



PANAMA REGULATIONS AND PROTOCOLS FOR CATS AND DOGS

QUARANTINE INFORMATION

IS QUARANTINE REQUIRED PRIOR TO DEPARTURE?	NO
IS QUARANTINE REQUIRED AT DESTINATION?	YES - ask us for advice
IS AN IMPORT PERMIT REQUIRED AT DESTINATION?	NO

PROTOCOL INFORMATION

Step 1	Microchipping (Speak to your vet)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rabies vaccination is compulsory and must be older than 14 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. Cats should be vaccinated against Feline Panleukemia (Distemper), Viral Rhinotracheitis Calicivirus, Pneumonitis and Leukaemia, and should be older than 14 days but not older than 12 months. Dogs arriving at or departing from Keringa-Petwings require Nobivac Kennel Cough, Bronchicine or Pneumodog.

COUNT 14 DAYS FROM DATE OF RABIES VACCINATION

Step 3	Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC) (Speak to your vet)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pets must be examined within 7 days of departure and found to be clinically healthy and fit to travel. Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC) must be endorsed by the State Vet and then taken to the Panama Consulate in Pretoria to be apostilled. Consulate of Panama in South Africa: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 141 Boshoff Street, Nieuw Muckleneuk Pretoria, Sudáfrica Tel: (+27) 12 346 0703 visas@panamaembassy.co.za
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Step 4	Submission to Petwings (Speak to your vet)	<p><u>The following documents must be submitted to Keringa-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 (Microchip ID must be noted on all the above documents) <p>On the day of departure Keringa-Petwings will submit these documents to the South African State Vet for certification and endorsement.</p>
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Step 5	Clearance at destination	<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 Vet 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 (we can advise you)</p>
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Other important notes to consider

- Puppies and kittens may not travel to Panama on their dam's vaccinations - their first Rabies vaccination may be administered at 12 weeks of age (3 months).
- 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 container.
- Chemical and other strong sedatives are NOT ALLOWED.
- Mild herbal remedies such as Rescue, CalmEze, catnip spray or other Valerian root extracts are permitted.

Please inform your Keringa-Petwings consultant of any brachycephalic (snub nose) pets traveling as certain airline, routing and seasonal restrictions may apply.

Home Quarantine Procedure Requirements:

1. Notification of pet(s)' arrival 3 working days prior to physical arrival.
2. All pet(s)' records must be available and handed to the Ministry's Veterinary Physician at arrival for verification.
3. Once all requirements are complied with, pet(s) will be delivered to the person responsible. If requirements are not compelled with, pet(s) will be returned to their country of origin, using the same airline services used at arrival.

Home Quarantine Commitments:

- Pet must be kept within the home area for (40) forty days.
- Avoid any type of contact between pet/s and wildlife species and other pets for (40) forty days.
- Consult a Veterinary Physician for follow up regarding immunization, nutrition, and disease prevention.
- Pet must be kept in a clean and hygienic environment. This includes pet bedding, clothing, toys etc.
- Pets must be provided with balanced meals, fresh water and regular grooming.
- The Ministry of Health Veterinary Physician will be monitoring the quarantine according to each pet's epidemiological risk.
- If you notice any change in the pet/s behaviour or health, please contact the Ministry of Health at (507) 238-3855 / (507) 238-4059 or email to cam@minsa.gob.pa

If all of this sounds daunting, Keringa-Petwings can do just about everything for you!
We've been transporting pets worldwide for years – here's what some of our many happy clients have to say about us: <https://keringa.com/references/>

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, Keringa-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!