



NSA Bahrain Veterinary Treatment Facility

IMPORTATION OF PETS TO BAHRAIN

The Kingdom of Bahrain considers itself to be a rabies-free country and requires a FAVN to import pets. As a favor to US Service members and DoD/U.S. Embassy employees, the Kingdom of Bahrain allows importation of pets without a FAVN provided the following guidelines are adhered to. Please note that there are no exceptions to these guidelines, as they are mandated by the Kingdom of Bahrain.

1. You must provide documentation/proof of at least two doses of all the below vaccines during the pet's lifetime. There are no quarantine facilities in Bahrain for privately owned animals; all animals arriving without the required vaccinations or microchip will be returned to the point of origin at the owner's expense.
 - a. Canines:
 - i. Previous Rabies, DA2PP, Leptospirosis.
 - ii. Current Rabies, DA2PP, Leptospirosis. (All within previous calendar year)
 - b. Felines:
 - i. Previous Rabies, FVRCP.
 - ii. Current Rabies, FVRCP. (All within previous calendar year)
 - c. Please provide your pet's vaccination information as well as the provided checklist and a copy of your orders to our office via email (nsabahrain.vetclinic@gmail.com).
2. Upon arrival in Bahrain, you must initiate your 30-day in-home quarantine, during which your pets cannot come into contact with any other animals.
3. 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).
 - a. Bahrain does not recognize the 10-digit microchips occasionally utilized in the USA, so your pet may need an additional microchip implanted.
4. Once your pet's vaccination and microchip information have been verified, NSA Bahrain VTF will prepare your import memorandum when you are within 30 days of travel. Your sponsor may pick this up during regular business hours and it must be taken by your sponsor to the Kingdom of Bahrain Animal Health Directorate, Veterinary Quarantine Office, who will issue your Animal Import Certificate (only valid for 30 days). This office is open from Sunday-Thursday, 0730-1300.
5. The Kingdom of Bahrain DOES NOT accept 3-year vaccines, all vaccines must have been given within the calendar year of arrival.

HEALTH CERTIFICATES

1. Your pet must receive a Health Certificate within 10 days of travel:
 - a. Your veterinarian will complete the APHIS Form 7001 (United States Interstate and International Certificate of Health Examination).
 - i. Please note: This form is only valid for 10 days for international travel. The 30-day validity stated on the form is for domestic travel only.
 - b. All vaccinations required for entry must be noted on this form (see vaccination requirements on previous page and example APHIS 7001 below). For this reason, you will need a separate APHIS 7001 for each pet.
2. Health certificates must be endorsed/stamped by the USDA. Although many civilian veterinarians are accredited by the USDA, they may not endorse health certificates for international travel to Bahrain. You must locate the USDA office closest to you and present your APHIS 7001 for endorsement by the USDA. However, **US ARMY Veterinarians CAN endorse the APHIS 7001 Health Certificate on both the, Signature of USDA Veterinarian" and the "Signature for Issuing Veterinarian" (both sides).**
3. Please have your pet's current, signed, original rabies certificate (signature in blue ink, not a digital signature) and vaccine records on hand during travel.

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: Please note that when flying commercially all pets are required to arrive as manifested cargo, not in cabin or as checked baggage. This incurs significantly more cost to the owner, and requires the use of a pet shipping company. In addition, pets arriving via commercial aircraft are subject to additional customs clearance procedures and costs upon arrival (contact airline for further information). Please remember that most airlines have travel restrictions based on time of year and/or heat index, which in Bahrain generally runs mid-April through October. 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.