

## 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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# 4 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

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

## Step 1 PLANNING

- Contact a listed veterinary hospital **before booking your flight** to see if they can perform the inspection. Their confirmation to the Animal Quarantine Station (AQS) is needed to obtain a NIIP.
- 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 30 days or more before the intended date of arrival.**
- Be sure your dog or cat has been vaccinated twice and passes the FAVN Rabies antibody blood test before your dog or cat leaves Hawaii.

## Step 2 LOCATED 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 before departing Hawaii.
- 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 AQS as proof of the pet originating from Hawaii. (Also see “Step 6, Documents Required” and “Step 7, Neighbor Island Inspection permit”)

## Step 3 MICROCHIP

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

- Your dog or cat must have 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 4 RABIES VACCINATIONS

- The pet must have been vaccinated at least twice for rabies in its lifetime.
- These rabies vaccines were 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.

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### Step 4 RABIES VACCINATIONS Continued

**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 after the most recent rabies vaccination expires, the animal will not qualify for release.**

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

### Step 5 FAVN RABIES ANTIBODY TEST ~~RFIT~~ Do NOT do a RFFIT test

- NOTE!** Be sure "HAWAII" is listed as the destination on the lab submission form!
- Do the FAVN Rabies Antibody Test.** A passing test is valid for 36 months.
- The test was done at an approved lab Auburn University (AU), Kansas State University (KSU), University of Missouri (MU) or the DOD Food Analysis and Diagnostic Laboratory in Texas (DOD).
- The day after AU, KSU, MU or DOD received your pet's blood sample must be 14 days or more before the dog or cat leaves Hawaii.
- Note!** Be aware that use of an intermediate lab (Antech, Idexx, etc.) may delay the date AU, KSU MU and DOD receives your pet's sample.
- The result of the pet's blood test was 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. Verify the test result passes before leaving Hawaii.

### Step 6 DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

The following paper documentation must be received by the Animal Quarantine Station 30 days or more ahead of the planned date of arrival for issuing a NIIP.

- Owners must submit the following documentation to the Animal Quarantine Station 30 days or more ahead of their planned date of return:**
  - 1. Completed Dog & Cat Import Form AQS-279. (Does NOT have to be notarized.)
  - 2. Original rabies vaccine certificates for the 2 most recent vaccinations.
  - 3. Payment of \$165.
  - 4. Flight information (i.e. Airlines, flight number, date and time of arrival).
  - 5. Check "Neighbor Island Inspection Permit \$165" on the program applying for; or attach a note "requesting NIIP".
  - 6. 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.

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**Step 6 DOCUMENTS REQUIRED (continued)**

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

**Kahului (OGG):** At Home Animal Hospital & Mobile Veterinary Services (808) 873-0102, Central Maui Animal Clinic (808) 893-2380, 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, Kauai North Shore Animal Clinic (808)755-8728

- These veterinary contractors 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 contractor for this service.
- The Neighbor Island Inspection Permit (NIIP) will be sent only to the e-mail address of the primary owner listed on the AQS 279 form once documents are received and the pet qualifies.**

**Step 7 BEFORE LEAVING HAWAII**

- The dog or cat must have a successful FAVN Rabies Antibody test sample taken in Hawaii with a passing result before **departing** Hawaii.
- Your pet must complete the required vaccinations and FAVN Rabies antibody blood test before departing Hawaii or your pet will not qualify for either NIIP direct airport release or the 5 Day Or Less quarantine program.

**IMPORTANT!** The OIE-FAVN Rabies Antibody test must have a **result  $\geq 0.5$  IU/ml.**

**WARNING!** If a passing test result is not attained in Hawaii before leaving the state and/or the required rabies vaccines are not administered before leaving the state, the animal is subject to quarantine on returning until 30 days are completed after a passing test and/or required rabies vaccine(s). In this case dogs and cats are considered arriving before their eligible date of entry on return and **will be quarantined and assessed \$14.30 each day in addition to the \$244.00 program fee. There are no exceptions.**

- A Kona, Kahului or Lihue Neighbor Island Inspection Permit (or NIIP) will be sent by email to the primary owner's email listed on the AQS-279 Dog & Cat Import Form, 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, Kihei Veterinary Clinic, Makawao Veterinary Clinic, Maui Humane Society, South Shore Veterinary Care, West Maui Animal Clinic, Kauai Humane Society or Kauai North Shore Animal Clinic that they will meet the pet.

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## Step 8 NEIGHBOR ISLAND INSPECTION PERMIT

NIIP

- Owners are required to print a copy of the NIIP emailed to them to present to the airlines.
- The Neighbor Island Inspection Permit (NIIP) must be presented to the airline transporting the pet so they are aware the pet is allowed to fly to that airport.
- The assigned 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.
- 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.

**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 (NIIP) issued by the Department of Agriculture.**

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