

# **ANIMAL QUARANTINE PROGRAM**

## **Information Brochure**

This brochure contains important information about pre- and post-arrival requirements, policies, rules, operations and fees.

*It is strongly advised that you read and retain this information brochure for future reference.*

### **LOCATION AND CONTACT INFORMATION**

**Department of Agriculture  
Animal Health Section  
142 Dairy Road  
Mangilao, Guam 96913**

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**Hours of Operation:**  
**Monday thru Friday**  
8:00 am to 12:00 pm  
1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

**THE ANIMAL QUARANTINE PROGRAM IS CLOSED ON SATURDAYS,  
SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS.**

## **HAFADA!**

Thank you for your inquiry into the requirements for importing dogs and cats into Guam. **Please read the enclosed information carefully.**

Guam's quarantine law is designed to protect residents and pets from potential serious health problems associated with the presence and spread of rabies. Success of the quarantine program is dependent on maintaining isolation of your pet from other animals for the required quarantine period.

## **IT'S THE LAW**

Title 10 Guam Code Annotated Chapter 34 Article 3 governs importation of dogs, cats and other carnivores into Guam. This law states that these animals are required to complete a 120-day confinement in an approved Commercial Quarantine Facility. If specific pre-arrival and post-arrival requirements are met, animals may qualify for the alternate 30-day quarantine.

Public Law 27-84. This law provides for a five (5) day or less quarantine program for pets entering Guam, provided that requirements are met prior to entry, by amending ss34302(b) of Title 10, Guam Code annotated. Ss(b)(2) is added to ss34302 of Division 2 of Title 10 of the Guam Code Annotated.

## **EXEMPTIONS**

Animals originating from the British Isles, Australia, New Zealand and Hawaii on direct flights to Guam may be exempt from quarantine requirements after meeting shipping requirements.

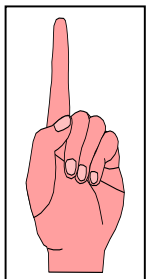
Users of service dogs, belonging to a Federal or State Government Agency, and guide dogs may wish to have their animals qualified to allow them to enter Guam without being held in quarantine at the Commercial Quarantine Facility. Please contact this department for more information.

All other dogs and cats, regardless of purpose or health status are required to comply with Guam's quarantine law.

## **DETERMINE IF YOUR PET SHOULD MOVE TO GUAM**

Guam is a tropical island with high temperatures and humidity throughout the year. The Department recommends that pets that are very old, very young (less than 9 weeks of age), chronically ill or debilitated, or pets that experience difficulty in hot climates, not be imported into Guam for quarantine. Pregnant animals past 45 days of gestation, are prohibited entry into quarantine.

Persons importing pets into Guam do so at their own risk. The Government of Guam and this Department will not assume any liability for any consequences during shipment or confinement. The owner assumes all liability upon presenting the animals for entry into Guam.



**IMPORTANT:** Owners are responsible to ensure that all documents are in order, all requirements are met, and most importantly, copies are provided (facsimile copies are accepted) to this Department in advance with the veterinarian's signature. **All original documents must be retained and attached to the kennel.** Deficiencies in any of the requirements will result in non-issuance of the Entry Permit and/or the animal being subject to the 120-day quarantine program. All 5 or less and 30-day quarantine program applicants must ensure that all general and specific pre- and post-arrival requirements must be met.

## **PLANNING YOUR PET'S MOVE**

Your veterinarian can help you with the pre-arrival requirements.

## **FIVE (5) GENERAL PRE-ARRIVAL REQUIREMENTS**

**For the 120-day, the 30-day and the 5 or Less day quarantine programs, you must comply with each requirement and submit copies containing the veterinarian's signature on each document.**

*The owner, consignee, handler, or carrier shall pay all expenses including private veterinary examinations, vaccinations, microchip implantation, hospitalization, testing, medication, treatment, transportation and returned shipments to shipper or consignor for animals failing to meet pre-arrival requirements.*

1. **APPLICATION FOR ENTRY PERMIT** – Pet owners or their authorized representative(s) (authorization letter must accompany application) are responsible for submitting a completed application with the payment of a non-refundable fee of Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) per animal. Money orders or certified checks should be made payable to “Treasurer of Guam”. Please do not send cash. Off-island personal checks will not be accepted.
2. **VACCINATIONS** – All dogs and cats entering Guam are required to be vaccinated for rabies and other common infectious agents. A document attesting to the administering of the vaccinations must include the name and address of the pet owner, name and descriptions of the animals,

indicating its age, sex, breed, color and markings; date of vaccinations and the name and address and **signature** of the veterinarian who administered the vaccination.

