



Hawaii, U.S.A.

Wise Owl Animal Hospital Pet Travel Checklist

General Information

- Guam is considered a rabies free island.
- Hawaii has strict laws regarding the importation of animals. Some animals that may be allowed as pets in other states or countries may be restricted or prohibited in Hawaii. Importing an illegal animal carries a penalty of up to three years in prison and fines up to \$500,000.
- This Handout was created on 9.16.15 – please see <http://hdoa.hawaii.gov/ai/files/2013/01/aqs-checklist-exempt.pdf> for updated information.

Step One

Time Frame: When making travel arrangements

☐ **Book non-stop transportation for your pet to Hawaii**

All dogs & cats must be transported in the same aircraft from Guam to Honolulu International Airport. No pet may be off-loaded en route to Hawaii from Guam.

Off-loading of pets may be permissible if specific conditions are met. See <http://hdoa.hawaii.gov/ai/files/2013/01/aqs-checklist-exempt.pdf> for conditions.

AND

☐ **Check timing of arrival in Hawaii**

Inspection hours for dog and cats at Honolulu International Airport (HNL) are between the hours of **8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily**, including weekends and holidays.

Pets arriving in the late afternoon and evening will be held overnight until inspections are completed the following morning.

Be sure to arrange for your flight to arrive by 3:30 p.m. because it may take up to one hour for the airlines to transport a pet to the Airport Animal Quarantine Holding Facility and **animals not arriving at the facility by 4:30 p.m. will not be released at the airport that day.**

If you are arriving in Honolulu and connecting to neighboring islands should pay particular attention to the inspection hours.

Step Two

Time Frame: As Soon As Possible

☐ **Microchip your pet**

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: Your pet needs to be microchipped before travel to Hawaii.

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

Step Three

Time Frame: Within 14 days of travel

☐ **Health Certificate**

This certificate must certify that the animal is free of external parasites and signs of transmissible disease by a veterinarian holding an appointment as an officer of the government of Guam.

Note: This must include the following information:

Your pet's date of birth, Microchip information (number, date it was put in or read, and where it is on your pet's body), Vaccination date, Vaccine manufacturer and product name, Vaccine batch number, Date the vaccination is valid until, The vet's signature and contact details.

Step Four

Time Frame: 1-2 days before travel

☐ **Affidavit of Export from Guam to the State of Hawaii**

This form is available on the Wise Owl website or: <http://hdoa.hawaii.gov/ai/files/2013/01/ic-5.pdf>

Note: You only need to fill out the top half of this document, describing the animal(s) you are bringing to Hawaii and that they have not been outside of Guam in the 6 months leading up to the date of travel.

Keep this form with you when you arrive in Hawaii.

Step Five

Time Frame: Day of travel*

- ☐ Put Animal in Sealed Crate
- ☐ Transport Pet(s) to Airport

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.

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!

Note: All pets need to be transported in containers that are sealed such that the removal of the animal will break the seal.

Do not feed your pet for four to six hours before the trip. However, you can give him small amounts of water.

Your Pet must travel with all their original documentation. You should keep copies with you as well.

Step Six

Time Frame: Upon arrival in Hawaii

- ☐ Affidavit filled out by Carrier
- ☐ Clear Customs
- ☐ Animal Inspection

The bottom half of the **Affidavit for Export from Guam to the State of Hawaii** needs to be filled out by the Captain of the aircraft or senior station official of the airlines based in Hawaii.

Animals on international flights need to clear U.S. customs **before** they may be released from the Airport Animal Quarantine Holding Facility.

All animals are inspected by a station veterinarian or inspector at time of arrival and subject to treatment for external parasites. Any indication of transmissible disease in your pet is sufficient reason to quarantine the animal at the quarantine station.

Note: Due to Federal Security regulations at the Honolulu International Airport, all pets must be secured in their flight carriers when picked up from the Airport Animal Quarantine Holding Facility until the animal is out of the Airport.

There are no carts or porters at the Airport Animal Quarantine Holding Facility.

Bring a baggage cart or other means to transport your crated pet from the Quarantine Facility to the Inter-island Terminal if traveling on to an outer island.

Reminders

- Many hybrid breeds are not allowed to be imported into the State of Hawaii.
 - **Dogs:** all hybrid- with wolf, coyote, dingo, crosses where one or both jackal, fox, dhole, African parents are prohibited or wild dog, racoon dog, bush dog, etc.
 - **Cats:** all hybrid- lynx, ocelot, margay, crosses where one or both puma, jaguarandi, bobcat, parents are prohibited or leopard cat, wild cat, etc.
- Pets qualified for direct airport release that are held overnight for release in the morning at the Airport Animal Quarantine Holding Facility must be picked up by 10:00 a.m. or an additional \$59 will be charged
- 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.

If you have questions contact:

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Monday - Friday:
9AM - 11AM & 1PM - 4:30PM
Saturday, Sunday, State Holidays:
8AM - 10AM & 12PM - 3:30PM