

Policy Name: GPI Importation of Domestic Animals Policy Policy Number: GPI

Reference:

Chapter XI Local Government, Section 7 Local Government Regulations
Part IV Animals and Wildlife, Sub Section A, Control of Domestic Animals, Sub Section
Care of Animals.

Rationale:

Due to the small size of Pitcairn Island, the need to maintain public safety and the protection of natural resources it is necessary to regulate the number and suitability of domestic animals imported into Pitcairn Island.

With regard to public safety the following breeds of dogs are banned from import into Pitcairn Island: Brazilian Fila, Dogo Argentino, Japanese Tosa, Perro de Presa Canario and American Pit Bull Terrier.

In order to maintain available natural resources and the integrity of the present Bio diversity the following animals are banned from import: rabbits, rodents, invertebrates, reptiles, amphibian, weasels, ferrets.

Policy Objectives:

- To provide a manner in which Bio Security can be maintained.
- To provide a manner by which application can be made to import domestic animals.
- To provide a means by which record can be kept of any and all applications.
- To maintain public safety.
- To provide protection of natural resources.

Activities:

- Provide Bio Security staff with Policy to base decision making process on.
- Provide a means by which application can be made for import of domestic animals.

The following processes must be followed around application for importation of domestic animals into Pitcairn Island:

- An application to Import domestic animals form must be completed and accompanied by the fee of \$100.00 USD.
- An application fee to temporarily land an animal (dogs) on Pitcairn form must be completed and accompanied by the fee of \$30USD.
- All applications must be considered by Bio Security with regards to the provisions of this Policy.
- Notification of decision provided to the applicant in a timely manner.

Annexes:

- Application to Permit Import of Domestic Animals into Pitcairn Island form including: List of countries recognised as rabies free and Local Government Regulations Part IV Animals and Wildlife Sub Sections A and B
- 2 Part Check sheet for application to Permit Import and importing of Domestic Animals into Pitcairn Island form.
- Approval to Import Domestic Animals into Pitcairn Island form.
- Decline of Application to Import Domestic Animals into Pitcairn Island form.

This Policy is effective as of: 8th May 2013

This Policy is approved by: The Island Council

Review Date: 8th May 2014

Annex A:

Application to Import Domestic Animals into Pitcairn Island form including: List of countries recognised as rabies free or well contained and Local Government Regulations Part IV Animals and Wildlife Sub Sections A and B

DATE SUBMITTED / /

IMPORTER DETAILS

Title

Given name(s)

Surname

Address

Country

Email

Work phone

Home phone

EXPORTER DETAILS

(EXPORTING COUNTRY DETAILS)

Title

Given name(s)

Surname

Company name

Attention/Contact person

Address

Suburb/City

State

Postcode

Country

Email

Work phone

Home phone

Fax

Mobile

Permit will be e-mailed to importer address above, unless requested otherwise as follows:

Name

Address

Email

DESCRIPTION OF ANIMAL/S				
Species* (Dog/Cat)	Breed**	Microchip number	Age (years/months) at time of export	Sex (M/F)***

* Must be members of the species *Canis familiaris* (domestic dog) or *Felis catis* (domestic cat).

**Dogs of the following breeds (including crosses of these breeds) cannot be imported:

American Pit Bull Terrier, Dogo Argentino, Japanese Tosa and Brazilian Fila.

*** Must be neutered if aged 6 months and over at the time of import with exceptions.

Country of origin	Date of importation

POST, E-MAIL, OR HAND THIS APPLICATION FORM TO:

Original documents are not required.

Bio-Security Officer Natural Resources Division Pitcairn Island	Jay Warren E-mail: DOBS@pitcairn.gov.pn
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A non-refundable fee of \$100.00 per animal must be paid on submission of this application via either of the following methods:

- If application is made on Pitcairn Island the fee(s) are to be tendered to the Government Treasury Office.
- If application is made other than on Pitcairn Island the fee(s) must be paid to Pitcairn Island Administration, contact Shirley Dillon at Shirley@pitcairn.gov.pn to arrange payments.

