

Step-by-step flowchart for importation of dogs & cats into Singapore

Step 1. Identify the exporting country/region rabies risk schedule and understand the associated import conditions

Step 2. Ensure that your pet complies the following:

(a) [The breed of your dog/cat is allowed in Singapore](#)

(b) [Your dog/cat is allowed in the intended residence in Singapore](#)

(c) Microchip your dog/cat according to International Standards Organisation (ISO) Standard 11784 or ISO Standard 11785 Annex A (the microchip no. must be indicated in **all** vaccination/treatment records)

(d) The dog/cat is at least twelve (12) weeks of age at the time of export

(e) **[For schedules I & II only]** Your dog/cat has been continuously resident in the country/region of export, or any other countries/regions in the same Schedule, for at least 6 months prior to export, or since birth



Step 3. Ensure your pet has valid **core** vaccination¹:

- **Dog:** Canine Distemper virus, Canine Adenovirus type 1 & Canine Parvovirus type 2
- **Cat:** Feline Calicivirus, Feline Herpesvirus-1 and Feline Panleukopaenia

¹Follow the vaccine manufacturer's recommendations on validity, including number of doses required and duration between doses.

[For schedules II & III only]

Step 4. Ensure your pet has valid **rabies** vaccination¹. **At least 28 days** after valid vaccination against rabies (date of last vaccination = day 0), your pet must have a blood sample taken and tested² for acceptable rabies antibody levels (**at least 0.5 IU/ml**). The test must be done **not less than 90 days and not more than 12 months prior to the date of export**.

²The rabies serology test must be conducted at either a WOAH reference laboratory for rabies or at a laboratory in a Schedule I or II country approved by the respective Competent Authority of the Schedule I or II country.

Step 5. [Reserve quarantine space](#) for your pet when the serology test result is ready.

Schedule II - quarantine not required unless the pet falls under the following categories:

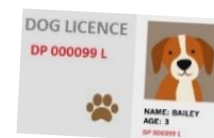
- (a) **10-day home quarantine** is required for pets imported using a personal import licence where the pet:
- Is brought into Singapore more than 5 days from the owner's entry into Singapore.
 - Has been with the owner for less than 6 months e.g. adopted rescue animals or those purchased less than 6 months from date of import into Singapore.
- (b) **10-day quarantine at the Animal Quarantine Centre (AQC)** is required for pets imported using a commercial import licence.

Schedule III – quarantine **30 days at AQC**

Start to prepare

- Flight arrangements for you and/or your pet
- [Pet crate](#) that complies with your chosen airlines (for your pet during the flight to Singapore)
- Residence for yourself and your pet

Step 6a. [For dog owners only] Apply for a [dog licence](#).



Step 6b. Within 30 days of arrival, apply for an [import licence](#).

Step 7. Within 14 days of arrival, engage a forwarding agent to [obtain a Customs In-Payment \(Goods and Services Tax\) permit](#)

Step 8. At least 5 days before arrival, book inspection via the [Intelligent Food Approval & Safety Tracking System \(iFAST\)](#) after import licence (step 6b) is approved

Check the costs, service standards and validity for these e-services

- [Quarantine Reservation](#)
- [Dog Licence](#)
- [Import Licence](#)
- [Inspection](#)

Step 9. Between 2 and 7 days of export, send pet for external & internal parasite treatments and request treating vet to complete **Sections I to III** of the veterinary certificate

Step 10. Within 7 days of export, request the exporting country's official government veterinarian to endorse **Section IV** of the same veterinary certificate

Refer to step-by-step guides for these e-services

- [Quarantine Reservation](#)
- [Dog Licence](#)
- [Import Licence](#)
- Inspection ([Creating an account](#)) ([Booking inspection](#))

Step 11: [For schedule I only] Arrange with your chosen airline to sign the [captain's declaration](#)

Step 12. Present your pet's original import documents, including import licence and endorsed veterinary certificate during check in at CAPQ.

Avoid booking these inspection timings

- Mon to Sat 10:30PM to 8AM
- Sun & public holidays

Check if the breed of your pet is allowed in Singapore

Breeds of Dogs not allowed in Singapore	Breeds of Cats not allowed in Singapore
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pit Bull, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ American Pit Bull Terrier (which is also known as the American Pit Bull and Pit Bull Terrier) ○ American Staffordshire Terrier ○ Staffordshire Bull Terrier ○ American Bulldog ○ Crosses between them and other breeds ● Akita ● Neapolitan Mastiff ● Tosa ● Dogo Argentino ● Fila Brasileiro ● Boerboe ● Perro De Presa Canario ● Crosses of the above 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1st to 4th generation Bengal or Savannah cat crosses <p><i>If you intend to import either a Bengal or Savannah cross breed cat, you need to show documentary proof that your:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Bengal cat cross is at least a 5th generation cross from the ancestral stock of Prionailurus bengalensis</i> ○ <i>Savannah cat cross is at least a 5th generation cross from the ancestral stock of Leptailurus serval</i>

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Check if your pet is allowed in the intended residence in Singapore

Type of Dog/Cat	Housing Development Board (HDB) residential flat (No. of dog/cat allowed per residential unit)	Non-HDB residential premises (No. of dog/cat allowed per residential unit)
Non-Specified dog	1	Up to 3
Specified dog	0	1 (Out of 3 dogs, a maximum of 1 Specified dog is allowed)
Cat	0	Check with your residential management for specific rules for keeping cats

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E-services: Cost, Processing Service standard and Validity

Category	1-year licence*	2-year licence*	3-year licence*	One-time licence@
Dogs below five months of age	\$15 per dog	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
First three dogs.	<i>Sterilised:</i> S\$15 per dog <i>Non-sterilised:</i> S\$90 per dog	<i>Sterilised:</i> S\$25 per dog <i>Non-sterilised:</i> S\$165 per dog	S\$230 per non-sterilised dog	\$35 per sterilised dog
Fourth and subsequent dog.	S\$180 per dog or A reduced licence fee of S\$15 for the fourth dog**.	\$325 per dog or A reduced licence fee of S\$25 for the fourth dog**.	\$460 per non-sterilised dog	\$460 per sterilised dog OR A reduced licence fee of \$35 for the fourth dog

E-service	Cost	Service Standard	Validity
Quarantine Reservation	Non air-conditioned kennel/cattery: S\$643 Deposit to be paid during application: S\$168	<u>Application</u> Within 3 working days of submission of ALL required documents <u>Deposit Payment</u> Within 3 calendar days of approved application (Reservation will be voided if payment is not received by then)	-
	Air-conditioned kennel/cattery: \$926.50 Deposit to be paid during application: S\$262.50		
Licence to Import/Export/Transship Animals, Birds, Eggs and Biologics (Personal) <i>Also known as personal pet import licence</i>	S\$50 (normal service) S\$100 (express service)	Issued within 2 working days of submission of ALL required documents Issued within 1 working day of submission of ALL required documents	30 days from date of issuance
Pet inspection upon arrival	Free (S\$80 will be charged if inspection is not booked)	Monday, Wednesday, Friday 0800H-2230H Tuesday, Thursday 0900H – 2100H Saturday 1000H - 2230H Sunday and Public Holiday Closed	-

		Pet transfer hours (from CAPQ to AQC): Mondays – Saturdays: 10.30 am – 11 am	
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