

BERMUDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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CONDITIONS OF ENTRY FOR DOGS & CATS INTO BERMUDA

All animals arriving in Bermuda must be accompanied by an Import Permit issued in advance by the Department of Environmental Protection, together with an original of a health certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian of the country from which the animal is coming. The health certificate and veterinary statements must be issued within 10 days before the animal's arrival, must be dated, must show the name, address and phone number of the veterinary facility, and must be signed by a licensed veterinarian. You must provide evidence that your animal complies with all import requirements before we will issue an Import Permit. You must provide true and accurate documentation of :

1. The animal has been implanted with a microchip read by a standard microchip reader, i.e. ISO, FECAVA, European/International or AVID-USA chip.
2. A veterinary health certificate issued within 10 days before your arrival in Bermuda, stating that the animal is not infected with any communicable disease and is free of external parasites. The veterinary health certificate must contain the following information:-
 - (a) Name, date of birth, breed, description and microchip identification of pet;
 - (b) Owner at present;
 - (c) Owner in Bermuda and address
3. A veterinary statement giving the name of the acaricidal preparation applied during the examination, which is known to have residual activity against ticks, e.g. FrontLine Top Spot®, Ovitrol®, Sectrol®, K9 Advantix®, Proticall®, Kiltix®, Defend Ex-Spot®, Promeris® for Dogs. – NOTE: Advantage®, Sentinel®, Revolution®, Selamectin, Capstar®, Bio-Spot®, Promeris® for Cats, Vectra 3D®, Comfortis®, shampoos and collars do not qualify.
4. A veterinary statement that, as best as can be ascertained by your knowledge and through questioning, the animal has not been exposed to rabies nor been present in an officially quarantined rabies area within the last 6 months.
- 5.- *Not applicable to dogs or cats arriving directly from the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand or Jamaica*
Rabies vaccination history, showing at least two rabies vaccinations, and that all rabies vaccinations have been given by a licensed veterinarian, and are in accord with all of these requirements. The animal :
 - Upon attaining / after the age of three months, has received a rabies vaccination; AND
 - Received a second rabies vaccine 6-12 months following the first rabies vaccination; AND
 - There have been no significant lapses in vaccinations; AND
 - The most recent vaccination was given at least 30 days, and not more than 12 months prior to arrival.

****Note:** - *Not applicable to dogs or cats arriving directly from the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand or Jamaica*
Dogs and cats under age 10 months, and dogs and cats of any age that have received only a single rabies vaccination, do not qualify for entry into Bermuda.

Veterinarians **may only** attest to vaccinations given by him/herself, given under his/her direct supervision, and prior vaccinations that are accompanied with original certificates. Veterinarians **cannot** attest to vaccines given by non-veterinarians, including owners or breeders.

- 6.- *Not applicable to dogs or cats arriving directly from the Continental USA or Canada.*

The animal has not been kept within 30 miles of Foot and Mouth disease during the last 30 days.

7. When requested by this Department, you will be required to give information regarding the purpose of imported animal, and the location of facility where the animal(s) will be housed. You need not provide this information at this time.

THE PROCEDURE

- Visit your veterinarian to obtain a microchip, health certificate and the veterinary statements within **10 days** of your arrival. If the animal is coming from the United Kingdom, visit the Local Veterinary Inspector within **5 days** of your departure for an Export Permit (EHC-2921).
- FAX the veterinary documents to this office at 441-232-0046. Response with an Import Permit will be by FAX, usually within 1 business day. Please ensure that your FAX number is shown on the application form. The **FAX** Import Permit and the **ORIGINAL** veterinary certificates **MUST** accompany the animal on arrival.

IMPORT PERMITS ARE ONLY VALID FOR 10 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE VETERINARY CERTIFICATE.

THIS OFFICE IS CLOSED ON WEEKENDS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO IMPORT SMALL ANIMALS

All animals arriving in Bermuda must be accompanied by an Import Permit that was issued in advance by the Bermuda Department of Environmental Protection, together with the required original health certificates signed and dated by a licensed veterinarian from the country of origin.

NOTE : No action can be taken on this application until the required health documents are submitted.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

1. NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE OF IMPORTER - Person in Bermuda who will receive animal(s) _____

2. ADDRESS WHERE ANIMAL(S) WILL BE KEPT (if different from above): _____

3. NAME, OVERSEAS ADDRESS & PHONE OF EXPORTER or PREVIOUS OWNER _____

4. FAX NUMBER TO WHERE PERMIT SHOULD BE SENT _____
5. TYPE OF ANIMAL(S) _____

6. DESCRIPTION (Name, Breed, Sex, Age, Tag #, Identifying marks, Microchip) _____

7. WHY IS THE ANIMAL BEING IMPORTED? _____
8. COUNTRIES ENTERED BY ANIMAL IN LAST 6 MONTHS _____
9. IMPORTER'S NATURE OF ENTRY INTO BERMUDA: () Resident () Work () Vacation
10. METHOD OF ARRIVAL / AIRLINE FLIGHT No. _____
11. DATE OF ARRIVAL _____
12. IS ANIMAL SCHEDULED TO LEAVE BERMUDA? () Yes () No
If "Yes", when is animal scheduled to leave? _____
13. If this application pertains to a dog included on our Importation and Breeding Restrictions list, you are required to complete the APPLICATION TO IMPORT A DOG OF A RESTRICTED BREED in addition to this form.

