



## **NSA Bahrain Veterinary Treatment Facility**

### **EXPORTATION OF PETS FROM BAHRAIN**

The Kingdom of Bahrain requires that all pets adhere to the following guidelines for pet exportation. Please note that there are no exceptions to these guidelines. Although the USDA states that rabies vaccinations are not required for entry into the USA, pets have been turned away at customs for not being up-to-date on the below vaccinations. We recommend starting the exit process at least 2-3 months in advance of your departure date for USA and EU travel, and 7-8 months for Japan, Guam, Hawaii, and Singapore, as these countries have additional requirements.

### **VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PETS**

1. Dogs: Current Rabies, DA2PP, Leptospirosis.
  - a. Current, signed, original rabies certificate (DD 2208, or signed pet passport from local veterinarian).
  - b. Pet cannot travel for 30 days after receiving a vaccination.
2. Cats: Current Rabies, FVRCP.
  - a. Current, signed, original rabies certificate (DD 2208, or signed pet passport from local veterinarian).
  - b. Pet cannot travel for 30 days after receiving a vaccination.

\*Please email all documentation of Immunizations to: [NSABahrain.VetClinic@gmail.com](mailto:NSABahrain.VetClinic@gmail.com)

*NOTE: A DD2208 cannot be signed by our office if we did not administer the pet's rabies vaccination. Your pet passport/booklet with your veterinarian's stamp and signature can be presented to PSD in lieu of a DD2208.*

### **MICROCHIP**

Your pet's microchip must be a 15-digit ISO Standard 11784 microchip, able to be read by an ISO Standard 11785 microchip scanner (134.2 kHz frequency).

### **HEALTH CERTIFICATE**

Your pet must receive a health certificate from a veterinarian within 10 days of travel. If you are traveling to the USA, this can be completed by our office or by a local civilian veterinarian. If you are traveling elsewhere, it must be done by our office.

### **EXPORTATION PERMIT**

1. Your export memorandum can be issued within 10 days of travel or at the time of your health certificate. If you are using a civilian veterinarian, please call or email us to request an exportation memorandum.
2. The export memorandum must be taken to the Animal Health Directorate Veterinary Quarantine Office, Kingdom of Bahrain Ministry of Agriculture. They will issue the Animal Export Certificate (cost is BD5 per pet) which is valid for 10 days. They are open from Sunday-Thursday, 0730-1300.

## **EXPORTATION TO JAPAN, GUAM, HAWAII, SINGAPORE**

These islands are rabies-free per the World Health Organization. As such, entry requirements and procedures are quite stringent and require a great deal of preparation. Due to this, we recommend contacting NSA Bahrain VTF at least 7-8 months in advance of your departure to schedule the appropriate appointments and bloodwork for the process. Please also check on USDA APHIS pet travel website for requirements by country.

**AMC TRAVEL:** Contact PSD or the AMC terminal directly to verify that your pet(s) have a space reserved on your flight(s). Also verify their shipping kennel requirements, weight restrictions, fees and any special shipping procedures or documents they may require upon check-in. To the best of our knowledge, AMC does not participate in the heat embargo which in Bahrain generally runs mid-April through October, and AMC does accept pets in-cabin.

**COMMERCIAL TRAVEL:** Contact your airline directly to verify that your pet(s) have a space reserved on your flight(s). Also verify their shipping kennel requirements, weight restrictions, fees and any special shipping procedures or documents they may require upon check-in. Please note that when flying commercially all pets are required to depart as manifested cargo, not in cabin or as checked baggage. This incurs significantly more cost to the owner, and often requires the use of a pet shipping company. Currently, KLM and Lufthansa are the only airlines that do not require pets to be cargo-manifested. Please remember that most airlines have travel restrictions based on time of year and/or heat indexes which in Bahrain generally runs mid-April through October.