

BERMUDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Botanical Gardens
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Veterinary Services

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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 Environment and Natural Resources, 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 the 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 into Bermuda, and issued in the country from which the animal will be arriving into 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
 - (d) An original handwritten ink signature and practice stamp, or a digital signature of the examining veterinarian – See instructions on submitting your application under the PROCEDURE section.

See Note to Dog Owners in the Procedure section pertaining to dogs entering/re-entering/returning to the USA.

3. A veterinary statement giving the name of the acaricidal preparation which is known to have residual activity against a variety of ticks, and **was administered or applied during the examination**. Dispensing of a product for unverified use by the client is not an acceptable option. Acceptable (and unacceptable) products are listed on a following page.
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*
Original vaccination certificates attesting to the two most recent rabies vaccinations, and that both rabies vaccinations were given by a licensed veterinarian, and were in accord with all of these requirements:
 - The animal received the first of the two rabies vaccinations at / after the age of three months; AND
 - The animal received the second rabies vaccination 6-12 months following the first rabies vaccination; AND
 - There was no significant lapse 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.

Contact us for advice on the acceptance of tri-annual rabies vaccines.

Veterinarians may attest **only** to vaccinations given by him/herself, given under his/her direct supervision, and prior vaccinations that are accompanied by 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. This Department may request specific photographs and/or pedigree documentation of the animal to be imported, or the parents thereof. You need not provide this information unless specifically requested.
8. When requested by this Department, you will be required to give information regarding the purpose of the animal, and the location of facility where the animal(s) will be housed. You need not provide this information at this time.
9. All imported animals are subject to inspection upon arrival and/or post-arrival. The discovery of false information in the application may result in the seizure of the animal, followed by deportation or euthanasia within 48 hours thereafter.

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NOTE: Official documentation must not be changed once issued, and must not contain any alteration, amendment, white-out or cross-out, such that the original content becomes unreadable.

PROCEDURE

- **Veterinary examination & health certificate**

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).

*****Note to Dog Owners, for dogs entering/re-entering/returning to the USA:** The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has amended rules for dogs entering/re-entering the USA on/after August 1, 2024. Essential actions will be required before you leave the USA, so to be able to return your dog to the USA. Consult with your local USDA-accredited veterinarian, see the CDC website or use the helpline (800) 232-4636 for guidance: <https://www.cdc.gov/importation/bringing-an-animal-into-the-united-states/dogs-entering-us-after-august-1.html>

- **Rabies vaccination certificates**

Submit the original certificates attesting to the rabies vaccinations included on the health document.

- **Submission of veterinary health certificate & supporting documentation**

If the health certificate contains an electronic signature of the examining veterinarian, the veterinary documents must be forwarded from the veterinary facility directly to this office via e-mail. The veterinary documents may be submitted from the veterinary facility, the client, animal owner, importer, exporter or agent if the health certificate contains an original handwritten ink signature AND a practice stamp.

- **All documents are subject to verification of their contents.**

Any false/inaccurate information will result in rejection of the entire application.

- **Response**

We will respond, usually within 2 business days. Please ensure that your email address or fax number is shown on the application form.

- **All documents and animal(s) to be available for Customs inspection**

A printed copy of the Import Permit and the ORIGINAL veterinary certificates MUST accompany the animal and be available for Bermuda Customs on arrival.

- **Failed Customs inspection**

Because there is no quarantine facility in Bermuda, animals of failed Customs inspections are generally handled in a manner outlined below. The final disposition of any animal is at the discretion of a Government Veterinary Officer.

Animals arriving by air: Animals failing a Customs inspection, and those not accompanied by all required documentation will be immediately deported, at the importer's expense. The importer may have to accompany the animal upon deportation, also at his/her own expense.

Animals arriving by sea: Animals failing a Customs inspection, and those not accompanied by all required documentation will not be permitted on land, but will be restricted to remain on board the vessel and the vessel will be kept at deep water anchorage under monitoring by Bermuda Customs. The vessel will not be permitted to be alongside any pier or other vessel.

When a deportation cannot occur or if the owner fails to comply with the instructions of Customs or of this Department, the animal may be seized and humanely destroyed at the owner's expense.

IMPORT PERMITS ARE VALID FOR 10 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE. THIS OFFICE IS CLOSED ON WEEKENDS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

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NOTE: Advantage®, Advocate®, Bio-Spot®, Capstar®, Comfortis®, Credelio for Cats®, NexGard Combo for Cats®, NexGard Spectra for Cats®, Revolution®, Promeris® for Cats, Provecta-II for Cats®, selamectin, Sentinel®, Vectra®, shampoos and collars are **not** acceptable for entry.

