

Pets

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This is a **Very Important Section** for personnel transporting pets to Hawai'i!
To ensure you have the most up-to-date information and required forms,
please refer to the State of Hawai'i, Department of Agriculture's website at:

<http://hawaii.gov/hdoa/ai/aqs>

ANIMAL QUARANTINE STATION

If you are bringing a pet to Hawai'i, contact the Animal Quarantine Station and request an information package. It is vitally important to contact the Hawaii Department of Agriculture Animal Quarantine Station to get the most current, up-to-date information. The most current information is available online at:

<http://hawaii.gov/hdoa/ai/aqs/info>

or you can contact them at:

Hawaii Department of Agriculture
Animal Quarantine Station
99-951 Halawa Valley Street
Aiea, HI 96701-5602
Phone: (808) 483-7151
FAX: (808) 483-7161
Email: RabiesFree@Hawaii.Gov

Hawai'i is a rabies-free state. The quarantine law protects residents and pets from potentially serious health problems associated with the presence and spread of rabies. Success of the quarantine program is dependent on maintaining isolation of your pet from other animals for the

required quarantine period.

The animal quarantine program began in 1912 with a quarantine period of 120 days. In 2003, the state approved a five-day-or-less program. Therefore, members have three options at different costs and with different requirements: 120 Days, 5 or fewer days, and Direct Release from Airport.

If you are interested in the Direct Release or 5-day or less programs, it is important you visit the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture Animal Quarantine website as soon as possible given it typically takes four months or longer to complete the strict procedures associated with these programs.

IT'S THE LAW

Importation of dogs, cats, and other carnivores into Hawai'i is governed by Chapter 4-29 of the State of Hawai'i Dept of Agriculture Administrative Rules. This law says that these animals are subject to up to a 120-day confinement in the State Animal Quarantine Station and Honolulu is the only port of entry.

RE-ENTRY FEE REQUIREMENTS

For pets re-entering Hawai'i after completing a Hawai'i animal quarantine program, go to the following link for requirements to qualify for the reduced re-entry fee for Direct Airport Release or 5-day or-less quarantine.

<http://hawaii.gov/hdoa/ai/aqs/re-entry>

PET QUARANTINE FEE REIMBURSEMENT

Pet quarantine fee reimbursement incurred in connection with the mandatory quarantine is \$550 per PCS transfer.

To apply for reimbursement, you must, first, incur the cost and then request reimbursement on your PCS travel claim. Your quarantine receipt must accompany the travel claim to get reimbursed. If you do not receive your receipt in time to complete the travel claim, a supplemental travel claim can be submitted, after the fact.

FEES PER PET

The following identifies the most current pet fees

- Direct Release from Airport: \$165
- 5 Days or Less: \$224
- 120 Days: \$1,080

Visit the Hawaii Department of Agriculture Animal Quarantine Station website and study the requirements for each program carefully! Any deviation from the stated requirements will result in a longer quarantine period.

PROHIBITED ANIMALS

Reptiles and animals that are classified as rodents are not allowed into the State. Information on plants and animals that are prohibited or restricted in Hawai'i can be found online at:

<http://hawaii.gov/hdoa/ai/pi/pq/animal>

CONTRACT HANDLERS

List of registered private individuals or organizations which may be contracted for fee as intermediate handlers to assist in the interstate and inter-island shipping of pets can be found at

<http://hawaii.gov/hdoa/ai/aqs/aqs-interhandlers.pdf/view?searchterm=interhandlers>

Hawaiian Humane Society website has a variety of pet information. To review this information, go to their website located at:

<http://www.hawaiianhumane.org/>

This website contains valuable information related to Animal Adoptions, Dog Hikes, Dog License, Education, Events, Feral Cat Sterilization, Laws, Lost and Found Pets, Neuter Now, Parks, and Volunteering.

NEIGHBOR ISLAND INFORMATION:

There are "Satellite" (privately owned and operated) quarantine facilities located on the islands of Hawai'i and Kauai. If you wish to quarantine your pet at those facilities, you must make prior arrangements with Bar-King Dog Kennel (BDK) or Kauai Humane Society (KHS).

Your pet must first come in to the State Animal Quarantine Station in Honolulu for positive identification, program determination, and examination. State fees must be paid in full before the animals are transported to private facilities. Your animal will not be transported until the AQS has received payment and the required original health record documents either in person or by mail. Payment by mail must be in the form of a cashier's check or a money order.

Bar-King Dog Kennel (BDK),
P. O. Box 1184, Keaau, HI 96749, phone (808) 966-8733.

Kauai Humane Society (KHS),
P. O. Box 3330, Lihue, HI 96766, phone (808) 632-0610.

Fees are subject to the privately owned facilities fee structures.

State fees that must be paid prior to release to other facilities include the 5-day-or-less or 120-day quarantine fees.

CLOSING THOUGHTS

Animals are very important and transporting a dog or cat can become a trying experience if the rules are not fully understood. For this reason, it is imperative that you take the time and review all the information available on the Hawaii Department of Agriculture Animal Quarantine Station website. If you have questions, contact them personally to ensure you fully understand all the stringent rules and regulations associated with the State's quarantine rules. It is better to be safe than sorry and one phone call can save you hundreds of dollars and reduce the quarantine time from 120-days to less than five.