



PAWS - Importation and Quarantine Information

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CNMI Dog Importation and Quarantine Regulations

(Courtesy of Dr. Ignacio Dela Cruz, DLNR)

Vaccination requirements: Must be current for Parvovirus, Canine Distemper, Rabies, Infectious Canine Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, Parainfluenza, Bordetella Bronchiseptica (Kennel Cough) and Coronavirus.

Parasite Treatment: Must be free of or treated within 14 days of arrival on Saipan for internal and external parasites.

Quarantine Requirement: Upon arrival on Saipan, the dog will be quarantined at the CNMI Government Animal Quarantine Facility in As Perdido for a minimum of sixty (60) days. If the owner qualifies for "Home Quarantine," the remaining 60 days can be completed at owner's residence, otherwise the entire 120 days will be completed in the government facility. (So far, we have not refused any applicant for the home quarantine, but for some, they had to perform certain requirements or to provide a ladder in a couple of instances. For most, though, there were no additional requirements.)

Health Examination/Certification: The dog must be examined and certified by a licensed veterinarian as healthy and free of contagious or communicable diseases and internal/external parasites within fourteen (14) days of arrival on Saipan.

Other Requirements: Must be accompanied by valid CNMI Animal Quarantine Entry Permit which cost \$10.00 per animal, plus \$50.00 security deposit (to reserve a kennel space which is limited - only 10 are available) which is non-refundable and must be paid by certified check or money order made out to "CNMI Treasurer." The security deposit will be applied towards payment of the total amount for the quarantine fee which varies depending upon the dog's weight. It is \$3.00 per day for less than 30 lbs.; \$3.50 between 30 to 50 lbs.; \$4.50 between 50 to 80 lbs.; and \$5.00 per day for dogs weighing over 80 lbs.

We do not use any special diet. We buy all of our pet food from the local stores, usually the "cheapest" but of good quality (not the best, though!).

If you need additional information or clarification, please let us know. Payment (by certified check or money order made out to "CNMI Treasurer") may be sent to:

Dr. Ignacio Dela Cruz
POB 500677,
Saipan, MP 96950.
Ph 670-234-6169
Fax 670-235-9001
itdlacruz@vzpacifica.net

This way, we can receive the payment faster (if you are not pressed for time). Official address:

Office of Animal Health & Industry
Division of Agriculture
DLNR
CNMI Government
POB 10007
Saipan, MP 96950.

Your pet can also be quarantined in Hawaii or Guam. Upon completion of their quarantine requirements, your pet can be entered into the CNMI without further quarantine. You would still need to obtain an entry permit, though, and meet any other requirements not applicable to them.

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE

HOME QUARANTINE AGREEMENT

This agreement is between the Department of Lands and Natural Resources as represented by the CNMI Veterinarian (hereafter "Department") and

_____,
owner (hereafter "Owner") of the dog/cat (name, age, sex, breed & weight),
(hereafter "Pet").

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 5326, the pet has been in quarantine for at least thirty (30) days at the As Perdido Animal Quarantine Facility since ____/____/____. Under the authority granted to the CNMI Veterinarian by regulation 3(32) (Commonwealth Register, Vol. 11, No. 9, September 15, 1989 at p. 6530), the remainder of the 120 days of quarantine required by law shall be served under the terms and conditions of this agreement at the following facility, recognized, inspected and approved by the CNMI Veterinarian:

The following conditions, restrictions and requirements shall apply during the remainder of the quarantine period:

- 1) Prior to release for the home quarantine, Owner agrees to have his/her pet vaccinated for rabies by the CNMI Veterinarian, even if already done at pet's place of origin.
- 2) The pet must not leave the confines of the facility described above while still undergoing the remainder of the required 120-day quarantine period. Owner agrees to secure the pet and the pet's facility at all times to prevent accidental escape or escape by other means.
- 3) The pet shall not have contact with any other animal, including other dogs and cats or humans, except its legal owner.

4) The pet is permitted to go outside only during daylight hours, and only under the following conditions:

A) The pet must be on a leash, under close supervision by the owner, and within the confines of the facility described above;

B) Each time it is allowed, the pet does not remain outside for more than 30 minutes;

C) While outside, there shall be no other animal in the immediate vicinity of the pet.

5) The owner must immediately report any sudden change in the pet's behavior or physical condition to the CNMI Veterinarian.

6) The CNMI Veterinarian or any of his designee has the right to inspect the facility described above, and to examine or observe the pet at any reasonable time in order to ensure compliance with these rules. The visits will be done at least twice a week.

7) The CNMI Veterinarian reserves the right to abrogate this agreement at any time and in his discretion require the pet to serve the remainder of this quarantine period at the As Perdido Animal Quarantine Facility.

8) The Owner does hereby covenant and agree not to institute any suit or action at law or in equity against the Division of Agriculture, the Department of Lands and Natural Resources, or the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or any of their employees, by reason of any claim Owner now has or may hereafter acquire relating to, arising from or associated in any way to the quarantine and confinement of Owner's pet at the above described facility.

9) This agreement will terminate when the CNMI Veterinarian certifies that the pet has completed the quarantine period required by 2 CMC § 5326 (a) and finds the pet upon examination, to be in sound and healthy condition.

By signing this agreement, the Owner certifies that he or she has read and understood the agreement and will comply with the rules, conditions, restrictions and requirements stated herein.

_____ Date: _____
Owner

_____ Date: _____
CNMI Veterinarian

Witnessed By: 1. _____ Date: _____

2. _____ Date: _____

AFFIDAVIT

The **Undersigned** (**OWNER**), _____, of _____, who is at least 21 years of age, *owner* of the dog/cat (**PET**) whose date of birth is _____, and described as: Breed: _____ Color: _____ Name: _____ Weight: _____ Sex: _____, certifies that the above described dog/cat (**PET**) had been raised by **Undersigned** (**OWNER**) and continually kept inside *owner's* house for at least six (6) months immediately preceding the date of arrival of **PET** on Saipan.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT: _____
OWNER

DATE: _____