

# Tips for Easy Pet Travel

- ✓ Make plans EARLY! (at least six months in advance for some countries)
- ✓ Ensure that your pet is allowed to reside at the final destination
- ✓ Try and acclimatize your pet to the carrier
- ✓ Do not sedate your pets! Discuss any potential travel issues with your Veterinarian
- ✓ Have your Vet's contact information handy
- ✓ Ensure that all documents are secured on the carrier in waterproof (e.g. Ziploc) bags
- ✓ Have copies of all documents handy for inspection
- ✓ Ensure that you have all of your pet's medications handy and ready for inspection
- ✓ Your pet should have access to fresh water throughout travel
- ✓ Provision of food during travel is dependent on the age of the pet and the duration of travel



# Policy for Rabies Vaccination

- ◆ The Department of Agriculture is the only agency that provides rabies vaccinations in the Cayman Islands. You must make an appointment
- ◆ Rabies vaccinations are done for the purpose of exportation of pets
- ◆ All animals must first be implanted with a microchip before the rabies vaccination will be given
- ◆ The Cayman Islands is a rabies free country

For more information, please contact the Cayman Islands Department of Agriculture



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*Steps for  
Exporting Animals  
out of the  
Cayman Islands*



# Steps for Animal Export

The individual wishing to export animals from the Cayman Islands should recognise that it is the *importing country* that sets all of the conditions of entry of animals into their territory. It should be recognized that import requirements vary considerably between countries.

1. The prospective exporter in the Cayman Islands should contact the importer in the destination country to find out all of that country's specific animal entry requirements
2. The importer should contact the government authorities to find out the entry requirements and send these details back to the exporter
3. If the export is possible, then the exporter will need to contact their private veterinarian in the Cayman Islands to assist with the export
4. The private veterinarian conducts the necessary tests and treatments, and does the final examination and completes the health certificate
5. The health certificate is sent to the Cayman Islands Department of Agriculture (CIDOA) by email or fax. Those that need endorsement (e.g. UK/EU, India) should be brought in during appointed times.
6. The CIDOA issues the official Export Permit for travel, 1-3 working days after its receipt from the private Veterinarian, and once the fee of CI\$20 (per animal) has been paid by the owner/exporter.

## The Most Common Countries that Animals are Exported To,



### Exports to Canada

 The Health Certificate examination must be carried out by a private veterinarian within ten (10) days prior to travel.

This document must have the exporter's and importer's details (physical address must be provided), animal's details, and the latest set of yearly booster vaccinations.

It is also *recommended* (but not compulsory) that the following be carried out/included: microchip information and rabies vaccination information.

### Exports to the USA

 The Health Certificate examination must be carried out by a private veterinarian within fourteen (14) days prior to travel (unless stipulated otherwise by the airline).

This document must have the exporter's and importer's details and animal's details.

It is also *recommended* (but not compulsory) that the following be carried out/included: microchip and rabies vaccination information.

**RETURNING ANIMALS MUST MEET THE IMPORTATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS**

## Exports to the UK/EU

The Health Certificate examination must be carried out by a private veterinarian within five (5) days (prior to arrival) for dogs (because of tapeworm treatment) and within (prior to arrival) ten (10) days for cats.

The customer (owner) must also make an appointment with the CIDOA to have the documents endorsed within this time frame.

The owner must supply the details for the exporter and the importer: names, addresses and phone numbers, as well as the microchip date and date of rabies vaccination. The tapeworm treatment must be done for dogs, with the product used and the time the animal was treated listed on the documentation.

Tick and flea treatments and rabies titre testing are optional.

If the animal has a UK/EU passport, then the number must be provided to the CIDOA.

The exporter must then present a copy of all of the paperwork at the CIDOA during a previously-coordinated appointment time. The CIDOA will endorse the health certificate once the client has paid the required fee (CI\$20 per animal).

Please call (947-3090) ahead to make your appointment at the Department.