ACARICIDAL PRODUCTS (Tick treatments and Preventatives) Acceptable for Entry

To be administered or applied during the veterinary examination

Active ingredients	Brand Name(s)
Fluralaner	Bravecto® (accepted for a maximum of 60 days)
Sarolaner	Simparica®
Selamectin + Sarolaner	Revolution Plus® for cats
Afoxolaner	NexGard®, NexGard Spectra® for Dogs
Fipronil 9.8%	Frontline®, and many other products
Fipronil 9.8% + (S)-methoprene 8.8%	Frontline Plus® for Dogs
Fipronil 9.8% + (S)-methoprene 11.8%	Frontline Plus® for Cats
Fipronil + Cyphenothrin	Frontline Tritak® for dogs, Parastar Plus®
Fipronil + Etofenprox	Frontline Tritak® for cats
Fipronil + Amitraz	Certifect®
Lotilaner	Credelio for Dogs®
Imidacloprid + Permethrin	K9 AdvanTIX®
Permethrin 44%, Pyriproxyfen 0.44% and Imidocloprid 8.8%	K9 AdvanTIX II®, Provecta Advanced for Dogs®
Dinotefuran	Vectra 3D®
Etofenprox	Biospot Spot On, Zodiac Spot On, Ovitrol X-Tend Spot On, Ovitrol X-Tend Spray
Pyrethrins, Piperonyl butoxide, (S)-Methoprene	Ovitrol Plus®
Pyrethrin 0.1% and Permethrin 0.1%	Duocide® LA Spray
Pyrethrins	Adams® Flea & Tick Spray
Permethrin in Diethylene Monomethyl Ether	Defend Ex-Spot®
Methaflumizone	Promeris for Dogs®
Permethrin (various concentrations)	Proticall®, Defend (Merck-a spot on), Preventic Spot On, Fletic Spot On (Mini/Maxi), Advantix Spot On, Fortreon, Bayvantic, Bio Spot Spot On, Ovispot Plus, Active-3 Spot On, Permaxin rinse, Defendog Spray
Permethrin and Pyriproxyfen	Duogard Line On, Duowin Topical Spray
Permethrin and Imidacloprid	Dominal Max, K9 AdvanTIX®
Permethrin 48.5% and Indoxacarb	Activyl Tick Plus Spot On
Permethrin 36%, Dinotefuran and Pyriproxyfen	First Shield Trio, Simple Guard 3
Flumethrin	Bayticol Dip & Spray
Amitraz and Methaflumizone	ProMeris Duo Spot On
Pyriprole 12.5%	Prac-Tic Spot On
Phenothrin 85.7% and Methoprene	Hartz Ultragard Pro

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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 Environment and Natural Resources, 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 have been received.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

1. NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE AND E-MAIL 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. E-MAIL or FAX 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 RESTRICTED BREED DOG 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, are 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

Law imposes restrictions on the importation and breeding of the following breeds:

Prohibited Breeds	Restricted Breeds
Argentine mastiff (Dogo Argentino)	Akita
Boerboel (South African Mastiff)	Australian Cattle Dog
Brazilian Mastiff (Fila)	American Bulldog
Cane Corso	American Pit Bull Terrier
Neapolitan Mastiff	American Staffordshire Terrier
Presa Canario	Belgian Malinois
Tosa Inu	Bouvier des Flandres
Wolf	Bull Terrier
Wolf Hybrid	Bullmastiff
Any Cross of the above	Cão de Fila de São Miguel (Azorean Cattle Dog)
	Chow Chow
	Doberman Pinscher
	Dogue de Bordeaux
	Shepherd (all breeds thereof)
	Mastiff – English
	Rhodesian Ridgeback
	Rottweiler
	Olde English Bulldogge (Old English Bulldog)
	Staffordshire Bull Terrier
	Any Cross of the above

Any rare, exotic or uncommon breed may also be refused entry despite its absence from the above lists. You may contact us if you have a dog of a breed that may be perceived as dangerous.

Prohibited

- Dogs of these breeds may not be imported, bred or used for breeding.

Restricted

- Dogs of these breeds may be imported under permit once the conditions for importation and keeping have been fulfilled by the importer.
- New acquisitions of these dogs require pre-approval.
- Dogs of these breeds may be bred only following receipt of a Breeder’s permit.