***Health Certificate or any other document cannot be substituted for the actual Rabies Vaccination Certificate or other required immunizations.***

**Rabies Vaccination Certificate.** All dogs and cats 90 days of age or older at the time of entry must be vaccinated against rabies with an approved inactivated rabies vaccine (recommended by the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians) within 12 months prior to arrival.

- a. For 120-day quarantine and rabies-free areas: rabies vaccination must be administered no less than 30 days and no more than 365 days prior to arrival with an approved monovalent inactivated rabies vaccine.
- b. For 5 or less day quarantine: Please refer to page 5 “Additional Requirements for 0-5 day Quarantine Applicants
- c. For 30-day quarantine: Please refer to page 8, Section 2 - “Additional Requirements for 30-Day Quarantine Applicants”.

**Other Dog Vaccinations** – Dogs shall be vaccinated not less than 10 days and not more than 180 days prior to arrival against:

- a. Canine Distemper Virus;
- b. Canine Infectious Hepatitis Virus or Canine Adenovirus-2;
- c. Canine Leptospirosis;
- d. Canine Para Influenza;
- e. Canine Parvovirus;
- f. Canine Corona Virus; and
- g. Bordatella Bronchiseptica (kennel cough).

**Other Cat Vaccinations** – Cats shall be vaccinated not less than 10 days and not more than 180 days prior to arrival against:

- a. Feline Panleukopenia Virus (feline viral enteritis);
- b. Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis (feline herpesvirus-1);
- c. Feline Calicivirus; and
- d. Chlamydia Psittaci (pneumonitis).

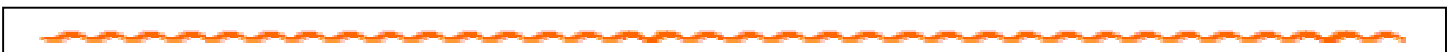
3. **AFFIDAVIT FOR EXPORT.** Pet owners with animals originating directly from a designated rabies-free area must submit an affidavit for export or certificate of origin. The affidavit certifies that the dog or cat was not outside the area of origin during the 4-month period immediately preceding the date of shipment. In addition, the affidavit shall certify that the animal has not been vaccinated with a modified live virus vaccine during the 4 months immediately prior to the date of

shipment. Affidavits of this nature are generally issued by a government entity (i.e. Department of Agriculture's State Veterinarian) in the jurisdiction of origin.

4. **QUARANTINE RESERVATION.** Animals requiring quarantine must have confirmed reservations at a government approved quarantine facility. It shall be the pet owner's responsibility to contact the facility directly for kennel reservation and rates. *Page 11 provides a listing of approved quarantine facilities on Guam.*
5. **HEALTH CERTIFICATE** – A health certificate issued by an accredited veterinarian within 14 days prior to arrival is required. (Check with the specific airline regarding their health certificate time requirements.) The health certificate must be written in English, be an original document (facsimile or photocopy will be accepted for processing, however the original document shall accompany the animal), bears an original or stamped signature and legible name, address and telephone number of the certifying veterinarian.

The health certificate **must contain all** the following information:

- a. A complete description of the animal, including age, markings, sex, breed and any additional identifying characteristics.
- b. A statement certifying the following: 1) The animal is free of external and intestinal parasites, 2) The date of parasite treatment, and 3) The name of insecticide indicating whether the animal was dipped, sponged, sprayed, or dusted for external parasites within 14 days prior to arrival.
- c. Certification that the animal is free of any evidence of infectious or contagious disease.
- d. Certification by the issuing veterinarian to the accuracy of the information stated on the health certificate.
- e. The microchip number and date of implantation. (For 30-Day Program)
- f. The name, serial or lot number, expiration date of the lot and date of vaccination must appear on the health certificate. (For 30-Day Program)



## **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR 5 or Less DAY QUARANTINE APPLICANTS**

**All 5 or Less day quarantine applicants must also comply with all of the following requirements to be eligible to qualify for the 5 or Less Day Quarantine Program prior to arrival.**

1. **ELECTRONIC MICROCHIP** – All dogs and cats attempting to qualify for the 30-day quarantine program are required to have an implanted electronic microchip. The microchip must be U. S. made and readable with an AVID universal scanner (i.e. AVID chip, Home Again chip).

It is the owner's responsibility to have the microchip implanted by a veterinarian and ensure that the microchip number is recorded on the serum sample submitted for the rabies testing. The microchip number must be included on the results of the rabies antibody test.

