

GOVERNMENT OF THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS
VETERINARY DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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Conditions for importation of dogs and cats from non-scheduled (rabies-endemic) countries:-

- 1) Animals must be accompanied by a **Health Certificate** issued by the ***Veterinary Authority** in the country of origin stating:
 - (a) Proper identification of the animal (s): Animals must be permanently identified with a microchip transponder or tattoo.
 - (b) That the dog (s) and/or cat (s) is/are healthy and free from symptoms of infectious or contagious diseases.
 - (c) Animal(s) is /are treated against internal and external parasites.
 - (d) That the dogs (s) has/have been vaccinated against Canine Parvovirus, Distemper, Hepatitis/Adenovirus, Parainfluenza, Leptospirosis and Lyme disease.
 - (e) That the cat(s) has/have been vaccinated against Feline Calicivirus, Panleukopenia, Feline Rhinotracheitis, and Feline Leukemia.
 - (f) That the area of origin is not currently under Rabies quarantine.
 - (g) **That the dog (s) / cat (s) has/have had at least two rabies inactivated vaccines; the first not earlier than 3 months of age and another at least six months later.** (*1yr and 3yr rabies vaccinations are accepted*).
 - (h) **At least one month after the second or subsequent booster rabies vaccines, a serological test (FAVN) has been carried out to determine the presence of adequate virus neutralizing antibody titres prior to departure (>0.5Iu/ml).** (*The FAVN test results (>0.5Iu/ml) are considered valid for 12 months and need not be repeated if the animal re-enters the BVI within the same year.*)
 - (i) That the dog (s) / cat (s) has / have been in the United States and/or the British Virgin Islands for at least six months immediately preceding importation to the territory.

- 2) Dog(s)/cat(s) must be found clinically healthy on arrival.
- 3) **All required conditions must be met, and all relevant documents (import permit, Veterinary Health certificate, Vaccination certificate, Lab test results, etc.) must be presented at port of entry in order to facilitate Veterinary clearance and to avoid the otherwise unpleasant, but necessary measures such as animals being kept in a facility, deportation or euthanasia.**
- 4) **The Veterinary Division must be given at least 24 hrs notice of confirmed arrival date, time, airline/vessel and port of entry. This will facilitate unnecessary delays, and avoid detention of animal(s) for Veterinary clearance at port of entry.**
- 5) There is a fee of ten (US\$10.00) dollars for each animal on the permit.
- 6) Animal(s) must be kept in confinement (carrier) until granted entry into the country. Failure to do so can cause entry of animal(s) being denied.

***An official Health certificate is a document issued and certified by a Veterinarian working full time with the government of the country of origin (e.g. USDA, Canadian Food Inspection Agency, DEFRA, etc.). The document may be filled out and signed by a licensed Veterinarian, but must also be endorsed by a Government Veterinarian.**

Please be advised that these requirements are subject to change since animal disease status in various countries is dynamic. Therefore, the granting of permission for animals to enter the British Virgin Islands does not signify automatic entry. It is your responsibility to contact the Veterinary Division, Department of Agriculture to confirm that these conditions are current.

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Veterinary Health Certificate for Export of Dogs and Cats from the United States of America to The British Virgin Islands



Veterinary Authority
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Date Of Issue

Certificate Number

1. Consignor (name and address):

2. Consignee (name and address):

3. Country Of Origin:
United States

4. State Of Origin:

5. Country Of Destination:
The British Virgin Islands

6. Zone of Destination:

7. Place Of Origin:

8. Port of Embarkation / Border Crossing:

9. Estimated Date Of Shipment:

10. Means Of Transport:

11. Identification / Seal Numbers:

12. CITES Permit Number:

13. Description Of Commodity:
DOG(S) CAT(S)

14.

15. Total Quantity:

16. Total Number Of Packages/Containers:

17. Additional Information:

18. Identification / Seal Numbers:

19. Commodities Intended Use:
Pet (Personal)

20. Type Of Admission:

21. Identification Of Commodities:

Microchip or Tattoo Number	Species	Breed	Age	Sex



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Certification Statements:

- (a) The animal(s) are permanently identified with a microchip transponder or tattoo.
- (b) The animal(s) are healthy and free from symptoms of infectious or contagious diseases.
- (c) The animal(s) is /are treated against internal and external parasites.
- (d) Dogs(s) has/have been vaccinated against Canine Parvovirus, Distemper, Hepatitis/Adenovirus, Parainfluenza, Leptospirosis and Lyme disease.
- (e) Cat(s) has/have been vaccinated against Feline Calicivirus, Panleukopenia, Feline Rhinotracheitis, and Feline Leukemia.
- (f) That the area of origin is not currently under Rabies quarantine.
- (g) The animals have had at least two rabies inactivated vaccines; the first not earlier than 3 months of age and another at least six months later, and valid rabies certificate accompanies this certificate. *(1yr and 3yr rabies vaccinations are accepted).*
- (h) At least one month after the second or subsequent booster rabies vaccines, a serological test (FAVN) has been carried out to determine the presence of adequate virus neutralizing antibody titres (>0.5Iu/ml) prior to departure, and the laboratory results accompany this certificate. *(The FAVN test results (>0.5Iu/ml) are considered valid for 12 months and need not be repeated if the animal re-enters the BVI within the same year.)*
- (i) The animal(s) have been in the United States and/or the British Virgin Islands for at least six months immediately preceding importation to the territory.

Other information: ***An import permit is required for pets entering the British Virgin Islands. To apply for an import permit, an endorsed health certificate, along with rabies vaccination and FAVN test results must be presented with the import permit application to the Department of Agriculture in British Virgin Islands. Follow the attached application and instructions for applying for an import prior to departure.***

Name of USDA-Accredited Veterinarian	Name of USDA Veterinarian
Signature of USDA- Accredited Veterinarian	Signature of USDA Veterinarian
Date	Date

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Application for importation of animals into the territory of the BVI must be completed (block letters or type) and returned with copies of all necessary documents. Failure to do so may result in delay in the processing of your permit. A minimum of 48 hours (2 working days) is required for processing of permit, if all the conditions for entry have been met.

Name of Applicant _____

Foreign Address _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

Local Address _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

Species _____ Breed _____

Description _____

Number of Animals (s) _____ Identity of Animals (s) _____

Age _____ Sex _____

Country of Origin _____ Exporting Country _____

Carrier _____ Expected Port of Entry _____

Proposed Date of Arrival _____ Proposed Time of Arrival _____

Date of Application _____ Expected Length of Stay _____

Date of Previous Visit of Animal (s) to the B.V.I: _____

Duration of Previous Visit of Animal (s) to the B.V.I: _____

Signature of Applicant _____

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Actual Date of Arrival _____ Actual time of Arrival _____

Actual Port of Entry _____

Conditions of Entry _____

Import Permit Valid Until _____

Approval _____ Date _____

Officer Veterinary **Dr.M.S. Montrose DVM, MSc. MRCVS**