

**APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO IMPORT DOGS AND CATS**  
**FOR DETENTION IN QUARANTINE.**

- A This form should be completed by the owner of the animal or an authorized representative and sent to the Chief Veterinary Officer, Animal Production and Health Division, Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources, 80 Abercromby Street, Port of Spain, Telephone (868) 625-5997; 625 1473; Fax (868) 625-5993 or by email to: aphmalmr@tstt.net.tt.
- B The application should be made at least *five (5) months in advance* of the intended time of importation into Trinidad and Tobago. Failure to do so may result in your permit not being issued in time.
- C Please complete this form in **BLOCK LETTERS** but before doing so please read the conditions attached.

Application for entry:      Without Quarantine       With full Quarantine       With reduced Quarantine

**Identification of Animals:**

Dog       Cat       Male       Female       Neutered       Spayed

Name: ..... Breed: .....

Date of Birth(yyyymmdd): ..... Approximate weight: .....

Colour & Distinguishing marks: .....

Microchip # and type or Tattoo #: .....

Anatomical site of microchip or tattoo: .....

Please declare any pre-existing condition for animals coming into quarantine:

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**If applying for reduced Quarantine:**

Date of Rabies Vaccination: .....

Date of Serum sample: ..... Titre: .....

( Attach copy of laboratory result or fax to the office)

**Consignee Information:**

Name of Consignee: .....

Address of consignee: .....

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Consignee ID: .....

Tel: ..... Fax : ..... Email: .....

**Exporting Country:** .....

Port of embarkation: .....

Name of exporter .....

Address of exporter: .....

Tel: ..... Fax : ..... Email: .....

**Arrival Information (If available)**

Port of arrival: .....

Means of transport (Flight # or Vessel): .....

Expected date and time of Arrival: .....

I the undersigned, apply for a permit to import the animal referred to above and declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief all the particulars given above are true.

I declare (tick the appropriate box) that the animal is my property

That I have authority to sign as an agent. from the owner

I acknowledge that the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources, Trinidad and Tobago is in no way liable to me for the loss, death or sickness of any animal while in transit or in quarantine detention in Trinidad and I agree to ensure that the terms and conditions on the permit, when issued are fully satisfied. I understand that if an animal does not meet the requirements of the import permit then;

- (a) The animal may be subjected to full quarantine for not less than six (6) months or
- (b) Quarantined until specific requirements are met or
- (c) Re-exported at the consignees expense or
- (d) Destroyed.

As determined by the Inspector.

**Other Information:**

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Name of applicant: .....

Address of applicant: .....

Contact telephone: ..... Email: .....

Signature: ..... Date: .....

**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, LAND AND MARINE RESOURCES  
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO**

**THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE**

## DOG AND CAT QUARANTINE STATION

### Rules of Quarantine

1. If an animal(s) is permitted by the Inspector to enter the country for quarantining, it will be taken directly to the Quarantine Station, Havelock Street, Curepe under supervision of a quarantine guard appointed by the Veterinary Inspector. The cost of transportation is borne by the owner.
2. The owner shall absolve Government from any responsibility for death, illness, loss or injury during the time that the animals are in quarantine. Owners must disclose any pre-existing conditions that may require special attention in quarantine.
3. Fractious or intractable animals which pose a threat to the safety of quarantine personnel or visitors will be euthanised or re-exported.
4. The owner shall be responsible for providing the quantity and kind of food preferred together with feeding instructions for his animal. ***Because of concerns about quality control, the introduction and spread of diseases, storage and the odor associated with cooked food only commercial (dried or canned) pet food is permitted.***
5. The quarantine fee \$20.00 / day (30 day quarantine) or \$10.00 / day (> 30 days quarantine) must be paid in cash and a receipt presented before the animal is released from quarantine. In cases of default in respect of fees or that food is not provided, the animal(s) may be sold at a public auction (subject to all quarantine liabilities being met) or destroyed.
6. Veterinary attention to the animal shall be the sole responsibility of the Veterinary Officer in charge, the cost of the drugs, biologicals and materials being borne by the owner. Vaccination against Distemper, Infectious Canine Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, Rabies and Parvovirus in the case of dogs may be carried out on the entry of animals into the Station at the owner's expense. The cost of Rabies antibody testing if required will be at the owner's expense. An owner may request, during an illness of an animal that a veterinary practitioner be permitted to enter, as a consultant to the Veterinary Officer in charge. This cost is borne by the owner.
7. Visiting privileges shall be restricted to the owner of the animal or one person designated by the owner and approved by the Veterinary Officer in charge and visits can only be made during visiting hours. The owner being the name that is issued on the import permit.
8. The owner is not permitted to bring friends or family members into quarantine to visit their animals unless it is the one person designated to visit. Therefore, each kennel would only be allowed a maximum of two persons during visiting hours.
9. If an owner brings another person (s) to visit, other than the name submitted, that person will not be allowed entry into quarantine.
10. Children will not be permitted into quarantine unless they are designated visitors.
11. If a kennel has more than one animal, only the owner and/or the designated visitor would be allowed entry during visiting hours at any one time.
12. Once a name is submitted as the designated visitor into quarantine, that will be the final submission accepted.
13. Visitors are only allowed to feed the animals they are approved to visit.
14. Visitors must agree to remain confined in the kennel or exercise run which must be locked. Animals may only be removed from the assigned kennel on the instructions or with the permission of the Veterinary Officer in charge of the Quarantine or the Animal Attendant on duty.
15. While the animal is in quarantine the owners or designated visitors must follow all instructions of the Veterinary Officer in charge of the Quarantine or the Animal Attendant on duty.
16. Persons who persistently ignore the rules of the quarantine or refuse to accept instructions from the Veterinary Officer in charge of the Quarantine or the Animal Attendant on duty may have their visiting privileges revoked.

17. No pregnant dog or cat will be permitted into quarantine. No dog or cat shall be bred in Quarantine. In the event of a pregnant dog or cat being unknowingly admitted into Quarantine and giving birth while in quarantine, there will be an additional charge of \$10.00 TT per puppy/kitten/day for the period in quarantine.

18. The owner shall be required to pay the following fees at the port of entry into the country.

a) Inspection Fee (payable to the Comptroller of Customs and Excise)

For every dog or cat ..... \$10.00

b) Overtime fees (payable to the Inspector)

I. Mon - Fri 4 p.m. - 10 p.m. .... \$50.00

II. Mon - Fri 10 p.m. - 8 p.m. .... \$75.00

III. Weekends and Public Holidays ..... \$75.00

**The above fees apply to the first animal; each additional animal will be \$20.00.**

19. These rules are subject to modification at the discretion of the Chief Technical Officer (Agriculture) as circumstances may dictate.

I ..... have this day received a copy of the above rules with which I am prepared to comply.

Signature: .....

Date: .....