NOTES ON BERMUDA LAWS & REGULATIONS:

- **Animals arriving without proper documentation are immediately returned to country of origin.**
- As with any commodity, animals including pets, may be subject to a Customs tariff.
- Approval or disapproval of any import application is at the discretion of the Veterinary Officer.
- All dogs residing in Bermuda must be licensed at the offices of this Department in the Botanical Gardens.
- Special licenses are required to breed dogs, possess more than two dogs, to sell or act as broker in sale of dogs, possess or train guard dogs.

Signature of applicant or agent

Date

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Importation and Breeding Restrictions

To Whom It May Concern:

The Minister of the Environment has implemented restrictions on the importation and breeding of certain dog breeds. The following breeds of dogs are affected:

Akita
American Bulldog
American Pitbull terrier,
American Staffordshire Terrier
Argentine mastiff (Dogo Argentino)
Aryan Molossus
Australian Dingo
Boerboel
Brazilian mastiff (Fila Brasileiro)
Bull Terrier & Miniature Bull Terrier
Bullmastiff
Cane Corso
Danish Broholmer
Dogue de Bordeaux
English Staffordshire Bull Terrier
Japanese Tosa (Tosa Inu)
Mastiff
Neopolitan Mastiff
Perro de Presa Canario
Perro de Presa Mallorquin
Rottweiler
Tibetan Mastiff
Wolf & Wolf Hybrid
All types of crossbreeds of the above mentioned dogs.

Any exotic or uncommon breed may also be refused entry despite its absence from the list above. The list will be amended as necessary. You certainly may contact us if you have a breed of dog that may be perceived as 'dangerous'. Even if your breed has been listed above, you may still apply to have the animal imported, and your application will be considered.

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APPLICATION TO IMPORT A DOG OF A RESTRICTED BREED

The Ministry of the Environment has implemented restrictions on the importation and breeding of certain dog breeds. This application is for **in-principle** approval to import a restricted dog which is not currently resident in Bermuda. This application must be based on your exceptional circumstances, and should be submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection 2-3 months in advance of your intended date of arrival. An Animal Warden will inspect the premise where the animal will be kept. You are strongly advised to not purchase nor otherwise acquire a restricted dog until an approval has been granted. Even if you receive in-principle approval, the animal must still meet all of the conditions of entry before an import permit can be issued.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

1. NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE OF IMPORTER - Person in Bermuda who will keep animal _____

2. NAME, OVERSEAS ADDRESS & PHONE OF EXPORTER or PREVIOUS OWNER _____

3. DESCRIPTION of DOG (Name, Breed, Sex, Age, Tag #, Identifying marks, Microchip) _____

4. HOW LONG HAVE YOU HAD THIS ANIMAL IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD? _____

Provide either a statement from your veterinary facility attesting that their records reflect you as the owner for the period of time claimed above or copies of municipal licence registration(s) to support your claim on length of ownership.

5. ADDRESS WHERE ANIMAL WILL BE KEPT (if different from above): _____

Dog will primarily be kept: Outdoors on a chain/tether Outdoors within a fenced kennel/enclosure
 Outdoors in a fenced yard Indoors, within home _____

6. HAS ANIMAL BEEN SPAYED/NEUTERED? Yes No Unknown/Uncertain
If not "Yes", are you willing to have the animal spayed/neutered before arrival into Bermuda? Yes No

7. DESCRIBE ALL TRAINING (of all types) THE ANIMAL HAS RECEIVED: _____

Attach all certificates pertaining to training or Canine Good Citizen status.

8. WHY IS THE ANIMAL BEING IMPORTED? _____

9. IMPORTER'S NATURE OF ENTRY INTO BERMUDA: () Resident () Work () Vacation

10. APPROXIMATE DATE OF ARRIVAL _____

11. IS ANIMAL SCHEDULED TO PERMANENTLY LEAVE BERMUDA? () Yes () No
If "Yes", when is animal scheduled to leave? _____

12. You are strongly advised to submit a letter outlining your exceptional circumstances that has led to this application.
Letter or attachments submitted? Yes _____ No

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