Hawaii Travel Roadmap for Pet Owners

If you're planning a trip to Hawaii with a pet, there's a lot of work you and your veterinarian will need to do to ensure it goes smoothly. Here's what you can do to prepare yourself and your veterinary clinic.

Give your veterinary office a heads up

Consult your veterinary clinic as soon as you have Hawaii travel plans in mind. Even if you don't have all of the details figured out, let your veterinarian know about your trip so they can start to identify requirements ahead of time. Hawaii has very specific requirements for visiting pets and the process can take weeks to months. Giving your veterinarian a heads up will help them plan accordingly for your office visit and documentation deadlines. Factors that can play into timeline includes:

- Does your pet have a microchip, or need one implanted?
- What is the timeline for the required testing and vaccinations?
- Is there a waiting period after the vaccinations, treatments, or laboratory tests have been performed?
- Is there a specific type of vaccine, treatment, or test that must be used?

Be aware of the services that may be needed

It's a good idea to understand the services you will need from your veterinarian for entry into Hawaii. Your veterinarian will be able to tell you for sure, but keep this information in mind:

- **Rabies vaccination:** To travel to Hawaii, your pet will need proof that they are current on their rabies vaccination. If your pet is not current, your veterinarian will need to administer a rabies vaccination.
- **FAVN Rabies Antibodies test:** A blood sample for the FAVN Rabies Antibodies test must be submitted at least 30 days before arrival into Hawaii. FAVN Rabies Antibodies tests can take 2 or more months to be processed, so it is important to plan well in advance. These tests are valid for 3 years so if you will be traveling to Hawaii frequently, a new FAVN test may not be necessary every trip.
- **Health inspection:** A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) will need to be completed within 10 days of arrival into Hawaii.
- **Microchip:** A microchip is required when traveling to Hawaii. An ISO compliant (11784 or 11785) microchip is highly recommended to avoid issues while traveling, as readers for other microchips may not be available.

Gather your pet and contact information

Gather information for each person and pet that's traveling on the trip and have it ready to share with your veterinarian. Your veterinarian may have some or all of this information in their records already, but keeping it all in one place can help. This includes:

- Home address
- Destination address
- Purpose of movement
- Person traveling with pet
- Pet name, age, breed, gender and weight
- Microchip ID number, implant date and implant location
- Vaccination and medication information, including current and previous Rabies Vaccination certificates
- Any pre-existing medical conditions

Summarize all of your trip details

Consolidate the details of your trip into one document that you can share with your vet as soon as you have them finalized, including:

- Destination address
- Departure date
- Trip duration
- Airline
- Flight number

Keep copies of documentation

Documentation will need to be submitted to Hawaii prior to your arrival, but it is also recommended to make a copy of the documents and carry them with you when traveling.

Submit the required documents and payments

The following documents, along with final payment, must be submitted to the Animal Quarantine Station (AQS) more than 30 days before arrival. A cashier's check or money order payment should be made payable to the Department of Agriculture and sent to:

Animal Quarantine Station
99-951 Halawa Valley Station
Aiea, Hawaii 96701
Documents to submit:
- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)
- AQS-279: DOG & CAT IMPORT FORM
  Note: It is your responsibility as the pet owner to ensure that all of the required information is completed on the AQS-279 form. Review the form before submitting to ensure that it is accurate and complete.
- Rabies Certificates - 2 most recent (current certificate and previous certificate)

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