2. **RABIES VACCINATION.** A minimum of 2 rabies vaccinations not less than 3 months apart with an approved monovalent inactivated rabies vaccine. **Do not vaccinate your pet for rabies after the FAVN test.**
  - a) If an animal has not been previously vaccinated for rabies, the first vaccination shall not be given less than 3 months of age.
  - b) The second vaccination shall be administered **not less than 3 months following the first vaccination and no less than 120 days and no more than 12 months** prior to arrival into Guam.
3. **OIE-FLUORESCENT ANTIBODY VIRUS NEUTRALIZATION TEST (aka OIE-FAVN Test, Rabies Antibody Test).** A rabies blood test (requiring 1 to 3 ml of serum) to determine if dogs and cats have responded adequately to the rabies vaccination is required prior to arrival as the first step to qualifying for the 0-5 day quarantine program. **The testing laboratory must submit the test results directly to the Animal Quarantine Program at the Department of Agriculture, 142 Dairy Road; Mangilao, Guam 96913.**
  - a) The OIE-FAVN test must be conducted no less than 120 days and no more than 12 months prior to arrival into Guam. A result of 0.5 I. U. per milliliter or rabies antibodies or greater is required.
  - b) The day following the date the laboratory receives the OIE-FAVN sample is the beginning date for the 120-day countdown.
  - c) To be considered valid, the test results must include the number of the implanted microchip and a complete description of the animal (sex, breed, color or color pattern, any visible unique identifying characteristics, etc.)
  - d) If your pet passes the pre-arrival OIE-FAVN test and provided all other requirements are met, your pet will then be considered as having met all the 5 or less day quarantine prequalification requirements.

**Note: If documentation is incorrect or incomplete, arriving animals will be sent to a Commercial Quarantine Facility for the 5 or less day quarantine program awaiting proper documentation. If documentation is incomplete to meet the requirements of the 5 or less day quarantine program, the 30-day program or 120-day program will go into effect.**

## **5 OR LESS DAY POST-ARRIVAL REQUIREMENTS**

### **Post-Arrival Health Examination**

- (a) Any dog or cat eligible for the 5-day quarantine program shall be transported to a commercial quarantine facility where a post-arrival examination by the Territorial Veterinarian or a licensed veterinarian approved by the Director must be completed within 24 hours of arrival.
- (b) The veterinarian responsible for post arrival examination must submit a health examination certificate to the department verifying the health of the dog or cat and provide his/her recommendation for the animals early release or continued quarantine status as deemed necessary. The examination certificate along with the attending veterinarians recommendation must be submitted to the department prior to approval and release of any dogs or cats. A Certificate of Completion must be obtained from the department prior to release.
- (c) The post-arrival examining veterinarian may require quarantine for observation for animals that show any signs of illness or disease during the examination.
  - \* Animals eligible for the 5-day quarantine program but are quarantined by the examining veterinarian during post-arrival examination due to unusual health anomalies must be cleared for release by the Territorial Veterinarian or a licensed veterinarian approved by the Director.

Quarantine issues not specifically addressed by this document will be resolved by the Director or the Territorial Veterinarian

## **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR 30 DAY QUARANTINE APPLICANTS**

**All 30-day quarantine applicants must also comply with all of the following requirements to be eligible to qualify for the 30-Day Quarantine Program prior to arrival.**

1. **ELECTRONIC MICROCHIP** – All dogs and cats attempting to qualify for the 30-day quarantine program are required to have an implanted electronic microchip. The microchip must be U. S. made and readable with an AVID universal scanner (i.e. AVID chip, Home Again chip).

It is the owner's responsibility to have the microchip implanted by a veterinarian and ensure that the microchip number is recorded on the serum sample submitted for the rabies testing. The microchip number must be included on the results of the rabies antibody test.

2. **RABIES VACCINATION.** A minimum of 2 rabies vaccinations not less than 3 months apart with an approved monovalent inactivated rabies vaccine. **Do not vaccinate your pet for rabies after the FAVN test.**
  - a) If an animal has not been previously vaccinated for rabies, the first vaccination shall not be given less than 3 months of age.
  - b) The second vaccination shall be administered **not less than 3 months following the first vaccination and no less than 90 days and no more than 12 months** prior to arrival into Guam.
3. **OIE-FLUORESCENT ANTIBODY VIRUS NEUTRALIZATION TEST (aka OIE-FAVN Test, Rabies Antibody Test).** A rabies blood test (requiring 1 to 3 ml of serum) to determine if dogs and cats have responded adequately to the rabies vaccination is required prior to arrival as the first step to qualifying for the 30-day quarantine program. **The testing laboratory must submit the test results directly to the Animal Quarantine Program at the Department of Agriculture, 142 Dairy Road; Mangilao, Guam 96913.**
  - d) The OIE-FAVN test must be conducted no less than 90 days and no more than 12 months prior to arrival into Guam. A result of 0.5 I. U. per milliliter or rabies antibodies or greater is required.
  - e) The day following the date the laboratory receives the OIE-FAVN sample is the beginning date for the 90-day countdown.
  - f) To be considered valid, the test results must include the number of the implanted microchip and a complete description of the animal (sex, breed, color or color pattern, any visible unique identifying characteristics, etc.)
  - c) If your pet passes the pre- OIE-FAVN test and provided all other requirements are met, your pet will then be considered as having met all 30-day quarantine prequalification requirements.



