

BRINGING PETS TO PANAMA



From Panama...



To Paris!



And Happy At (New) Home!



#1: To DIY Or Outsource?

Relocation Services:

- The easiest solution
- Only option for more than one pet per person
- Expensive!



#2: Driving South Of The Border?



Driving:

- Easier on your pet (maybe)
- Risky for paperwork
- Cheapest option

#3: Flying

Flying:

- Stressful for pet and owner
- Limitations on number of animals per traveler
- Some breeds (snub-nosed) are not permitted to fly in any scenario
- They count as carry-on luggage, reducing your potential bag count for a move
- Fastest option
- Expensive (but far less to do it yourself than to hire someone)



Check Airline Requirements And Limitations



- Weight (for cabin/cargo)
- Dimensions (for cabin/cargo)
- Container specifications (for cabin/cargo)
- Snub-nosed breeds
- Number of animals per person
- Seasons
- Departure and arrival times

Animal Requirements And Restrictions



- **Age** – animals under a certain age can't fly (typically 3 months); might not be advisable for old dogs
- **Rabies** – vaccine must have been given with 6 months of departure, but no sooner than 30 days prior to travel. Titer test for "unlisted countries"/high rabies takes an additional 3 months prior to travel
- **Microchip** – Most countries require 15-digit, ISO-11784/5-compliant microchip, but not always necessary
- **Vaccines** – Dogs: Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, and Parvovirus.; Cats: Viral Rinotraqueitis, Calicivirus, and Panleucopenia
- **Other** – Internal and external parasite treatments up to date (ticks and tapeworm in particular)

Check Panama's Restrictions

- Quarantine / home quarantine—without requesting home quarantine, your animal will be quarantined at the airport for 40 days (at a kenneling rate of \$10 a day).
- Other species?

Leaving Panama also comes with restrictions...

- High-Rabies / "Unlisted" country
- Titer test = 3 extra months of preparation



Paperwork...

- International Health Certificate (called 7001 in the U.S.) filled out by a USDA- or CFIA-certified vet within 10 days of departure.
- The health certificate must be endorsed by the USDA or CFIA office (~\$30 fee). This takes up to 20 days by regular mail; if there's an office near you, you can make an appointment to take it in person and it will be done on the spot. (If done by mail, you must have a self-addressed and stamped envelope for the return.)



Other Paperwork...



The health certificate must be authenticated at the nearest consulate of your new home (~\$30 fee).

- **Canada:**

Coming from Canada, **before** you have your documents authenticated at the consulate, they must be legalized by Global Affairs Canada (Department of Foreign Affairs).

- **U.S.:**

Coming from the U.S., **after** you have had it authenticated by the USDA, you must have it apostilled by the Secretary of State.

...And More Paperwork...

Home Quarantine Procedure:

1. Go to Panama's government site, "ZOONOSIS"
 2. Download the "HOME QUARANTINE REQUEST" form and fill it out
 3. Email it to cam@minsa.gob.pa and camzoonosis@gmail.com 3-5 biz days in advance of the arrival of the pet at Tocumen Airport; email should include:
 - "Home Quarantine Request" form
 - Copy of your Passport or Panamanian ID
 - Official "Zoosanitary Exportation Certificate" (International Health Certificate) from your home country
 - Vaccine record
 - Ecto and endo deworming treatment done before traveling
- You're required to see a vet or another official before leaving the airport, check their opening hours against your arrival time.
 - Fees (per animal) upon arrival: \$130 for home quarantine, \$16 for paperwork processing inspection, and \$15 for animal inspection.

YOU MUST HAVE EXACT CASH—IN THOSE INCREMENTS.





REPUBLICA DE PANAMA
MINISTERIO DE SALUD
DEPARTAMENTO DE CONTROL DE ZONOSIS

SOLICITUD DE CUARENTENA DOMICILIARIA

Fecha de solicitud (d/m/a): _____

Señores: Departamento de Control de Zoonosis

Yo _____ con pasaporte N°/cédula panameña _____

Domicilio (en Panamá) _____

Corregimiento _____ Distrito _____ Provincia _____

Tel. (en Panamá): _____ correo electrónico _____

Elevo formal solicitud a fin de que se conceda cuarentena domiciliaria al (los) animal (es) que a continuación se detalla (n):

ESPECIE CANINO/FELINO	RAZA	NOMBRE	EDAD MESES o AÑOS	SEXO H / M	FECHA VACUNA DE RABIA(d-m-a)	PAÍS DE PROCEDENCIA

El (los) mismo (s) llegará (n) en el vuelo procedente(s) de _____

En el vuelo N° _____ de la compañía de aviación _____

El día _____ (d/m/a) Hora: _____ (a.m. / p.m.)

