



CONDITIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF DOGS AND CATS FROM RABIES-ENDEMIC COUNTRIES

1. Animal (s) must be accompanied by a **Health Certificate** issued by the ***Veterinary Authority** of the country of origin stating: -
 - a) The identity 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 showing no signs of infectious or contagious disease.
 - c) That the animal(s) is/are treated against internal and external parasites within 14 days of the scheduled date of travel. *(For ticks: a preparation known to have residual action should be used, e.g. products containing fipronil, amitraz, pyrethrins and permethrins.) The following products are not acceptable: Shampoos, collars and products used for flea control only (e.g. Program®, Advantage®, Revolution® or Sentinel®)*
 - d) The information (including dates) of vaccination of dog(s) against Canine Parvovirus, Distemper, Hepatitis/Adenovirus, Parainfluenza, Leptospirosis
 - e) That the animal (s) is/are vaccinated against Lyme disease in accordance with the manufacturer's data sheet or tested serologically negative for Lyme disease not more than 7 days prior to the scheduled date of travel
 - f) The information (including dates) of vaccination of cat(s) against Feline Calicivirus, Panleukopenia, Feline Rhinotracheitis and Feline Leukemia
 - g) That the area of origin is not currently under Rabies quarantine.
 - h) That the dog(s) / cat(s) has/have being vaccinated against rabies using an approved **inactivated adjuvant** vaccine administered not less than 6 months and not more than one year prior to shipment. The pet must have been at least 3 months of age at time of vaccination.
 - i) That a serological blood test (OIE-FAVN test) has been carried out after vaccination to ensure that a protective level of antibodies against rabies exists. This test must be carried out not less than 3 months and not more than 24 months prior to shipment and the test result must be at least 0.5 IU/ml.
 - j) That the dog(s) / cat(s) has/have been in the country of origin/export for at least six (6) months immediately preceding importation into the territory.

2. Animals must be clinically healthy on arrival.
3. All dog(s) and cat(s) must be spayed or neutered in order to be granted an import permit.
4. Only dog breeds that are **NOT** included in the prohibited breeds list will be granted an import permit.
5. **All required conditions must be met, and all relevant documents (import permit, Veterinary Health Certificate, Vaccination Certificate, Laboratory Test results, etc.) must be submitted at the port of entry in order to facilitate Veterinary clearance. Failure to comply can result in animals being kept in a facility, deportation or euthanasia.**
6. The Veterinary Unit must be given at least 48 hrs. notice of confirmed arrival date, time, airline/vessel and port of entry. This is to avoid delays in the clearance of the animal(s) at the port of entry.
7. In the event that during the course of transporting the animal, it was transshipped via another country and remained there for twenty-four (24) hours and over, a veterinary certificate from the competent authority or from the quarantine Officer must be obtained stating that the said animal(s) did not leave the quarantine area, noting the period of time in quarantine and the condition of the animal.
8. Animal(s) must be kept in confinement (carrier) until granted entry into the territory. Failure to do so can result in entry 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.). It is deemed valid for 30days after the date of issue.**

These conditions are subject to changes. Kindly ensure that you obtain an import permit for all animals you wish to bring into the Territory.

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CHECKLIST FOR CATS AND DOGS ENTERING THE TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS

Tick the box as the steps are completed

Step 1

My pet has been microchipped or tattooed

The microchip can be read

Step 2

My pet has been vaccinated in accordance with the manufacturer's data sheet

My pet tested negative for or was vaccinated against Lyme disease

The microchip number has been correctly entered by the vet on the vaccination record

Step 3

I am travelling from a ¹Rabies endemic country

I have a record from the vet of the date the blood sample was taken, the correct microchip number is clearly written on it. The sample was taken after vaccination

The blood test is satisfactory (at least 0.5IU/ml)

I have a certified laboratory copy of the blood test result, showing the correct microchip number and the date the blood sample was taken

Step 4

My pet was treated against internal and external parasites within 14 days of the scheduled date of travel

My pet is spayed/neutered

My pet's breed does not appear on the ²Prohibited Breeds List below

I have an International (Export) Health Certificate issued 48 hours before my arrival

The application form is completed and attached or sent along with this check list



¹The following countries are considered rabies free: **Antigua, Australia, Anguilla, Barbados, Dominica, Jamaica, Montserrat, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, St. Kitts, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Virgin Islands, United Kingdom.**

²The following breed of dogs are prohibited from entering the Turks and Caicos Islands: **Akita, any breed of Bulldog, any breed of Mastiff, any Pit bull including the American Staffordshire Terrier, The Staffordshire bull Terrier and a mixed-breed dog which has any Pit Bull lineage, Bandog, Beauceron, Canary dog or Presa Canario, Doberman, Dogo Argentino, Fila Brasileiro, Japanese Tosa, Jondo, Kuvasaz, Rhodesian Ridgeback, Roman Fighting Dog, Rottweiler, South African Boerboel, any dog which appears to have been bred for fighting, and all non-domestic canine species and hybrids of such.**

Please complete this form, sign and submit with the application.

SIGNED _____

DATE _____

I have read the conditions for importation of dogs and cats into the TCI