

REPUBLIC OF PANAMA  
HEALTH MINISTRY  
DEPARTMENT OF ZONOSIS CONTROL

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

**I. REQUIREMENTS DEMANDED OF EACH PET.**

- A. Certificate of Good Health of Exportation for Small Animals issued by the Sanitary Authority from the country of origin. It has to certify that the pet is healthy and that the rabies vaccine is on valid date in dogs /cats older of 4 months.
- B. The Certificate of Good Health of Exportation for Small Animals should have “Apostille” or authenticated by the Panamenian Consulate and be on valid date.

**II. PROCEEDINGS OF THE PAPERWORK FOR HOME QUARANTINE.**

1. Notify the arrival of the pet to the country at least three (3) labor days, filling up the form “Home Quarantine Request”. It can be download from the website:  
[www.minsa.gob.pa](http://www.minsa.gob.pa)
2. At the arrival, the documents of the pet has to be given to the Veterinary Doctor of the Department of Zoonosis Control, that verifies it.
3. If the owner fulfill the requirements, the animal(s) will be given back to its owner. If not fulfill, the pet will be send back to the country of origin using the airline used in the arriving to Panama.
4. The fee for the Home Quarantine is B/.130.00<sup>oo</sup> each animal and has to be paid in cash.

**SCHEDULE OF ATTENTION:** Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Pets arriving on weekends or holydays will be kept at the airport kennels.

**LEGAL ESTABLISHMENT:**

1. DECREE N° 1132, August 20 of 1970. That establish the National Quarantine of Small Animals and the requirements to introduce dogs/cats to the country.
2. MINISTERIAL RESOLUTION N° 183, August 20 of 2001. That authorize the home quarantine for small animals.

For more information you can visit our website: [www.minsa.gob.pa](http://www.minsa.gob.pa) or call us at the telefax: (507) 238 - 3855 or (507) 238 - 4059 , or e-mail: [cam@minsa.gob.pa](mailto:cam@minsa.gob.pa) or in our office at the Tocumen International Airport.

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Home Quarantine Request**



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

**To: Department of Zoonosis Control**

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

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

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

Province: \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

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

Animal (dog, cat)	Breed	Name	Age	Sex	Country of Origin

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

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

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

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

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

**If 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 by telefax: (507) 238 – 3855 or (507) 238 – 4059 or give it personally at the office of the Health Ministry in Tocumen International Airport.

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signature of the owner or responsible person

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HOME QUARANTINE COMPROMISE

- 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 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.