

# Step-by-step flowchart for importation of dogs & cats into Singapore

**Step 1.** Identify the exporting country/region rabies risk schedule and understand the associated import conditions

**Step 2.** Ensure that your pet complies the following:

(a) [The breed of your dog/cat is allowed in Singapore](#)

(b) [Your dog/cat is allowed in the intended residence in Singapore](#)

(c) Microchip your dog/cat according to International Standards Organisation (ISO) Standard 11784 or ISO Standard 11785 Annex A (the microchip no. must be indicated in **all** vaccination/treatment records)

(d) The dog/cat is at least twelve (12) weeks of age at the time of export

(e) **[For schedules I & II only]** Your dog/cat has been continuously resident in the country/region of export, or any other countries/regions in the same Schedule, for at least 6 months prior to export, or since birth



**Step 3.** Ensure your pet has valid **core** vaccination<sup>1</sup>:

- **Dog:** Canine Distemper virus, Canine Adenovirus type 1 & Canine Parvovirus type 2
- **Cat:** Feline Calicivirus, Feline Herpesvirus-1 and Feline Panleukopaenia

<sup>1</sup>Follow the vaccine manufacturer's recommendations on validity, including number of doses required and duration between doses.

**[For schedules II & III only]**

**Step 4.** Ensure your pet has valid **rabies** vaccination<sup>1</sup>. **At least 28 days** after valid vaccination against rabies (date of last vaccination = day 0), your pet must have a blood sample taken and tested<sup>2</sup> for acceptable rabies antibody levels (**at least 0.5 IU/ml**). The test must be done **not less than 90 days and not more than 12 months prior to the date of export**.

<sup>2</sup>The rabies serology test must be conducted at either a WOAH reference laboratory for rabies or at a laboratory in a Schedule I or II country approved by the respective Competent Authority of the Schedule I or II country.

**Step 5.** [Reserve quarantine space](#) for your pet when the serology test result is ready.

**Schedule II** - quarantine not required unless the pet falls under the following categories:

- (a) **10-day home quarantine** is required for pets imported using a personal import licence where the pet:
- Is brought into Singapore more than 5 days from the owner's entry into Singapore.
  - Has been with the owner for less than 6 months e.g. adopted rescue animals or those purchased less than 6 months from date of import into Singapore.
- (b) **10-day quarantine at the Animal Quarantine Centre (AQC)** is required for pets imported using a commercial import licence.

**Schedule III** – quarantine **30 days at AQC**

**Start to prepare**

- Flight arrangements for you and/or your pet
- [Pet crate](#) that complies with your chosen airlines (for your pet during the flight to Singapore)
- Residence for yourself and your pet

**Step 6a. [For dog owners only]** Apply for a [dog licence](#).



**Step 6b. Within 30 days of arrival**, apply for an [import licence](#).

**Step 7. Within 14 days of arrival**, engage a forwarding agent to [obtain a Customs In-Payment \(Goods and Services Tax\) permit](#)

**Step 8. At least 5 days before arrival**, book inspection via the [Intelligent Food Approval & Safety Tracking System \(iFAST\)](#) after import licence (step 6b) is approved

**Check the costs, service standards and validity for these e-services**

- [Quarantine Reservation](#)
- [Dog Licence](#)
- [Import Licence](#)
- [Inspection](#)

**Step 9. Between 2 and 7 days of export**, send pet for external & internal parasite treatments and request treating vet to complete **Sections I to III** of the veterinary certificate

**Step 10. Within 7 days of export**, request the exporting country's official government veterinarian to endorse **Section IV** of the same veterinary certificate

**Refer to step-by-step guides for these e-services**

- [Quarantine Reservation](#)
- [Dog Licence](#)
- [Import Licence](#)
- Inspection ([Creating an account](#)) ([Booking inspection](#))

**Step 11: [For schedule I only]** Arrange with your chosen airline to sign the [captain's declaration](#)

**Step 12.** Present your pet's original import documents, including import licence and endorsed veterinary certificate during check in at CAPQ.

