

REPUBLIC OF PANAMA  
HEALTH MINISTRY  
DEPARTMENT OF ZONOSIS CONTROL

**INFORMATION TO INTRODUCE SMALL ANIMALS IN THE COUNTRY**

1. DECREE N° 1132, August 20 of 1970 by which is established the National Quarantine of Small Animals and is established the requirements to introduce small animals (dogs and cats) to the Panama country.
2. MINISTERIAL RESOLUTION N° 183, 20 of August 2001 by which is authorized to do the home quarantine for the small animals that accomplish all the requirements.
3. REQUIREMENTS DEMANDED TO THE OWNER OR PERSON RESPONSIBLE OF THE PET INCOMING TO PANAMA.
  - A. Certificate / Authorization of Good Health for Exportation of small species issued by the Sanitary Authority from the country of origin, which have to state that is vaccinated against rabies. This document has to be stamp or seal in the Panamenian Diplomatic Office or with the seal of “Apostille”.
  - B. Health certificate and rabies vaccine on due date by the issuing veterinary.
4. The owner must notify three (3) days before the arriving of the pet, filling up the form “Home Quarantine Request” that can be download from the website:  
[www.minsa.gob.pa](http://www.minsa.gob.pa)
5. At your arrival the documents of the pet has to be given to the Veterinary Doctor of the Health Ministry in the Tocumen International Airport, which verifies the documents that the owner bring.
6. If the owner fulfills the requirements, the animal (s) must be given to its owner. If the owner no fulfill, the pet will be sent back to the country of origin using the airline used in the arriving to Panama.
7. The fee for the Home Quarantine is B/.130.00<sup>00</sup> each animal in cash.

**NOTE:** The schedule of attention is from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Monday to Friday. The pets that come on weekends or hollydays will be kept on the canil area of the airport.

Visit our website: [www.minsa.gob.pa](http://www.minsa.gob.pa) or for more information you can call us at the telefax: (507) 238 – 3855 or (507) 238 – 4059 , the e-mail: [cam@minsa.gob.pa](mailto:cam@minsa.gob.pa) or in our offices located in the Public Services Building of the Tocumen International Airport.

**Tocumen International Airport  
Home Quarantine Request**



Panama, \_\_\_\_\_ (d/m/y)

**To: Department of Zoonosis Control**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ ID/Nºpassport \_\_\_\_\_

Address (in Panama) \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_, email \_\_\_\_\_

Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Disrict \_\_\_\_\_

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

<b>Animal (dog, cat)</b>	<b>Breed</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Country of Origin</b>

It will arrive from \_\_\_\_\_

In flight Nº \_\_\_\_\_ of airline \_\_\_\_\_

In a schedule of \_\_\_\_\_ (hour) \_\_\_\_\_ (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (month) \_\_\_\_\_ (year).

**It is understood that I should fulfilled the following requirements and documents. Mark in the box with an  if you fulfill.**

Animal Good Health Certificate / Authorization of Exportation for small animals issued by the Sanitary Authority from the country of origin, in which stated the rabies shot. This has to be stamp or seal by the Panamenian Consulate or with the "Apostille" in the country of origin.

Health Certificate and rabies vaccine issued by the veterinary.

Pay the fee of \$ 130.00 each animal in cash, in concern for the home quarantine of the Health Ministry.

**If you no fulfil the requirements, the animal will be 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](mailto:cam@minsa.gob.pa) or the telefax: (507) 238 – 3855 or (507) 238 – 4059 or give it personally at the office of the Health Ministry, in the Public Services Building of Tocumen International Airport.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
signature of the owner or responsible person



**HEALTH MINISTRY  
DEPARTMENT OF ZONOSIS CONTROL  
SMALL ANIMAL QUARANTINE  
TOCUMEN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

**HOME COMPROMISE QUARANTINE**

- Keep your pet indoor or within the residence area for forty days (40).
- Avoid that your pet (s) get in contact with native exotic species or domestic dogs and cats within the 40 days.
- Get a reference of a veterinary doctor to keep maintenance of immunization, nutrition and preventive control of diseases for your pet.
- Keep the species at home in a hygienic area, cleaning of the devices and surrounding area.
- Keep social responsibility to maintain good and balanced feeding, fresh water and all the necessary care to your pet (s).
- The veterinary doctor from the Small Animal Quarantine will keep a contact of the animal(s) according to their epidemiologic risk.
- If you see any change of behavior or conduct, please contact the Health Ministry - Department of Zoonosis Control at the telefax (507) 238 -3855 or (507) 238 - 4059, or the e-mail: [cam@minsa.gob.pa](mailto:cam@minsa.gob.pa)

The owner compromise to accomplish rigorously the above described to avoid the transmission of infectious – contagious diseases of Public Health importance.

**MINISTERIO DE SALUD  
CUARENTENA DE ANIMALES MENORES  
AEROPUERTO INTERNACIONAL DE TOCUMEN**

**ACTA DE REEMBARQUE DE MASCOTAS**

Nº \_\_\_\_\_

En el día de hoy \_\_\_\_\_ siendo las \_\_\_\_\_, el médico veterinario de Cuarentena de Animales Menores del Aeropuerto Internacional de Tocumen procede a constatar que la mascota:

Especie: \_\_\_\_\_ Raza: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nombre: \_\_\_\_\_ Sexo: \_\_\_\_\_  
Edad: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Procedente de la ciudad/país de \_\_\_\_\_, consignado como propietario o persona responsable al Sr. (a): \_\_\_\_\_ con pasaporte #: \_\_\_\_\_ han arribado a este Aeropuerto transportado por la Compañía Aérea /Vuelo: \_\_\_\_\_.

Según dicta el Decreto N° 1132 del 20 de Agosto de 1970, se deja constar que el/los animal(les) **NO Cumple (n)** con los requisitos exigidos para importación de mascota(s) a la República de Panamá debido a que:

- \_\_\_\_\_ No consta con registro o certificado de vacuna de rabia vigente.
- \_\_\_\_\_ No posee Certificado / Permiso de Sanidad Animal de Exportación con la autenticación del Consulado de Panamá o “Apostillado” del país de procedencia.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Plazo de validez de los certificados vencidos.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Otra causa (especificar)

Por lo tanto se procede a **NO AUTORIZAR** el ingreso del (los) animal(les) a la República de Panamá; en cumplimiento al Decreto 1132 del 20 de agosto de 1970, Art.16: “La compañía transportadora queda obligada a devolver al país de procedencia a todo animal menor que no sea admitido por los puntos de entrada.”

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Médico Veterinario

\_\_\_\_\_  
Aerolínea  
firma / cédula

\_\_\_\_\_  
Propietario  
firma / cédula

Día / hora de vuelo: \_\_\_\_\_