



*Belize Agricultural Health Authority*  
*Animal Health Department*

**IMPORT CONDITIONS DOGS & CATS**

**Legislation:** Sections 60–64 of the Belize Agricultural Health Authority Act, Chapter 211 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011.

1. The pet animal(s) is/are to be accompanied by a **veterinary certificate issued within two (2) weeks of travel date by a registered veterinarian** in the country of origin, and attesting

**THAT:**

- A. The pet animal(s) is/are clinically healthy, free of signs of infectious and contagious diseases, free of ectoparasites and has no fresh wound(s) or wound(s) in the process of healing.
- B. The pet animal(s) has/have been vaccinated against **Rabies** and that its vaccination is current. The date of vaccination, trade name, lot number and expiry date must be indicated on the certificate.
- C. All dogs vaccinated against rabies for the first time must be vaccinated at least 4 weeks (28 days) before traveling.
- D. Puppies must NOT be vaccinated against rabies before they are 3-months (12 weeks or 84 days) old. The rabies certificate must include the puppy's age or date of birth.
- E. Adult dogs (15 months or older) may travel less than 4 weeks after a booster vaccination if they are accompanied by proof of a history of previous rabies vaccination with at least one vaccine given after they were 3-months old and one current booster rabies vaccination.
- F. **All dogs** must be vaccinated against Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis and Parvovirus  
**All cats** must be vaccinated against Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis, Calici Virus and Panleukopenia.
- G. Pet animal(s) must be treated against endoparasites with a registered product in the country of origin within thirty (30) days of exportation.

**NOTES**

- a. All pet animals entering Belize are to be inspected by a Belize Agricultural Health Authority (BAHA) official.
- b. Pet animals from or traversing countries affected with diseases and pests of quarantine importance (FMD, Screwworm, etc.) will require veterinary inspection at the port of entry.
- Importer will be informed of need for veterinary inspection when permit is issued.

- Importer must notify date, time and flight number to BAHA two (2) working 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 must be new or cleaned and disinfected with a registered product prior to use for the exportation of the pet animal.

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