

CHECKLIST GUIDE

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If the Dog or Cat is:
Not Located in Hawaii; and

Flying To:

HNL – Honolulu
Island of Oahu

Use: Checklist **1** for Direct Airport Release (DAR) & 5 Day Or Less Program

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If the Dog or Cat is:
Not Located in Hawaii; and

Flying To:

KOA – Kona
Island of Hawaii

OGG– Kahului
Island of Maui

LIH– Lihue
Island of Kauai

Use: Checklist **2** for Requesting Direct Airport Release at Kona, Kahului and Lihue Airports

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If the Dog or Cat is:
Located in Hawaii;
Leaving the state; and

On return Flying To:

HNL – Honolulu
Island of Oahu

Use: Checklist **3** Only for Dogs and Cats Located in Hawaii that are Departing and Returning for Direct Airport Release and the 5 Day Or Less Program

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If the Dog or Cat is:
Located in Hawaii;
Leaving the state; and

On return Flying To:

KOA – Kona
Island of Hawaii

OGG– Kahului
Island of Maui

LIH– Lihue
Island of Kauai

Use: Checklist **4** Only for Dogs and Cats Located in Hawaii that are Departing and Requesting Direct Airport Release at Kona, Kahului and Lihue Airports on Return

CHECKLISTS

The checklists on the following pages have been created to assist owners in preparing their dog or cat to enter Hawaii without quarantine.

Please check each box after you read and understand each item so that all the procedures are followed.

If all procedures are not followed in the case of Direct Airport Release (DAR) in Honolulu, the dog or cat will be: denied Direct Airport Release and will undergo quarantine up to 120 days until requirements are met for release; or transported out-of-State at the owner's expense

If all procedures are not followed in the case of neighbor island entries, the dog or cat will be denied entry at Kona, Kahului or Lihue Airport. Pets that are denied entry will be transported to Honolulu for inspection and/or quarantine or transported out-of-State at the owner's expense.

For complete information, additional forms and Checklists such as "Checklist for Pets Arriving from British Isles, Australia, Guam and New Zealand", go to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture's, Animal Quarantine Information Page at:
hdoa.hawaii.gov/ai/aqs-info

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2 Checklist 2 for Requesting Direct Airport Release at Kona, Kahului and Lihue Airports

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This Checklist 2 is for dogs and cats not located in Hawaii, requesting direct release at Kona, Kahului or Lihue airports.

- A Neighbor Island Inspection Permit (NIIP) is required to fly any dog or cat directly into Kona (KOA) - Island of Hawaii, Kahului – (OGG) Island of Maui and Lihue (LIH) – Island of Kauai. No Permit is required for Honolulu – (HNL) Island of Oahu

Step 1 PLANNING

Contact a listed veterinary hospital **before booking your flight** to see if they can perform the inspection.

- Some airlines may not be participating. Check with your airline well in advance.
- Every dog or cat must meet the requirements listed on this Checklist and **all required documents must be submitted earlier than for Direct Airport Release (DAR) in Honolulu; 30 days or more before the intended date of arrival. A passing FAVN test (Step 4) is needed before requesting a NIIP.**

Step 2 MICROCHIP

NOTE! Make sure the microchip is working!

- The dog or cat must have an electronic microchip implanted (Required before a FAVN rabies antibody blood test is performed).
- Have your veterinarian scan the microchip to verify that it is still working and check that the microchip number is correct. Microchip number: _____
- Any pet that cannot be identified by scanning the microchip will not qualify for either Direct Airport Release or the 5 Day Or Less quarantine and will be assigned to 120 days quarantine.

Step 3 RABIES VACCINATIONS

- Your pet must have been vaccinated at least twice for rabies in its lifetime.
- These rabies vaccines must have been administered **more than 30 days** apart.
- The current (most recent) rabies vaccination:
 - Was administered more than 30 days before the pet's date of arrival in Hawaii; and
 - Is not expired when the pet arrives in Hawaii.

NOTE! Two rabies vaccinations are required. The pet's most recent rabies vaccination must not be expired by the time your pet arrives in Hawaii. **If arrival in Hawaii occurs before 30 days has elapsed from the most recent rabies vaccination, the animal is subject to quarantine until the 30 days are completed.**

The date and type of vaccine must be indicated on the pet's vaccination and health certificates.

Your veterinarian will give you a rabies vaccination certificate for every rabies vaccination administered. The rabies vaccination certificate must have the vaccine name, lot or serial number, booster interval, date of vaccination and the expiration date of vaccine listed.

Step 4 FAVN RABIES ANTIBODY TEST

~~RFFIT~~ Do **NOT** do a RFFIT

- NOTE!** Be sure "HAWAII" is listed as the destination on the lab submission form!
- Do the FAVN Rabies Antibody Test. A passing test result is needed **before** requesting a Neighbor Island Inspection Permit

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Step 4 FAVN RABIES ANTIBODY TEST continued

- Have the test done at an approved lab (Auburn University (AU), Kansas State University (KSU), University of Missouri (MU) or the DOD Food Analysis and Diagnostic Laboratory Texas (DOD).
- The day after AU, KSU, MU or DOD received your pet's blood sample must **not be less than 30 days, or more than 36 months** before the date of arrival in Hawaii.

Note! Be aware that use of an intermediate lab (Antech, Idexx, etc.) may delay the date AU, KSU MU and DOD receives your pet's sample.

FAVN testing laboratories may have longer than usual processing times. Test results may be delayed for 6 to 8 weeks.

- The result of the pet's blood test must be greater than or equal to 0.5 IU/ml.
- Obtain a copy of this successful blood test from your veterinarian result showing the pet's microchip number for your records. Do not contact the laboratory directly.