### **30-DAY POST-ARRIVAL REQUIREMENTS**

1. A post-arrival rabies blood test (OIE-FAVN) is required after arrival in to Guam. As in the pre-OIE-FAVN test, a result of 0.5 I. U. per milliliter of rabies antibodies or greater is required.
2. Failure to meet required post OIE-FAVN test results will result in 120-day quarantine.
3. Arrangements must be made with a local veterinarian for the post-arrival rabies blood test.

## **LABORATORIES WHERE THE PRE-ARRIVAL OIE-FAVN TEST IS AVAILABLE**

*Laboratories are not allowed to provide results over the phone. There are no exceptions. The laboratory will provide the results directly to both your veterinarian and this Department by facsimile and mail. To allow ample time for an immune response to develop from the rabies vaccine, the serum for testing should be collected 2 to 3 weeks after vaccination, not at the time of vaccination.*

### **Available to Civilian Personnel Only:**

Kansas State University  
Veterinary Clinical Sciences Building  
Department of Pathobiology/Diagnostic Medicine  
1800 Denison Avenue  
Manhattan, Kansas 66506-5600

If you have additional questions, please call (785) 532-4455 or visit their home page <http://www.vet.ksu.edu/depts/rabies/hawaii.htm>.

### **Available to Military Personnel Only:**

Food Analysis & Diagnostic Laboratory  
Attn. MCVS-LAB  
2472 Schofield Road, Bldg. 2632  
Fort Sam Houston, Texas 78234

If you have additional questions, please contact your nearest Military Veterinary Facility or email [Gonzalo\\_Rodriguez@LN.amedd.army.mil](mailto:Gonzalo_Rodriguez@LN.amedd.army.mil).

## **APPROVED QUARANTINE FACILITIES**

### **Harper Valley Kennels**

377 Chalan San Antonio  
Tamuning, Guam 96913

Phone: (671) 734-4543

Fax: (671) 734-0151

Website: [www.harpervet.com](http://www.harpervet.com)

e-mail: [harpervalleykennel@ureach.com](mailto:harpervalleykennel@ureach.com)

### **Andersen Animal Quarantine & Kennel Facility**

Andersen Air Force Base, Guam

Phone: (671) 366-5020

Fax: (671) 366-5021

Website: to be announced

e-mail: [edward.craft@andersen.af.mil](mailto:edward.craft@andersen.af.mil)

# CHECKLIST

## 5 or Less Day Quarantine

### Pre-Qualification Requirements

/ / **Entry Permit Application**

- All information complete
- Signature of applicant
- \$60.00 permit fee

/ / **Microchip Implant**

/ / **OIE-FAVN Rabies Blood Test**

- Must be conducted no less than 120 days and no more than 12 months prior to arrival.

/ / **Proof of 2 Rabies Vaccination**

- Initial vaccine: Administered no less than 3 months of the pet's age
- Most recent vaccine: Administered no less than 3 months of the initial vaccine and the most recent vaccine administered no less than 120 days and no more than 365 days prior to arrival.

/ / **Other Immunizations:**

- Administered no less than 10 days, no more than 180 days prior to arrival

Dog Vaccines

Distemper  
Hepatitis Virus  
Leptospirosis  
Parainfluenza  
Parvovirus  
Corona Virus  
Bordatella

Cat Vaccines

Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis  
Calici Virus  
Panleukopenia  
Chlamydia

/ / **Health Certificate**

- Issued no more than 14 days prior to arrival.
- Signed by veterinarian.

/ / **Quarantine Kennel Reservation**

Not required for exempt areas.

