APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO IMPORT ANIMAL(S) INTO THE FEDERATION OF ST. KITTS AND NEVIS

To: Veterinary Services
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Date: / /
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Please Print Legibly or Type

Name of owner (s)….....

Street Address.....

City:.....State/Prov.....Country:.....Zipcode:.....

Phone:.....Fax: .....E-mail: .....

Hereby apply for a permit to import the following animal (s) into the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis:

Description of Animal (s)

Species	**Sex**	**Breed**	**Colour**	**Date of Birth**	**Name**	**ISO COMPATIBLE MICROCHIP NO./ AVID® / HOME AGAIN**

Application Processing Fee: EC $55.00 or US20.00 per animal. Please send an **"INTERNATIONAL MONEY ORDER"** ONLY. Pay to the order of: "**Accountant General**". **Postal money orders are not acceptable.**

Approximate Arrival Date..... Flight No…… Time of Arrival ……

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CONDITIONS FOR THE ENTRY OF DOGS AND CATS INTO ST. KITTS & NEVIS

REQUIREMENT FOR PETS ARRIVING FROM RABIES ENDEMIC COUNTRIES

1. RABIES VACCINATIONS

Animals must be current on rabies vaccinations whether it is the annual or three (3) year vaccine. The vaccine given must be an approved monovalent **killed rabies vaccine**.

Rabies vaccinations shall not be given to animals less than 3 months of age.

2. ELECTRONIC MICROCHIP IDENTIFICATION

All animals to be imported into St. Kitts and Nevis must be identified with an ISO compatible electronic microchip implant (e.g., AVID®, Home Again etc.). The microchip number must be included on all relevant documents including written application form, health certificates, blood samples submitted for rabies testing and on the result of the rabies titer.

3. COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM

An application form must be completed and the application processing fee paid to the order of the **Accountant General**. Please note that only international money orders are acceptable (postal money orders are no longer accepted). In a case where an international money order cannot be obtained, the fee will be collected on arrival. The application form must include the species, name, age, sex, breed, colour or colour pattern and microchip number of the animal.

The application form must also be completed for returning animals. Persons applying on island can collect and process this form at the Veterinary Services office at the Department of Agriculture.

4. ONE RABIES TITER

Dogs & Cats: One rabies titer with a result greater than or equal to (> or =) 0.5 IU/mL from an OIE (World Animal Health Organization) certified **RABIES FAVN Laboratory**.

The Rabies titer must be taken **no less 30 days after** the most recent rabies vaccination and **no less than three (3) months before its expiration**. If the result of the titer is negative, a booster vaccine must be given, and the titer repeated in 30 days. Once a result of 0.5 IU/mL or greater is obtained, this would be considered acceptable.

The testing laboratory must submit the test results **directly** to the St. Kitts office email address: skbvet12@gmail.com or to the Nevis office: ambijames@gmail.com depending on the final destination of the pet(s). Where Clinics or laboratories would have submitted samples to the approved listed Laboratories, the original report must be submitted or attached to the clinics report.

To be considered valid, the Rabies titer result must include the number of the implanted microchip and complete description of the animal (age, sex, breed, color or color pattern etc).

5. CORE AND RABIES VACCINATION CERTIFICATE

Animals should be fully vaccinated with the core vaccines and the most recent Rabies vaccination certificate must be submitted.

6. A GOVERNMENT ISSUED INTERNATIONAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE

Dogs & Cats: A health certificate issued by the **Veterinary Authority or Government Veterinarian** of the exporting country **within 30 days** of the date of arrival (for example in the case of the **U.S.A**, this is the **U.S.D.A. Export Health Certificate;** for **Canada** the **International Health Certificate for Dogs & Cats**). The health certificate must have the **seal** or **stamp** of the exporting country for international travel and must include:

I. A full description of the animal including implanted microchip number.

II. Records of the last two rabies vaccination including name and type of vaccine, lot/serial number and expiration date.