Step 5 DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

Owners must ensure that a confirmation is sent by a veterinary inspector listed below, to the Animal Quarantine Station 30 days or more ahead of the planned arrival:

- 1. **Owners must contract with and make reservations with the following for inspection at:**
Kona (KOA): Alii Veterinary Hospital (808) 329-8999, Keauhou Veterinary Hospital (808) 322-2988 or Kona Direct Release <https://www.konapets.travel/>
Kahului (OGG): At Home Animal Hospital & Mobile Veterinary Services (808) 873-0102, Central Maui Animal Clinic (808) 893-2380, Kihei Veterinary Clinic (808) 879-5777, Makawao Veterinary Clinic (808) 572-9003, Maui Direct Release (808) 281-0496, Maui Humane Society (808) 877-3680, South Shore Veterinary Care 874-3422, or West Maui Animal Clinic (808) 662-0099.

Lihue (LIH): Kauai Humane Society (808) 632-0610, Kauai North Shore Animal Clinic (808) 755-8728.
- These veterinary facilities will send a confirmation to the Animal Quarantine Station that they have agreed to perform the inspection and release procedure. Owners are responsible for the additional fees to the private veterinary facility for this service.

IMPORTANT! Authorized Handlers and Transport Companies cannot be listed as owners of an animal. Not identifying and listing the legal owner of the animal on the Dog and Cat Import Form (AQS-279) is considered fraud and will create delays in processing and disqualification.

Owners must submit the following documentation so it is received by the Animal Quarantine Station 30 days or more ahead of the planned date of arrival:

- 1. Retain copies of documents for your records.
- 2. Completed and signed Dog & Cat Import Form (AQS-279). (Does NOT have to be notarized.)
- 3. Original rabies vaccine certificates for the 2 most recent vaccinations.
- 4. Payment of \$165 by cashier's check or money order.
- 5. Flight information (i.e. Airlines, flight number, date and time of arrival).
- 6. Check "Neighbor Island Inspection Permit \$165" in Section 4 of the Dog and Cat Import Form AQS-279.

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Step 6 WAITING PERIODS

NOTE! Arriving Early = Disqualification

- Pets must have a passing FAVN rabies antibody test result and also complete a 30-day waiting period from the day after the laboratory received the blood sample for testing. If arrival occurs before 30 days has elapsed, the animal is subject to quarantine until the waiting period has been completed.
- Your pet must complete the 30-day waiting period before arriving in Hawaii or your pet will not qualify for either NIIP direct airport release or the 5 Day Or Less quarantine program.

IMPORTANT! The waiting period begins the day after AU, KSU, MU or DOD received the blood sample for the OIE-FAVN test. The test must also have a **result \geq 0.5 IU/ml**.

WARNING! Arriving before the 30-day waiting period has elapsed will result in disqualification of a pet from the 5 Day Or Less quarantine program and direct airport release. All pets arriving before the eligible date of entry **will be quarantined and assessed \$14.30 each day in addition to the \$244.00 program fee. There are no exceptions.**

Step 7 NEIGHBOR ISLAND INSPECTION PERMIT

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- A Kona, Kahului or Lihue Neighbor Island Inspection Permit (or NIIP) will be sent by email to the primary owner's email address listed on the AQS-279 Dog & Cat Import Form after the Animal Quarantine Station has:
 - Received the above required documents, information and payment (see 1-5 above);
 - Confirmed the pet meets all of the requirements for the 5 Day Or Less program and neighbor island inspection and release; and
 - Received confirmation from Alii Veterinary Hospital, Keauhou Veterinary Hospital, At Home Animal Hospital & Mobile Veterinary Care, Central Maui Animal Clinic, Kihei Veterinary Clinic, Kona Direct Release, Makawao Veterinary Clinic, Maui Direct Release, Maui Humane Society, South Shore Veterinary Care, West Maui Animal Clinic, Kauai Humane Society or Kauai North shore Animal Clinic that they will meet the pet on the date and time indicated to complete the inspection and release procedures.
- The Neighbor Island Inspection Permit (NIIP) will be sent only to the e-mail address of the primary owner listed on the AQS 279 form once documents are received and the pet qualifies.**

Note!

- Be sure to consider the time required for the NIIP to be issued during planning. **Owners are required to print the copy of the NIIP emailed to them to present to the airlines.**
- The owner must provide their own FedEx or UPS account number or enclose a prepaid envelope for an overnight carrier (example FedEx, UPS, etc.) if a printed paper permit is requested . Envelopes that bill AQS are not accepted.
- A valid printed Neighbor Island Inspection Permit is needed to board the aircraft and must accompany the dog or cat on the aircraft. The NIIP shall be submitted to the Inspector upon arrival in Hawaii.**

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Step 8 Neighbor Island Inspection Permit (continued)

- An original health certificate in English issued within 14 days before arrival in Hawaii will be collected by the inspector upon arrival in Hawaii. It is highly recommended that owners check with their airline as some require the health certificate to be done within 10 days of arrival.
- A veterinarian must treat the pet for ticks with a product containing a long-acting product labeled to kill ticks within 14 days of arrival and the product name and date of treatment must be recorded on the pet's health certificate. See <https://hdoa.hawaii.gov/ai/main/tick-treatments/> for a list of accepted active ingredients. Check with your veterinarian to determine what product is best for your dog or cat.

Airlines are not permitted to fly a dog or cat directly to Kona, Kahului or Lihue from outside the state of Hawaii without a valid Neighbor Island Inspection Permit issued by the Department of Agriculture.

- Due to the high volume of telephone calls it's recommended you contact staff with questions, by email to rabiesfree@hawaii.gov.

Information included in this publication is subject to change and revision at any time without notice

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