# CHECKLIST

## 120-Day Program/Exempt Areas

**/ / Entry Permit Application**

- All information complete
- Signature of applicant
- \$60.00 permit fee

**/ / Rabies Vaccination Certificate**

- Administered no less than 30 days and no more than 365 days prior to arrival

**/ / Other Immunizations:**

- Administered no less than 10 days no more than 180 days prior to arrival

**/ / Affidavit for Export (For Exempted Areas)**

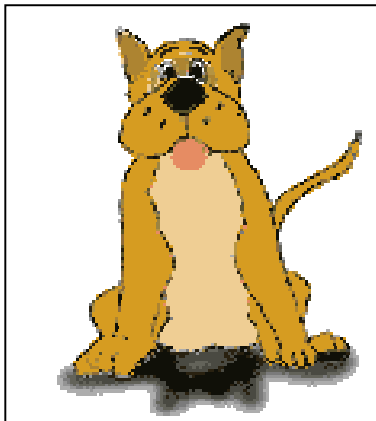
Dog Vaccines	Cat Vaccines
Distemper	Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis
Hepatitis Virus	Calici Virus
Leptospirosis	Panleukopenia
Parainfluenza	Chlamydia
Parvovirus	
Corona Virus	
Bordatella	

**/ / Health Certificate**

- Issued no more than 14 days prior to arrival.
- Signed by veterinarian.

**/ / Quarantine Kennel Reservation**

- Not required for exempt areas.



## 30-Day Program

### Pre-Qualification Requirements

**/ / Entry Permit Application**

- All information complete
- Signature of applicant
- \$60.00 permit fee

**/ / Microchip Implant**

**/ / OIE-FAVN Rabies Blood Test**

- Must be conducted no less than 90 days and no more than 12 months prior to arrival.

**/ / Proof of 2 Rabies Vaccination**

- Initial vaccine: Administered no less than 3 months of the pet's age
- Most recent vaccine: Administered no less than 3 months of the initial vaccine and the most recent vaccine administered no less than 90 days and no more than 365 days prior to arrival.

**/ / Other Immunizations:**

- Administered no less than 10 days no more than 180 days prior to arrival

Dog Vaccines	Cat Vaccines
Distemper	Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis
Hepatitis Virus	Calici Virus
Leptospirosis	Panleukopenia
Parainfluenza	Chlamydia
Parvovirus	
Corona Virus	
Bordatella	

**/ / Health Certificate**

- Issued no more than 14 days prior to arrival.
- Signed by veterinarian.

**/ / Quarantine Kennel Reservation**

Not required for exempt areas.

### Final Qualification Test

**/ / OIE-FAVN Rabies Test**

Conducted after arrival.

# APPLICATION for ENTRY PERMIT

THIS DOCUMENT IS NOT AN ENTRY PERMIT AND MAY NOT BE USED AS SUCH

OWNER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
LAST FIRST MIDDLE INITIAL

**TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

OFF ISLAND

HOME (\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

WORK (\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS OFF ISLAND: \_\_\_\_\_

POINT OF ORIGIN: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS IN GUAM: \_\_\_\_\_

ON ISLAND

DATE OF ARRIVAL: \_\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd/yyyy) DATE APPLIED \_\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd/yyyy)

HOME (\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

CARRIER (AIRLINE) NAME & FLIGHT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

WORK (\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME OF QUARANTINE FACILITY(IES) SELECTED**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Note: you must attach a letter from the quarantine facility(ies) you have selected verifying your reservation.

DESCRIPTION OF EACH ANIMAL TO BE IMPORTED								FOR DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE DO NOT WRITE BELOW	
TYPE OF BREED	DOG/CA T OTHER	AGE	SEX M/F	WEIGHT	COLOR	PET NAME (IF ANY)	MARKINGS TATTOOS, TAG NO, ID, ETC	FACILITY WHERE LOCATED	KENNEL NO.
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Having the intention of importing the above described animal(s) into the Territory of Guam, the undersigned hereby agrees to pay to the **Treasurer of Guam** the prescribed sum of **U.S. \$60 per animal**, and to comply with all quarantine rules and regulations of the Department of Agriculture, Government of Guam.

DATE PAID: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd/yyyy) AMOUNT U.S. \$ \_\_\_\_\_,00 CHECK OR MONEY ORDER NO. \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE USE ONLY. DO NOT WRITE BELOW**

- Health and other documents current and valid: YES  NO
- Quarantine exempted: YES  NO  If no, quarantine required for \_\_\_\_\_ days.
- Entry fee: Total Amount U.S. \$\_\_\_\_.00 Date Paid: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_; Field Receipt No: \_\_\_\_\_
- Date to be quarantined: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_, Scheduled date of release: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_.

Entry permit status:

- Approved  
 Disapproved

\_\_\_\_\_  
 STEVEN NUSBAUM, Territorial Veterinarian

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date