



Wise Owl Animal Hospital Pet Travel Checklist

Northern Mariana Islands - Saipan

General Information

- Guam is considered a rabies free territory. Psittacine birds (parrots, parakeets, macaws etc.) are prohibited in Saipan.
- This Handout was created on 9.16.15 – please contact the Saipan Division of Agriculture at (670) 234-6169 for updated information

Step One (Recommended)

Time Frame: As Soon As Possible

- ☐ **Microchip your pet**
- ☐ **Get your pet used to its carrier**

Give your pet at least a month before your flight to become familiar with the travel carrier. This will minimize his stress during travel.

Note: Microchipping is not required for animals imported to Saipan, however it is highly recommended all cats and dogs be implanted with a microchip.

Step Two

Time Frame: Within 60 before date of arrival in Saipan

- ☐ **Application for Import Permit**

Pets must be accompanied by valid CNMI Animal Quarantine Entry Permit which cost \$10.00 per animal.

Permit for cats available at:

<http://www.saipanliving.com/catentrypermit.png>

Permit for dogs available at:

<http://www.saipanliving.com/dogentrypermit.png>

Note: Payment can be made by certified check or money order made out to "CNMI Treasurer" and sent to:

**Office of Animal Health & Industry
Division of Agriculture**

DLNR

CNMI Government

POB 10007

Saipan, MP 96950.

Phone: (670) 234-6169

Fax: (670) 235-9001

Step Three

Time Frame: More than 14 days, less than 1 year before date of travel

- ☐ **Check Vaccinations**

Pets are required to have the following vaccinations before import to the CNMI:

Dogs: Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, Parvovirus, Parainfluenza and Bordetella bronchiseptica and corona virus

Cats: feline enteritis (feline panleucopenia or feline distemper), rhinotracheitis (herpesvirus-1) and calicivirus

Note: Your veterinarian must sign a letter or other document (**Health Certificate**) that details the date and types of vaccinations administered.

Step Four

Time Frame: 1 month before arrival in Saipan

- ☐ **Heartworm Medication/Treatment**

Note: If dogs are certified free of heartworms, then they should be started on the heartworm preventative medication preferably at least one month prior to entering the Northern Marianas.

Step Five

Time Frame: Within 14 days of arrival in Saipan

- ☐ **Pre-Export Inspection of Animal**
- ☐ **Parasite Treatment**
- ☐ **Health Certificate**

Pets must be examined and certified as being healthy by a licensed veterinarian of the state or country of origin within two weeks of the arrival date.

The health certificate must indicate that the animal is free from any sign or evidence of infectious or communicable disease, and that it was dipped or otherwise treated to free it of external and internal parasites within 14 days of the arrival date on Saipan.

All dogs and cats entering the Northern Marianas, must be accompanied by a current and valid health certificate signed and issued by a licensed veterinarian of Guam.

Dogs and cats arriving without a current and valid health certificate may be refused entry by the Chief, subject to his review of the matter.

Step Six	Time Frame: 1 or more days before travel
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<input type="checkbox"/> Transport Pet(s) to Airport	<p>Wise Owl offers services to make your departure easier. We are able to board pets a few days prior to travel and even take care of transporting your pet to the airport the day you leave.</p> <p>Set up transport with our staff by filling out the Airport Transport Form with all the required information. Bring your pet, all their documentation, crate (see reminders), food, and other necessary items for travel to the clinic. We'll take care of the rest!</p>	<p>Note: Do not feed your pet for four to six hours before the trip. However, you can give him small amounts of water.</p> <p>Your Pet must travel with all their original documentation. You should keep copies with you as well.</p>
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Step Seven	Time Frame: Upon arrival in Saipan
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<input type="checkbox"/> Animal Inspected by Authorized Personnel <input type="checkbox"/> Quarantine*	<p>*Dogs and cats from rabies-free areas (such as Guam) may be exempt from quarantine if they meet all requirements and are imported in compliance with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The pet is transported in the same carrier from Guam to Saipan No other animals except Guam dogs and cats of the same health status are transported aboard the carrier None of the animals are off-loaded en-route from Guam to Saipan Pet is accompanied by the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A health certificate issued by an authorized veterinarian certifying the animal is free of external parasites and symptoms or clinical signs of transmissible diseases An affidavit containing origin of animal during the 120-days period prior to shipment, direct contact to other animals, accurate identification of the carrier, and statements of port calls Pet is shipped to in nose-proof and paw-proof container that is sealed in such manner that removal of the animal will break the seal 	<p>Failure to comply with all of the listed provisions for dogs and cats from rabies-free areas will subject the animal in question to quarantine for a minimum period of 120 days; and</p> <p>Animals are inspected by the Chief of Animal Health & Industry or an authorized inspector at the time of arrival. Any indication of transmissible disease or the presence and detection of parasites at the time of inspection shall be a sufficient reason to quarantine any or all of the animals in the shipment at the As Perdido Animal Quarantine Station, at owner's or importer's expense, or be refused entry at owner's importer's or carrier's expense.</p>
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Reminders & Post-Arrival Information

- All other pets (**birds, invertebrates, tropical fish, reptiles, amphibia, mammals** such as **rodents** and **rabbits**) may have to meet other requirements and have a health certificate to accompany them. Pet owners are strongly advised to seek further information from the Department of Animal Quarantine in Guam and/or Saipan.
- If your pet is not a dog, cat or ferret, and especially if it is a turtle or parrot, you should verify that it is not protected under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). You will need to apply for additional permits if this is the case.
- Pets may enter the country as accompanied baggage, in the cabin or as cargo. Make sure to get your pet carrier that meets airline regulations.
- Fit your pet with a collar that can't get caught in carrier doors.** It is also advisable to put a temporary ID with your destination and contact information on your pet as well.
- Make sure that your pet's nails have been clipped** to protect against them getting hooked in the carrier's door, holes, and other crevices.