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CONDITIONS & APPLICATION TO KEEP A RESTRICTED BREED DOG

These conditions of keeping apply to persons who:

- will be newly acquiring a dog that is listed as prohibited or restricted, regardless of the source of the animal, and regardless of whether or not you already own a dog of a prohibited or restricted breed; or
- will be keeping a dog of any breed that has proved itself to be problematic.

The Dogs Act 2008 mandates the secure housing of dogs of certain breeds. The Ministry has adopted conditions for the keeping of newly acquired dogs of these breeds and individual dogs that have become problematic. Any person wishing to keep a restricted breed dog must apply to have his/her property inspected to ensure that it meets the requirements prior to obtaining the subject dog.

Any person who has been granted approval to keep a prohibited or restricted breed dog must adhere to all of the following conditions, and any additional conditions that may be imposed on his/her specific permit. Failure to do so could result in seizure of the dogs, and you will be liable in Court for any breaches of the conditions attached to your permit and/or any breaches committed against the Dogs Act 2008.

- a). Persons are **strongly advised** to consult with the Department of Planning before erecting any kennel, fence or other barrier to ensure compliance with Planning regulations. Officers of this Department cannot approve applications based on structures constructed illegally.
- b). The premises where the animal will be kept or is being kept must have an approved escape-proof kennel, enclosure or area, of no less than 60 square feet (5.6 metres²). Every entrance or gate to such kennel, enclosure or area must be secured with a dog-proof, lockable device to prevent accidental release of the animal. **Neither tethering nor invisible fencing is acceptable as an option for the keeping of a restricted breed dog.** The owner should take steps to prevent malicious release of the animal as well.
- c). The outdoor kennel, enclosure or area must contain provisions to protect the animal from weather elements.
- d). For animals that will be primarily kept indoors, the required enclosure/area shall be easily and immediately accessible via an exit from the primary residence.
- e). The dog may not be left unattended and tethered on the property outside of the containment area; and must be on a leash and under the direct control of an adult capable of maintaining control of the animal when not indoors and not in the approved containment area.
- f). Only under very exceptional conditions will anyone be granted permission to keep more than two dogs of restricted breed(s).
- g). The animal must still meet all of the conditions of entry (which are applicable to all dogs) before an import permit can be issued.
- h). The dog may not participate in any breeding event for at least one year following importation.

NOTE: A person wishing to import a restricted breed dog should apply this office at least one month prior to planned importation, and have the premises ready for inspection at the time of application.

NOTE: Where this Department has a record of a person owning a prohibited or restricted dog as of April 1, 2012, that ownership will be 'grandfathered', meaning that keeper will not have to construct secure housing to continue to keep that animal, except secure keeping can be required if that dog has been problematic, or should that dog stray or cause injury in the future. These conditions will apply should the owner chose to obtain a new dog of a targeted breed.

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APPLICATION TO IMPORT A RESTRICTED BREED DOG

The laws of Bermuda place restrictions on the importation and breeding of dogs. This application is for **in principle** approval to import a restricted dog which is not currently resident in Bermuda, and should be submitted to this Department one month in advance of your intended date of arrival. An Animal Warden will inspect the premises 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. **The dog may not participate in any breeding event for at least one year following importation.**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

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

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

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

4. HAS ANIMAL BEEN SPAYED/NEUTERED? Yes No Unknown/Uncertain

5. WILL THIS DOG BE PREGNANT UPON ARRIVAL? Yes No Unknown/Uncertain

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

7. Does the premise where dog will be kept already have either of the following for secure keeping of the animal?:

- Intact, inescapable fenced/walled yard (or portion of yard) Yes No
- Intact, inescapable outdoor kennel or enclosure, with shelter from weather elements?..... Yes No
- Some other type of secure facility: _____

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

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

9. WHY IS THE ANIMAL BEING IMPORTED? _____

10. IMPORTER’S NATURE OF ENTRY INTO BERMUDA: () Resident () Work () Vacation

11. APPROXIMATE DATE OF ARRIVAL _____

12. IS ANIMAL SCHEDULED TO PERMANENTLY LEAVE BERMUDA? Yes No

If “Yes”, when is animal scheduled to leave? _____

13. If applicant is/will be a tenant at the residence, has the property owner/manager been made aware of your need to erect and/or maintain secure fencing or an enclosure, and has given consent to dog being kept there? Yes No

Name of property owner/manager: _____

Contact info: Home _____ Cell: _____ E-mail: _____

NOTES:

- **Animals arriving without proper documentation are immediately returned to country of origin.**
- Keeping a dog outdoors on a chain/tether is unacceptable and is grounds to reject this application.
- Conditions may be attached to any import approval.
- 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