



Fiji

Wise Owl Animal Hospital Pet Travel Checklist

Make sure to get a copy of the requirements for Australia, New Zealand or Hawaii

General Information

- Guam is rabies free, however not recognized as such by Fiji.
- Cats and dogs can only be imported directly into Fiji by air from Australia, Hawaii or New Zealand. **All quarantine requirements for the country of transport must be met. All of Fiji's quarantine requirements will then have to be fulfilled for importing from this country.** **Australia is usually the fastest and less expensive of the 3 options for importing your pet to Fiji from Guam.
- **Pit Bull terriers including American Pit Bulls are banned from import into Fiji.**
- Puppies and kittens must be at least 16 weeks of age
- This Handout was created on 9.16.15 – please see http://www.baf.com.fj/images/General_Guidelines_for_the_Importation_of_Cats_Dogs_from_the_USA_into_Fiji_inv09292011.pdf for updated information on Fiji import requirements.

Step One

Time Frame: Before starting the export process

☐ Confirm General Eligibility

- ☐ The animal has lived in Guam since birth or for a minimum period of 180 days before date of travel.
- ☐ Pregnancy: Animals must not be more than 21 days pregnant nor be suckling young at the time of export.
- ☐ Pet is more than 16 weeks old (animals under 16 weeks of age are ineligible for importation)
- ☐ Pet is of an appropriate breed (see Note)

The following breeds are prohibited imports to Fiji:

Dogs: dogo Argentino; fila Brasileiro; Japanese tosa; American pit bull terrier or pit bull terrier or any crosses of these breeds

Cats: domestic/ non-domestic hybrids with Serval cats (*Leptailurus serval* or *Felis serval*). Savannah cats or their crosses must be 5 generations removed.

Service and emotional support animals are also subject to the ban.

Step Two

Time Frame: Before all other steps

- ☐ Verify existing Microchip
OR
- ☐ Implant New Microchip
AND
- ☐ Follow the Checklist for all Hawaii, Australia** or New Zealand Quarantine Requirements

All imported animals to Fiji must be identified by a microchip that can be read by an AVID, TROVAN, DESTRON or other ISO-compatible reader.

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Note: If the microchip cannot be read or is recorded incorrectly across the animal's documentation, it will not be eligible for import.

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Step Three

Time Frame: After Microchip & about 1 month before date of travel

☐ Application for Permit to Import Live Animals

This form needs to be filled out and sent to the office of the **Director of Animal and Production Division** in Suva, Fiji. If the application is approved, an Import Permit will be issued together with the conditions of importation and other relevant information.

It is highly suggested you keep the original copy with you as you travel with your pet.

This application should be sent to one of the following for processing:

E-mail: importpermit@baf.com.fj

Fax: 679-330-1368

Be sure to allow at least 21 days for processing.

Step Four		Time Frame: After you've received your valid Import Permit
<input type="checkbox"/> Check Vaccinations	<p>For import into Fiji, your pet must be vaccinated against:</p> <p>Dogs: Distemper, Hepatitis, Parvovirus, Parainfluenza, Ehrlichiosis, Leptospirosis and Brucellosis</p> <p>Cats: feline enteritis (feline panleucopenia or feline distemper), rhinotracheitis and calicivirus</p>	Note: Unvaccinated puppies and kittens may not enter Fiji. Puppies and kittens must be at least 16 weeks of age.
Step Five		Time Frame: Within 49 days of import
<input type="checkbox"/> External Parasite Treatment <input type="checkbox"/> Internal Parasite Treatment	Protection from external parasites must be maintained until the time of export, treatments may need to be repeated by the veterinarian in accordance with the manufacturer's directions.	Multiple tests must be given at different intervals for Echnococcus granulosus and multilocularis.
Step Six		Time Frame: Within 4 days of transport
<input type="checkbox"/> External Parasite Treatment		Within 4 days of transport all dogs and cats must be treated with an insecticidal dip or spray capable of killing ticks, lice and fleas.
Step Seven		Time Frame: Within 48 hours of travel
<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Export Veterinary Examination <input type="checkbox"/> Veterinary Health Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Endorsement of Health Certificate by Guam USDA Office	<p>Pets must be examined and found to be free from ticks and clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease within 48 hours before export. You must take the pet and all documentation to this examination.</p> <p>A completed Veterinary Health Certificate must accompany the pet (copies can be used).</p>	<p>This form must be completed and endorsed by the Guam USDA office:</p> <p>USDA, Guam FSA Office FHB Building 400 Route 8, Suite 306 Mongmong, GU 96910 Phone: (671) 472-7568 Fax: (671) 472-7580 <i>*We suggest you visit the office in person for quickest processing & Endorsement</i></p>
Step Eight		Time Frame: 1 or more days before travel
<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>
Step Nine		Time Frame: Upon arrival in Fiji
<input type="checkbox"/> Quarantine <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of your Passport <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of your Work/Residence Permit	<p>All cats and dogs entering Fiji will be subject to a mandatory quarantine. Animals imported from Australia or New Zealand will be subject to a minimum of 7 days, while animals coming from Hawaii will be subject to a minimum of 30 days.</p> <p>Once cleared by a customs broker at the Nadi Airport, all imported dogs and cats will be quarantined at the government Post-entry station located in Koronivia, near Nausori (Fiji).</p>	<p>Note: For questions on quarantine and costs, contact:</p> <p>Quarantine section of the Animal Health & Production Division Phone: (679) 312512 Fax: (679) 305043</p> <p>Or Post-Entry Quarantine Station in Koronivia: Phone: (679) 430317 Fax: (679) 400408 (where the animals will be quarantined)</p>
<p><i>You will have to complete a Customs Declaration Form and also provide a copy of your passport and work permit / residence permit.</i></p>		

Reminders

- Import of birds is currently not permitted into Fiji.
- Your dog or cat must enter Fiji at Nausori Airport. The flight must be as direct and your pet's crate must be sealed by government veterinary officials at the originating airport.
- Kennels must be sturdy, properly ventilated, and, most importantly, must be large enough for the animal to freely sit and stand with its head erect, turn around, and lie down in a normal posture. All Wire & Collapsible Kennels are not acceptable. Only those made of hard sturdy plastic. TRAVEL CRATES MUST HAVE VENTILATION ON ALL FOUR SIDES! IF BACK OF CRATE DOES NOT HAVE HOLES, THEY MUST BE DRILLED.
- 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. Over 180 countries participate and enforce CITES regulations.
- 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.
- All pets must complete a minimum of 10 days in an Australian quarantine facility. Please note that 10 days quarantine is the minimum requirement only and that any issues that may increase the biosecurity risk posed by the pet may result in a longer stay in post-entry quarantine (for example, if a tick is found, they will need to stay for 21-30+ days until they repeat their blood testing; at the importer's cost).