

Guidelines for the Importation of dogs and cats into Trinidad and Tobago, with effect from April, 2013

With effect from April 2013, Trinidad and Tobago implemented a system that allows the importation of dogs and cats without quarantine.

Citizens/residents of Trinidad and Tobago are allowed to take their dogs and cats to any country and return without the need for the animals to enter quarantine, once our entry requirements are met.

These rules are in place to keep the people and pets in Trinidad and Tobago safe from rabies and certain other diseases.

Entering Trinidad and Tobago

Dogs and cats may only enter Trinidad and Tobago from any country if they are fully compliant with our import requirements.

Please note that special conditions apply for the importation of 'service' dogs.

For additional information or queries, please contact the Head Office of the Animal Production and Health Division, Ministry of Food Production, Trinidad and Tobago

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Requirements for entry

The entry/import requirements differ depending on which country your pets are coming from. Please see table and guidelines below to determine the Category in which your country falls and entry requirements.

Category 1 – No Rabies Titre Required				
Anguilla	Cayman Island	Guadeloupe	Martinique	St. Barthelemy
Antigua	Chanel Islands	Iceland	Mauritius	St. Kitts-Nevis
Aruba	Curacao	Ireland	Montserrat	St. Lucia
Australia	Czech Republic	Jamaica	New Caledonia	St. Vincent

- Do you possess a valid import permit? Please read it.
- Is your pet microchipped with a brand accepted by the International Standards Organization?
- Did you treat your pet for parasites (internal and external) within 10 days of travel?
- Did you conduct any additional required tests/treatments?
- Do you have a valid official Health certificate (dated within 7 days of the travel date) from the exporting country detailing all the requirements?
- Do you have all the necessary documents, as indicated on the import permit, before traveling?
- Did you notify us at 1 (868) 642-0063 or 1 (868) 642-0064 at least 48 hours before the scheduled time of your expected arrival?

Category 2: Entry into Trinidad and Tobago from countries in Category 2

- For your pet to enter the Trinidad and Tobago from these countries, you must answer 'yes' to all the following questions:
- Did you apply for an import permit **at least one and half (1½) months in advance** of the planned travel by completing and submitting an application form from the Animal Production and Health Division?
- Do you possess a valid import permit? Please read it.
- Is your pet microchipped with a brand accepted by the International Standards Organization?
- Is your pet currently vaccinated against rabies?
- Was your pet vaccinated **after** it was microchipped and was the rabies vaccination administered as per the vaccine manufacturer's data sheet?
- Did you have a rabies blood test (FAVN or RFFT) done on each pet **at least one (1) month** after vaccination at an approved laboratory. Please contact the Animal Production and Health Division for the list of approved laboratories.
- Did you attach/send the **Original** Laboratory results to the Animal Production and Health Division, Trinidad and Tobago? (The laboratory can also send the report.) **The test must show a protective titre.**
- Did you treat your pet for parasites (internal and external) within 10 days of travel?

- Do you have a valid official Health certificate (dated within 7 days of the travel date) from the exporting country?
- Do you have all the necessary documents, as indicated on the import permit, before traveling?
- Did you notify us at 1 (868) 642-0063 or (868) 642-0064 at least 48 hours before the scheduled time of arrival of your expected arrival?

Category 4: Pets leaving Trinidad and Tobago with the expectation of return within 3 years

To facilitate the return of your pet to Trinidad and Tobago from any country, you must answer 'yes' to all the following questions:

Before leaving Trinidad and Tobago, please ensure that:

- Your pet is microchipped
- Your pet is currently vaccinated against rabies (vaccination must be after pet is microchipped)
- A rabies blood test (FAVN or RFFT) is conducted on each pet **at least one (1) month** after vaccination at an approved laboratory
- You sent the *Original* Laboratory results to the Animal Production and Health Division, Trinidad and Tobago? (The laboratory can also send the report.) **The test must show a protective titre.**

Your pet is eligible to re-enter Trinidad and Tobago before 3 months of the expiration date of the rabies vaccine. There are no additional requirements relating to rabies.

You must have an import permit and meet all requirements on the import permit.

Special concession is made for animals going overseas for the sole purpose of representing Trinidad and Tobago in competition.

If your pet stays longer than 3 years or the above requirements were not met, your pet may be considered to originate from a country in Category 2 or 3.

Other types of pets

There are restrictions regarding the importation of other pets. Please contact the Head Office of the Animal Production and Health Division, Ministry of Food Production, Trinidad and Tobago

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Address of Exporter:

Fax:..... Tel: E mail:

Arrival Information (If available)

Port of arrival:

Means of transport (Flight # or Vessel):

Expected date and time of Arrival:.....

I the undersigned, apply for a permit to import the animal referred to above and declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief all the particulars given above are true.

I declare (tick the appropriate box) that the animal is my property

That I have authority from the owner to sign as an agent

I acknowledge that the Ministry of Food Production, Trinidad and Tobago is in no way liable to me for the loss, death or sickness of any animal while in transit and I agree to ensure that the terms and conditions on the permit, when issued are fully satisfied. I understand that if an animal does not meet the requirements of the import permit then the pet will be:

(a) Re-exported at the consignees expense or

(b) Destroyed.

As determined by the Inspector.

Other Information:

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Name of applicant:

Contact (telephone):

Signature: Date: