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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR LIVE ANIMALS, MEAT AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS INTO ANTIGUA & BARBUDA

Import Requirements for pets (dogs & cats) into Antigua & Barbuda

To bring your dog and/or cat into Antigua, you must apply for a Veterinary Import License from the Veterinary & Livestock Division.

The Country of origin will determine the procedure that is taken.

If the country of origin is a Rabies infected country such as the USA, Canada, Grenada and Trinidad & Tobago or a country that does not maintain strict entry control requirements of imported pets from rabies endemic countries, the requirements are:

- Valid Certification of Rabies Vaccination (rabies vaccine within 1 year of importation)
- Certification of Microchipping
- Results within accepted levels of the Rabies FAVN (Antibody Titer) tested at an OIE approved Laboratory.

The paperwork for Rabies FAVN Serology can be retrieved at: www.vet.k-state.edu/depts/rabies/favntest.htm the list for other approved labs can be located at the DEFRA website <http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/quarantine/pets/procedures/support-info/labs.htm>).

- Medical and Vaccination History (please include results for Ehrlichia and Lyme's Disease Testing) (for cats please include testing results, vaccinations and any relevant history regarding FIP, FeLV, FIV)

Please fax (268-460-1759) or email (vld@ab.gov.ag) the information required above so that we can proceed in the processing of the import license.

Once this is done and after reviewing the dogs/cats medical and vaccination history an **import license** can be issued. **Only pets with a duly issued import license will be accepted into Antigua and Barbuda.**

Please note that your dog/cat is to be **accompanied by an *Official (Government Issued) Health Certificate*** stating that the animal is in good health and free from the symptoms of communicable diseases. The Certificate must be no more than seven (7) days old.

The animal is to be treated within seven (7) days of exportation for internal and external parasites with an approved product(s). The products should be noted on the official health certificate.

Dogs of the "pitbull" breed or mixes of this breed are not allowed to land on Antigua and Barbuda. Any dog, which physically resembles this breed, must be accompanied by certification from a recognized kennel club, which verifies that the dog is not of this breed (pitbull).

Please note that failure to comply with any of the requirements may result in refusal of entry of the pet into Antigua & Barbuda or confiscation of the pet.

If the country of origin of the pet is an OIE certified Rabies-free country and maintains strict entry control requirements of imported pets from rabies endemic countries such as Barbados, Jamaica, to name a few, the requirements are:

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Please Note: You must inform the Veterinary & Livestock Division of the date and time of arrival of your pet 48 hours ahead of time. A Veterinary Inspection Fee of EC\$130.00 or US\$50.00 is chargeable upon inspection on arrival. Animals are classified as property for the purposes of Customs and are subject to the imposition of import duty.

Import Requirements for horses and livestock

Please contact the Veterinary and Livestock Division at phone/fax (268) 460-1759 or vld@ab.gov.ag for information.

Import Requirements for Fresh or Frozen Meat and other Animal Products

Fresh or Frozen Meat in any quantity, require an Import License, issued by the Ministry of Trade and signed by the Veterinary & Livestock Division and the Ministry of Trade.

The Import License indicates that a Health Certificate must accompany the products. The Veterinary Inspector will inspect the products on arrival at the port.

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