A permit will not be issued until we receive all required information, including, if applicable, the signed Official Veterinarian Declaration.

Please ensure you have included the following documents:

A copy of all vaccination records

If the animal is from or has spent time in any country other than those listed on the attached sheet which are recognised as rabies free or well contained, the documentation on page 8 must also be provided. (If the animal is being imported via New Zealand a copy of clearance into New Zealand can be provided in lieu.)

A copy of the **laboratory report** with the results of the rabies titre blood test. This must be from an official laboratory approved by the government? Blood must be taken no more than 6months prior to departure. The animal(s) microchip number must be shown on this result form.

A copy of the **vaccination record** showing that the vaccination was given at least 3 weeks before the blood sample for the rabies test was drawn. The microchip number must be shown on this record, or alternatively a letter provided by an accredited vet confirming the number.

IMPORTER DECLARATION

I/we declare that the information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my/our knowledge and I/we have / have applied for permanent residency of Pitcairn Island or have right of abode. (please circle the circumstance which applies in regards to residency status)

Signature**Date** (day/month/year)

(Permit application will not be accepted without signature)

Print name

All animals imported into Pitcairn Island remain the responsibility of the applicant and must be kept in accordance with the Local Government Ordinance Cap. 11 Section 7 Local Government Regulations Part IV Animals and Wildlife Sub Sections A and B

Please see attached sheet for a copy of these regulations.

Copy of the Local Government Ordinance is to be given to the importer or to owners of temporary landed animals.

Local Government Regulations Part IV Animals and Wildlife Sub Sections A and B

A Control of Domestic Animals

1. No goats may be kept on the Islands of Henderson, Ducie or Oeno. Penalty: \$100 or 40 days' imprisonment.
2. No goats may be kept on Pitcairn Island except by registered goat owners in such parts of the Island as the Council may from time to time appoint. Penalty: \$20.
3. Upon the application of any person, the Council may cause such person to be registered as a goat owner subject to such conditions not inconsistent with the provisions of this Part of these Regulations as the Council sees it to impose.
4. All goats kept on Pitcairn Island under the provisions of this Part of these Regulations shall be confined within fences or tethered so as to prevent them from straying and any goats not so confined or tethered shall be deemed to be wild goats.
5. No goat suffering from the disease known as "Big Bubby" shall be kept on Pitcairn Island. Penalty: \$20.
6. In addition to any penalty imposed for any contravention of the last preceding regulation, the Court may order that any goat suffering from the disease known as "Big Bubby" be destroyed and the carcass disposed of in such manner as the Court may direct. Penalty: \$50.
7. All domestic poultry shall be confined within fences or pens adequate to prevent them from straying:
Provided that, on the application of any person, the Council may exempt such person from the provisions of this regulation if in the opinion of the Council any poultry kept by such person are kept far enough away from any dwellings or gardens as to be unlikely to cause any nuisance or damage. Penalty: \$20.
8. All other domestic animals, with the exception of dogs and cats, shall be confined within fences or tethered so as to prevent them from straying. Penalty: \$20.
9. The owner or keeper of any dog shall keep such dog under control at all times so as to prevent such dog from rushing at, attacking or injuring any person in any public place or on any land other than the land of the owner or keeper of such dog. Penalty: \$20.
10. In addition to any penalty imposed under the provisions of the last preceding regulation, the Court may, on the application of any person, order that any dog which has bitten any person, or has been the subject of more than one conviction under the provisions of the last preceding regulation, be destroyed in such manner as the Court may direct. Penalty: \$50.
11. Without prejudice to the right to compensation conferred by the provisions of the next succeeding regulation,

if any domestic animal causes damage to any property or crops growing on any land in the possession or occupation of any person, such person may request the owner or keeper of any such animal to remove it forthwith and, if such request is not complied with within a reasonable time, may kill such animal provided that he or she forthwith delivers the carcass to such owner or keeper.