III. A statement certifying that to the best of my knowledge the animal(s) appear to be free of any infectious or contagious diseases or exposure thereto which would endanger the animal or other animals or would endanger public health.

IV. To the best of my knowledge the animal(s) originated from an area not quarantined for Rabies and have not been exposed to Rabies.

NB: The government issued international health certificate is only required for pets entering the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis for the first time.

7. FOR CATS ONLY:

Cats must be tested for FIV and FeLV **within 30 days** of the date of arrival and results must be negative to enter the Federation. The is required for only 1st entry felines.

8. DOGS & CATS:

A Health Certificate (outlining that an internal/ external parasite treatment* was administered) issued by an accredited veterinarian within five (5) days of arrival **must** accompany the animal. The name of the Anthelmintic used must be recorded as well.

***Internal/ External Parasite treatment**: Broad Spectrum Anthelmintic

9. POST-ARRIVAL REQUIREMENTS

A fourteen-day home confinement is required for new entrants at the end of which a confinement completion certificate will be issued. Three home visits would done.

- 1st To ensure that the home meets the requirements for the confinement.
- 2nd At 7 days to assess the animal mid confinement period.
- 3rd At completion of the confinement period and for final assessment of the animal

LABORATORIES WHERE THE PRE-ARRIVAL RABIES TITER ARE AVAILABLE

1) Kansas State Veterinary Diagnostic laboratory

Rabies Laboratory,
Kansas State University 2005 Research Park Circle,
Manhattan, KS66502
Phone number: (785) 532-4483, Fax number (785) 532 4474;
e-mail: rabies@vet.ksu.edu

2) **AUBURN UNIVERSITY VIROLOGY LABORATORY**. Virology Laboratory
Department of Pathobiology
College of Veterinary
Medicine Auburn University
Alabama
36849-5519
Phone: 334-844-2659
Fax: 334-844-2652
Email: mincjoa@auburn.edu

*If outside of the U.S.A or Canada; any **OIE certified laboratory** is acceptable.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PETS ARRIVING FROM RABIES FREE COUNTRIES

1. A completed application form for entry of pets into St. Kitts / Nevis

2. A government issued International Export Health Certificate which must include:

   I. A full description of the animal including implanted microchip number.

   II. Record of the core and current rabies vaccination including name and type of vaccine, lot/serial number and expiration date.

   III. Record of internal/ external parasite treatment within five (5) days of arrival and the name of the anthelmintic used.

   IV. A statement certifying that to the best of my knowledge the animal(s):

   1) has been in the country for the past six months
   2) appear to be free of any infectious or contagious diseases or exposure thereto which would endanger the animal or other animals or would endanger public health.

   3) The country of origin is free from Rabies.

FEES:

Application and Processing Fees per animal:

1. Application Processing Fee for **new pets** (per animal)	**US$20.00**
2. Application Processing Fee for **returning pets** (per animal)	**US $10.00**

Inspection Fees per animal

1.	Airport Inspection 8am-4pm	**US 50.00 for new entry**
2.	Airport Inspection 8am-4pm	**US 37.00 for returning pets**
3.	Airport Inspection after 4pm and Weekends	**US 60.00**
4.	Airport Inspection on holidays	**US 70.00**
5.	Three home confinement visit	**US 40.00**
6.	More than one pet in home confinement	**US 10.00 per additional pet**

NOTES:

1. Failure to comply with the importation requirements above will result in delayed entry or deportation of your pet(s).

2. An import permit will be issued within ten (10) days upon receipt of the required documents.

3. The following breeds of dogs or dogs mixed with these breeds will not be permitted entry into the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis:

    i. Pit Bull Terrier/ Staffordshire Terrier
    ii. Dogo Argentino
    iii. Presa Canario
    iv. Fila Brasileiro

v. Japanese Tosa

vi. American Bull Dog

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