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	Import procedures – live animals: pet dogs and cats	Version: 01	Page 1
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Legislation: Sections 60–64 of the Belize Agricultural Health Authority Act, Chapter 211 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000-2003

1. The pet animal is to be accompanied by a **veterinary certificate issued by a registered veterinarian** in the country of origin, and attesting

THAT:

- A.** The pet animal is clinically healthy, free of signs of infectious and contagious disease, free of ticks and has no fresh wound or wound in the process of healing.
- B.** The pet animal has been vaccinated against **rabies** and that its vaccination is current. The date of vaccination and the vaccine trade name must be indicated on the certificate.

Pet animals less than four (4) months of age: vaccination waived but house quarantine until thirty (30) days after rabies vaccination by a registered veterinarian.

2. NOTES

- a. All pet animals entering Belize are to be inspected by a BAHA official.
- b. Pet animals from countries affected with diseases and pests of quarantine importance (FMD, screwworm, etc) will require veterinary inspection at port of entry.
 - i. Importer will be informed of need for veterinary inspection when permit is issued.
 - ii. Importer must notify date, time and flight number to BAHA two days before pet animals arrive to ensure that veterinary officer is present at the time of entry.
- c. All costs of quarantine are to be borne by importer.
- d. The cage is to be new or cleaned and disinfected prior to use for the exportation of the pet animal.
- e. It is **strongly recommended** that:
 - i. all dogs be vaccinated against Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis and Parvovirus.
 - ii. all cats be vaccinated against Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis, Calici Virus and Panleucopaenia.
 - iii. the pet animal be treated against **endoparasites and ectoparasites** within thirty (30) days of exportation.

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