



CONDITIONS FOR THE ENTRY OF DOGS AND CATS INTO ST. KITTS & NEVIS FROM RABIES ENDEMIC COUNTRIES

1. RABIES VACCINATIONS

Animals must be current on rabies vaccinations whether it is the annual or the 3 year vaccine. The vaccine given must be an approved monovalent **killed rabies vaccine**.

Rabies vaccinations shall not be given to animals less than 3 months of age.

2. ELECTRONIC MICROCHIP IDENTIFICATION

All animals to be imported into St. Kitts and Nevis must be identified with an AVID[®], Home Again or ISO compatible electronic microchip implant. *The microchip number must be included on all relevant documents including written application form, blood samples submitted for rabies testing and on results of the rabies tests.*

3. APPLICATION FOR IMPORT PERMIT

An application form must be completed and submitted to the office of the Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO) to obtain an import permit. The application must include the species, name, age, sex, breed, colour or colour pattern and microchip number. A re-entry application form must also be completed for returning animals.

An import permit will be issued **after A & B (below) are received**.

- A.** Two consecutive rabies titre with results greater than or equal to ($>$ or $=$) 0.5 I.U./mL from the **RABIES/RFFIT/FAVN Laboratory** (Kansas State University for U.S.A Applicants).

The first titre must be taken no less than 30 days after the most recent rabies vaccine. If the result of the first titre is negative, a booster vaccine must be given and the titre repeated again in 30 days. Once a result of 0.5 IU/mL or greater is obtained, this would be considered the first titre.

The second test must be conducted **not less than 30 days and not more than 12 months** after the first titre.

The testing laboratory must submit the test results **directly** to:

The Chief Veterinary Officer,
P. O. Box 39,
Veterinary Services,
Department of Agriculture,
Basseterre,
St. Kitts,
West Indies.
Telephone: 1-869-465-2110, Fax: 1-869-465-2928.



To be considered valid, the test results must include the number of the implanted microchip and complete description of the animal (age, sex, breed, color or color pattern etc).

- B.** A health certificate issued by the **Veterinary Authority or Government Veterinarian** of the exporting country **within 30 days** of the date of arrival (in the case of the U.S.A, this is the **U.S.D.A Export Health Certificate**). The health certificate must have the **seal** or **stamp** of the exporting country for international travel and must include:
- I. A full description of the animal including implanted microchip number.
 - II. Records of last rabies vaccinations including name of vaccine, lot/serial number, expiration date and route of administration.
- C.** A Health Certificate issued by an accredited veterinarian within 72 hours of arrival, must accompany the animal.

4. LABORATORY WHERE THE PRE-ARRIVAL RFFIT/FAVN TEST IS AVAILABLE

Until further notice, the only laboratory approved by the Veterinary Authority of St. Kitts and Nevis for the RFFIT/FAVN TEST (in the U.S.A) is the KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY LABORATORY.

Rabies Laboratory,
Kansas State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (KSVDL),
Kansas State University 2005 Research Park Circle,
Manhattan, KS 66502
Phone number: (785) 532-4483, Fax number (785) 532 4474; e-mail: rabies@vet.ksu.edu

5. Summary of Pre-arrival Requirements

- a. Completed Application form and Application Processing Fee (this covers the cost of the Import Permit).
- b. Two consecutive Rabies Neutralizing Antibody Test $> \text{ or } = 0.5 \text{ IU/mL}$.
- c. **Stamped** or **sealed** Health Certificate from the exporting country **within 30 days** of arrival (**U.S.D.A Export Health Certificate or equivalent**).
- d. Import Permit.
- e. Health certificate issued within 72 hours of arrival by an accredited Veterinarian accompanying the animal.
- f. Internal and External parasite treatment within 72 hours of arrival.
- g. Cats must test negative for FELV and FIV within one month of travel.
- h. After completion of part b. (above) one current RFFIT or FAVN test is required for re-entry.

Failure to have requirements b-g will result in deportation or euthanasia of your pet.



6. POST-ARRIVAL REQUIREMENTS

A thirty-day home confinement is required.

Requirements for thirty day confinement:

- a. Dogs must be kept on approved premises, completely fenced and secured.
- b. Cats must be kept in-doors at all times and all windows and doors must be screened.
- c. Dogs and cats, after inspection at the port of entry must not be removed from carrier until arrival at the place of confinement.
- d. Dog and cats must not come into contact with any other animal during confinement.
- e. Dog and cats must not be removed from the premises without permission of the Veterinary Authority. Permission will be granted for Veterinary emergencies. Monitoring of animal (s) during the 30 day confinement (4 visits).

Quarantine violations will result in deportation of your pet.

7. Fees

a)	i. Application Processing Fee for new pets (per animal)	EC \$ 55	US \$ 20
	ii. Application Processing Fee for re-entry (per animal)	\$ 20	\$ 8
b)	i. Airport Inspection Fee (per animal) 8am-4pm	\$ 100	\$ 40
	ii. Airport Inspection Fee (per animal) After 4pm and Weekends	\$ 125	\$ 46
c)	i. Confinement Inspection Fee (for 1 st animal)	\$ 200	\$ 80
	ii. Confinement Inspection Fee (per additional animal)	\$ 135	\$ 50

Please note that the following dogs will not be permitted to enter the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis:

- a. Pit Bull Terrier/ Staffordshire Terrier
- b. Dogo Argentino
- c. Presa Canario
- d. Fila Brasileiro
- e. Japanese Tosa
- f. American Bull Dog