original Neighbor Island Inspection Permit is needed to board the aircraft and must accompany the dog or cat on the aircraft. The NIIP shall be submitted to the inspector upon arrival in Hawaii.**

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### **Step 8 Neighbor Island Inspection Permit (continued)**

- An original health certificate (dated within 14 days of arrival) will be collected by the inspector upon arrival in Hawaii. It is highly recommended that owners check with their airline as some require the health certificate to be dated within 10 days of arrival.
- 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 arrival and the product name and date of treatment must be recorded on the pet's health certificate.

**Airlines are not permitted to fly a dog or cat directly to Kona, Kahului or Lihue from outside the state of Hawaii without a valid Neighbor Island Inspection Permit issued by the Department of Agriculture.**

- Due to the high volume of telephone calls it's recommended you contact staff with questions, by email to [rabiesfree@hawaii.gov](mailto:rabiesfree@hawaii.gov).

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