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COSTA RICA REGULATIONS AND PROTOCOLS FOR CATS AND DOGS

QUARANTINE INFORMATION

QUARANTINE PRIOR TO DEPARTURE?	NO
QUARANTINE AT DESTINATION?	NO
IMPORT PERMIT AT DESTINATION?	NO

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PROTOCOL INFORMATION

Step 1	Microchipping (Speak to your vet)	All pets must have an ISO approved microchip implanted subcutaneously. Tattoos are not accepted. Please inform your consultant if your pet has more than 1 microchip.
Step 2	Vaccinations (Speak to your vet)	Rabies vaccination is compulsory and must be older than 30 days but not older than 12 months. Acceptable vaccines include Zoetis Defensor 3, Nobivac Rabies and Merial Rabisin. Dogs should be vaccinated against Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, Parvovirus, Adenovirus and Parainfluenza, which must be older than 30 days but not older than 12 months. Cats should be vaccinated against Feline Panleukopenia (Distemper), Viral Rhinotracheitis, Calicivirus and Leukemia, which must be older than 30 days but not older than 12 months. Pets arriving at or departing from Keringa Kennels require Nobivac Kennel Cough, Bronchicine or Pneumodog (dogs) and Nobivac BB intranasal (cats).

COUNT 30 DAYS FROM DATE OF RABIES VACCINATION

Step 3	Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC) (Speak to your vet)	Your pets require a Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC) completed by your family vet within 10 days before departure to Costa Rica. Our consulting vet can complete the VHC on your behalf by prior arrangement. Dogs and cats must be treated for internal parasites (nematodes and cestodes) and external parasites (fleas and ticks) within 15 days of export.
Step 4	Submission to Petwings (We can advise you)	<p><u>The following documents must be submitted to Petwings:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Original, unaltered vaccination booklet for each pet 2. Original microchip certificate for each pet 3. 1 Original Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC) for each pet <p>(Microchip ID must be noted on all the above documents)</p> <p>On the day of departure Petwings will submit these documents to the South African State Vet for certification and endorsement.</p>
Step 5	Clearance at destination (We can advise you)	<p>It is advised that your pets arrive at their destination during the week and preferably during normal office hours. This will ensure timely clearance through Customs and the presiding State Veterinarian while avoiding additional charges.</p> <p>Where applicable and unless stated otherwise, the consignee is responsible for import Permit, Import Customs, and Clearance at destination.</p>
Other important notes to consider		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Puppies and kittens may not travel to Costa Rica on their dam's vaccinations. • They must have their first rabies vaccination administered at 12 weeks of age (3 months) and then start the exporting procedure. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For your pet's comfort during travel we encourage you to include a favourite blanket, soft toy, or old T-shirt with your scent which we will place in their travel box. • Chemical and other strong sedatives are NOT ALLOWED. • Mild herbal remedies such as Rescue, CalmEze, catnip spray or other valerian root extracts are permitted. 		
<p>Please inform your Petwings consultant of any brachycephalic (snub nose) pets travelling as certain airline, routing and seasonal restrictions may apply.</p>		
<p>We've been transporting pets world-wide for years – here's what some of our many happy clients have to say about us: https://keringa.co.za/references/</p> <p>NB: Due to the fact that airline and country protocols change often, we cannot be held responsible for errors, omissions, or alterations/changes. That said, Petwings pet travel agents keep up-to-date and are the best source of current rules and regulations – and they are friendly and helpful too!</p>		