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NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY BAHRAIN  
VETERINARY SERVICES  
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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: IMPORTATION OF PETS INTO BAHRAIN

1. The Kingdom of Bahrain considers itself to be a rabies-free country and requires a FAVN, and specific vaccinations to import pets. Please note that there are no exceptions to these guidelines, as they are mandated by the Kingdom of Bahrain.
2. You must provide documentation/proof of at least two series for all of the below vaccines during the pet's lifetime. There are no quarantine facilities in Bahrain for privately owned animals; all animals arriving without meeting the requirements will be returned to the point of origin at the owner's expense upon landing.
  - a. Requirements for Dogs:
    - (1) Previous Rabies, DA2PP, Leptospirosis (see paragraph 3)
    - (2) Current Rabies, DA2PP, Leptospirosis. (see paragraph 3)
    - (3) FAVN Rabies titer blood test within 1 year of arrival
    - (4) Microchip 15-digit ISO compatible. 10 digits are not accepted
  - b. Requirements for Cats:
    - (1) Previous Rabies, FVRCP (see paragraph 3)
    - (2) Current Rabies, FVRCP. (see paragraph 3)
    - (3) FAVN Rabies titer blood test within 1 year of arrival
    - (4) Microchip 15-digit ISO compatible. 10 digits are not accepted
3. The Kingdom of Bahrain does not accept 3-year vaccines, all current vaccines must have been given within the calendar year of arrival.

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4. All pets must have a passing FAVN (rabies titer test) within 1 year of entry into Bahrain. There are no pet exemption from this requirement even if your pet is from or is traveling from Japan, Guam, Korea, Hawaii, and or any other rabies-free country or state.
5. 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".
7. Please provide your pet's vaccination information and FAVN results to our office via email ([nsabahrain.vetclinic@gmail.com](mailto:nsabahrain.vetclinic@gmail.com)).
8. Once your pet's vaccination and FAVN requirements have been verified, NSA Bahrain VTF will prepare your import memorandum. You or your sponsor may pick this up during regular business hours. Import forms must be turned into the Kingdom of Bahrain Animal Health Directorate, Veterinary Quarantine Office. The Bahrain Animal Directorate will issue you an Animal Import Certificate (only valid for 30 days). You will need to produce that document upon your pet(s) landing.
9. The POC for this action is CPT John Hutchison at [nsabahrain.vetclinic@gmail.com](mailto:nsabahrain.vetclinic@gmail.com).

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