Queda entendido que debo cumplir con los siguiente requisitos y documentos exigidos. Marcar en la casilla con

La documentación que presentará.

Certificado de Sanidad Animal de Exportación expedido por la autoridad sanitaria del país de procedencia donde conste que el animal está sano, si es cachorro que tenga las vacunas exigidas como mínimo 30 días antes del viaje. Si es adulto, tenga las vacunas exigidas dentro del periodo de vigencia.

Autenticación del Certificado de Sanidad Animal de Exportación con la "Apostilla" por la autoridad competente del país de procedencia o Consularizado Panameño y estar dentro del periodo de vigencia (30 días).

Pagar, al llegar al Aeropuerto, el importe de cuarentena domiciliaria del Ministerio de Salud es de \$130.00 dólares en efectivo por cada animal.

NOTA IMPORTANTE: de **NO CUMPLIR** con la totalidad de los requisitos obligatorios, el animal será retenido y/o devuelto por la Aerolínea utilizada en su arribo.

Favor llenar este formulario y enviarlo de vuelta al correo electrónico: cam@minsa.gob.pa y camzoonosis@gmail.com
Horario de atención al público: Lunes a Domingo de 8:00 a.m. a 10:00 p.m.

Firma del Propietario o Persona responsable

Actualizado: FEBRERO 2021



REPUBLIC OF PANAMA
HEALTH MINISTRY
DEPARTMENT OF ZOOZOSIS CONTROL

HOME QUARANTINE REQUEST

Date of request (d/m/y): _____

To: Department of Zoonosis Control

I, _____ passport # _____

Address (in Panama)

Province: _____ District _____

Phone (in Panama): _____, email _____

I elevate formal request for the Home Quarantine of the pet(s) above describe:

ANIMAL DOG/CAT	BREED	NAME	AGE Months or years	SEX F / M	RABIES VACCINE DATE (d/m/y)	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

It will arrive in a flight from _____

In flight N° _____ of airline _____

The day _____ (d/m/y) Hour: _____ (a.m. / p.m.)

It is understood that I should fulfill the following requirements and documents demand. Mark in the box with an

The documents that will be presented.

Zoosanitary Exportation Certificate issue by the Sanitary Authority from the country of origin that certifies that the animal is healthy, if it's a puppy that has all the vaccines demand at least 30 days before travel. If it's an adult, has all the vaccines demand on valid date.

Authentication of the Zoosanitary Exportation Certificate with "Apostille" by Chancellor Authority or Consularized by the Panamanian Consulate and be on valid date (30 days).

Pay, at the arrival in the airport, the Health Ministry - home quarantine fee of \$130.00 dollars cash each pet.

IMPORTANT NOTE: if **NOT FULFILL** the requirements demand, the animal will be hold and/or send back by the Airline used in the arrival to the country.

Please fill this form and send it back to: cam@minsa.gob.pa and camzoonosis@gmail.com

Schedule of public attention: Monday to Sunday, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m

Signature of owner or responsible person

Actualized: FEBRUARY 2021

Get Ready To Fly!

- Pack their crate with a piece of clothing or towel that smells like you
- Make sure you have extra food for the trip and post-arrival
- Bring their bed (if small enough) and their favorite toys so their new home smells and feels like home
- Have some treats for throughout/upon arrival
- Go overboard with the crate tagging if they're going cargo—you can't have too many addresses on there!
- Don't forget all the paperwork!



Other Animals?



- Birds are difficult—way more paperwork, takes 6-7 months, many are protected by CITES, quarantine either before or after travel is often required (21-30+ days). Rules vary significantly country to country.
- Invertebrates, tropical fish, reptiles, amphibia, mammals such as rodents and rabbits do not need a rabies vaccination but may have to meet other requirements (usually quarantine) and do need a health certificate.
- If your pet is not a dog, cat, or ferret—and especially if it is a turtle or parrot—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.

**In any of these cases, you should work closely with the relevant authority of your country and that of your new home

After You Arrive...



- Don't expect them to settle right in...

- Don't leave the airport without speaking to customs and the airport vet. Have your animal(s) and all your paperwork reviewed by the vets before leaving.

