



UK Travel Guidelines

Traveling to the UK and returning to the Cayman Islands

Getting your pet ready for travel...

Microchip:

Your pet will need to be microchipped with a unique 15 - digit ISO microchip. This is a necessary first step for travel, as the rabies vaccine and titre is linked to the microchip number.



Rabies Vaccination:

Your pet will then need two Rabies vaccinations given 30 days apart. These vaccinations are administered ONLY by the Cayman Islands Government Veterinarian at the Department of Agriculture. Please call (345) 947-3090 to make an appointment. It is your responsibility to keep these vaccinations up-to-date, as a lapse of vaccination can delay travel plans.

Rabies Titre:

A minimum of 21 days after the second rabies vaccination, your pet will need to visit your regular veterinary clinic in order to have a rabies blood test performed. It generally takes ~2 - 4 weeks for results to return. If your pet passes the rabies titre blood test, he/she will be eligible to travel to and from Cayman and Canada immediately. Please contact us at (345) 525-5838 to make an appointment.

Your pet must have current rabies vaccinations and titre tests to be able to return to the Cayman Islands.

***In the event that you need to travel outbound before receiving the results of your pets rabies titer test, you may do so provided that:*

- You understand that your pet cannot return to the Cayman Islands until you receive the successful rabies titer test results.
- You assume the risk that if in the event your pet FAILS the rabies titer test, he or she will have to remain in Canada whilst he or she is revaccinated for rabies and repeats the rabies titer test. It will then be six months from the date the blood was tested before your pet can re-enter the Cayman Islands. Please contact the Department of Agriculture for more information.

Annual Vaccinations:

Your pet must have current annual vaccinations to travel.

When you are ready to make your travel plans...

Airlines:

You will need to contact the airline to reserve space for your pet. Space is limited and we recommend doing this well in advance. If you are traveling with British Airways, your pet will only be able to travel in cargo - we recommend that you also contact British Airways/ Cayman Airways Cargo for specific instructions.

Health Certificates:

You will need a health certificate in order to travel. This is a document provided by us, and endorsed by the Department of Agriculture stating that your pet is healthy to travel. Your pet will receive a full physical examination by us and we will administer a dewormer if required for travel.

We will complete your documents prior to your departure from our clinic. You will need to have contacted the Department of Agriculture at the time of scheduling your health certificate appointment with us in order to have your health certificate endorsed by the Cayman Islands Government Veterinarian. The health certificate is not valid until endorsed by the Cayman Islands Government Veterinarian. Please find directions below:

Traveling east from West Bay/ George Town:

Continue along the main road towards the Eastern Districts from George town to Savannah . Continue on past the Countryside Shopping Village. Proceed to the sub-district of Lower Valley. Turn right onto Agricola Drive (you will see a large green "Vigoro's Nursery" sign on your left on the main road as a marker to turn. Proceed to the end of Agricola Drive. The Department of Agriculture building is the two-story building on the corner of Agricola Drive and Lottery Road.

Traveling west from East End/ North Side:

Continue along the main road towards George Town. Enter the sub-district of Lower Valley. Turn left onto Agricola Drive (you will see a large green "Vigoro's Nursery" sign on your right on the main road as a marker to turn. Proceed to the end of Agricola Drive. The Department of Agriculture building is the two-story building on the corner of Agricola Drive and Lottery Road.

For dogs: The health certificate to the UK is valid for 5 days from date of issue.
This means that you will need to arrive into the UK within 5 days of issue (UK local time).

For cats: The health certificate to the UK is valid for 10 days from date of issue.
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Endorsement:

You will need to contact the Department of Agriculture prior to the health certificate appointment, in order to schedule a time with them to have your health certificate endorsed by the Cayman Islands Government Veterinarian. The health certificate is not valid until endorsed by the Cayman Islands Government Veterinarian. Please contact the Department of Agriculture at (345) 947-3090 to arrange this.

Transit through the USA:

If you are transiting through the USA, will need a USA health certificate in addition to the UK health certificate.

Pet Passports:

If you have a United Kingdom Pet Passport, please bring this with you to the health certificate appointment.



Not Returning to the Cayman Islands

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Rabies Vaccination:

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Rabies Titre:

Your pet is not required to have a rabies titre to enter the UK as we are a listed rabies-free country.

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Annual Vaccinations:

Annual vaccinations are optional for entry into the UK (but strongly recommended). Once arrived in the UK, we strongly recommend that you contact a local UK veterinarian within 30 days of arrival into the country in order to organize vaccination country requirements.

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Additional Information:

Please note, this information is provided as a guideline only. We do not take any responsibility for your pets travel plans & require you to research your trip carefully and make all of the necessary arrangements yourself.

Airlines can differ in their requirements.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Other travel guideline resources:

- Cayman Islands Department of Agriculture tel: (345) 947-3090 email: ci.agriculturevs.ky
- Must Love Dogs tel: (345) 946-7222 email: info@mustlovedogs.com.ky
- Pack Pet N' Go (345) 326-2320 email: packpetngo@gmail.com
- Cayman Airways Cargo www.caymanairways.com
- UK website: www.gov.ky



Tips for Travel:

Breed Considerations:

You will need to check with import/ export requirements of each country you are traveling to, to ensure that your pet is not a restricted breed. Short nosed breeds are at higher risk for cargo travel as their confirmation leaves them vulnerable to oxygen deprivation and heat stroke whilst in cargo holds. Please check with airline regulations whether your breed is accepted.

Pet Carriers:

Carriers are available in both hard-sided and soft-sided. The proper size carrier should allow your pet to be able to lie down comfortably, stand up and turn around. Ensure proper ventilation and comfort. Please check with your airline for recommended specifications.

Carrier Familiarization:

In preparation of travel at least a month before, acclimate your pet to it's carrier by leaving it out with the door open or off, and placing treats and toys inside. Once your pet comfortably goes in and out of the carrier on its own, try closing the door for a few seconds, increasing to minutes and then trying short car rides. Use treats and positive reinforcements to help acclimate.



Travel Label:

Affix a travel label with your contact information and destination to the carrier. Ensure that your pet is registered with its microchip company so that your contact details can be searched in the event your pet goes missing.

Trim Nails:

Make sure that your pet's nails have been trimmed to avoid against hooking in the carrier's door and crevices.

Feeding:

Do not feed your pet for 4 to 6 hours prior to travel unless you have otherwise received medical instructions or instructions by cargo to do so. Small amounts of water can be given before the trip. Carry a collapsible bowl with you to offer ice cubes or small amounts of water during travel.

Incontinence pads:

Place an incontinence pad into the carrier prior to travel. If your pet is in the cabin with you, keep a few extra pads on hand to change in case your pet eliminates during flight.

Calming medications:

There are non-prescription oral and aerosol medications to help with stress and anxiety that are safe for use during travel. Please ask your veterinarian for recommendations. In certain instances, your pet may require prescription medications, your veterinarian can discuss which are safe for travel.

Prescription medications:

Remember to take all prescription medications on your person. If your pet is traveling in cargo, ask your veterinarian their recommendations on when to dose. You can also ask your veterinarian for a letter declaring the medications that you are carrying.

Leash:

Carry a leash with you so that you may walk your pet after check-in and upon arrival. Do not leave the leash attached to your pet whilst they are in the carrier.

Upon arrival:

When you arrive at your destination, open the carrier as soon as you are in a safe place and examine your pet. If anything seems wrong, take your pet to a veterinarian immediately.