**Avoid booking these inspection timings**

- Mon to Sat 10:30PM to 8AM
- Sun & public holidays

## Check if the breed of your pet is allowed in Singapore

Breeds of Dogs not allowed in Singapore	Breeds of Cats not allowed in Singapore
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pit Bull, including               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ American Pit Bull Terrier (which is also known as the American Pit Bull and Pit Bull Terrier)</li> <li>○ American Staffordshire Terrier</li> <li>○ Staffordshire Bull Terrier</li> <li>○ American Bulldog</li> <li>○ Crosses between them and other breeds</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Akita</li> <li>• Neapolitan Mastiff</li> <li>• Tosa</li> <li>• Dogo Argentino</li> <li>• Fila Brasileiro</li> <li>• Boerboe</li> <li>• Perro De Presa Canario</li> <li>• Crosses of the above</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> generation Bengal or Savannah cat crosses</li> </ul> <p><i>If you intend to import either a Bengal or Savannah cross breed cat, you need to show documentary proof that your:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Bengal cat cross is at least a 5<sup>th</sup> generation cross from the ancestral stock of Prionailurus bengalensis</i></li> <li>○ <i>Savannah cat cross is at least a 5<sup>th</sup> generation cross from the ancestral stock of Leptailurus serval</i></li> </ul>

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## Check if your pet is allowed in the intended residence in Singapore

Type of Dog/Cat	Housing Development Board (HDB) residential flat (No. of dog/cat allowed per residential unit)	Non-HDB residential premises (No. of dog/cat allowed per residential unit)
Non-Specified dog	1	Up to 3
<a href="#">Specified dog</a>	0	1 (Out of 3 dogs, a <b>maximum</b> of 1 Specified dog is allowed)
Cat	0	Check with your residential management for specific rules for keeping cats

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## E-services: Cost, Processing Service standard and Validity

Category	1-year licence*	2-year licence*	3-year licence*	One-time licence@
Dogs below five months of age	\$15 per dog	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
First three dogs.	<i>Sterilised:</i> S\$15 per dog  <i>Non-sterilised:</i> S\$90 per dog	<i>Sterilised:</i> S\$25 per dog  <i>Non-sterilised:</i> S\$165 per dog	\$230 per non-sterilised dog	\$35 per sterilised dog
Fourth and subsequent dog.	S\$180 per dog or A reduced licence fee of S\$15 for the fourth dog**.	\$325 per dog or A reduced licence fee of S\$25 for the fourth dog**.	\$460 per non-sterilised dog	\$460 per sterilised dog  OR A reduced licence fee of \$35 for the fourth dog

E-service	Cost	Service Standard	Validity
Quarantine Reservation	Non air-conditioned kennel/cattery: <b>S\$643</b>  Deposit to be paid during application: S\$168	<u>Application</u> Within 3 working days of submission of ALL required documents	-
	Air-conditioned kennel/cattery: <b>\$926.50</b>  Deposit to be paid during application: <b>S\$262.50</b>	<u>Deposit Payment</u> Within 3 calendar days of approved application (Reservation will be voided if payment is not received by then)	
Licence to Import/Export/Transship Animals, Birds, Eggs and Biologics (Personal)  <i>Also known as personal pet import licence</i>	<b>S\$50</b> (normal service)	Issued within 2 working days of submission of ALL required documents	30 days from date of issuance
	<b>S\$100</b> (express service)	Issued within 1 working day of submission of ALL required documents	
Pet inspection upon arrival	Free  (S\$80 will be charged if inspection is not booked)	Monday, Wednesday, Friday 0800H-2230H Tuesday, Thursday 0900H – 2100H Saturday 1000H - 2230H Sunday and Public Holiday Closed	-

		Pet transfer hours (from CAPQ to AQC): Mondays – Saturdays: 10.30 am – 11 am	
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