12. In addition to any penalty imposed under the provisions of this Part of these Regulations, the Court may, on the application of any person, who has suffered damage, order the owner or keeper of any domestic animal to replace in kind or to pay compensation for any damage done by such animal whilst straying.

B Care of Animals

1. No person shall cruelly ill-treat any animal or cause or procure, or, being the owner or keeper of any animal, permit or suffer any animal to be cruelly ill-treated. Penalty: \$100 or 40 days' imprisonment.
2. No person, being the owner or keeper of any domestic or captive animal, shall fail to provide such animal with proper and sufficient food, drink or shelter. Penalty: \$20.
3. No person shall keep any domestic or captive animal which is in such a condition that it is cruel to keep it alive. Penalty: \$20.
4. In addition to any penalty imposed under the provisions of the last preceding regulation, the Court may order any such animal to be destroyed in such manner as the Court may direct. Penalty: \$50.
5. No person shall keep any animal chained or tethered upon an unreasonably short chain or rope for an unreasonable time or use wire to tether any animal. Penalty: \$50.

Animals that have resided in or visited any countries other than those listed below as recognised as rabies free must provide the required documentation showing the rabies vaccination has been administered.

The following countries are recognized by New Zealand as being rabies free:

Bahrain, Barbados, Channel Islands, Falkland Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, Guam, Hawaii, Iceland, Japan, Mauritius, New Caledonia, Singapore, Taiway and Vanautu and the Pacific Islands of American Samoa, Christmas Island, Cook Islands, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guines, Pitcairn Island, Saipan, Solomon Islands, Tongs, Tuvalu, Wallis and Futuna and Western Samoa.

The following countries are recognized by New Zealand as where rabies is absent or well controlled:

United States & Canada, Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Austria, Bahamas, Balearic Islands, Belgium, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Brunei, Cayman Islands, Chile, Croatia, Cyprus, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Gibraltar, Greece, Greenland, Hong Kong, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Isle of Man, Jamaica, Kuwait, Luxembourg, Macau, Malaysia (Peninsular, Sabah & Sarawak only), Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, The Netherlands, Netherland Antilles, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Qatar, Reunion, Serbia, Seychelles, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent Grenadine, Sweden, Switzerland, Trinidad and Tobago, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, Uruguay, US Virgin Islands, Wallis and Futuna.

If your country is not on the above approved lists, your pet is not eligible for import to Pitcairn Island.

**OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN DECLARATION: RABIES VACCINATION AND RABIES
NEUTRALISING ANTIBODY TITRE TEST (RNATT)**

I, _____ (Name of Registered Veterinarian),
Employed by:

_____ (Address of Registered Veterinarian),
declare that I have seen the rabies vaccination certificate and RNATT report.

The laboratory reporting the RNATT is government approved: **YES** **NO**

Name of government approved laboratory: _____

The microchip number that appears on the RNATT report is: _____

Blood sample taken for RNATT was drawn on ___/___/___ (Day/Month/Year).

To be eligible for import the date above has to be greater than 6 months, but no greater than one year from the planned date of departure)

NATT result is recorded as: _____ **IU/ML**

The date of the vaccine, given at least three weeks prior to the RNATT above, is ___/___/___
(Day/Month/Year).

This vaccine is an approved inactivated vaccine and has a licensed duration of immunity of _____ years.

Signature of Registered Veterinarian

Date Signed: _____ (Day/Month/Year)

Signature of Official Veterinarian*

Date Signed: _____ (Day/Month/Year)

Government Stamp of Exporting Country

* This form must be signed by your veterinarian. An official veterinarian is a veterinarian authorised by the government authority of your country (MAF, AQIS equivalent) who can certify that the rabies blood test results and vaccination meet New Zealand import requirements. To locate an official veterinarian contact the appropriate government department in your country.

Annex B:**Application to land an animal on temporarily on Pitcairn Island from a visiting vessel.**

Application is hereby made to bring the following animal ashore on Pitcairn Island.

Name of Applicant(s)_____

Name of Vessel_____

Breed of Animal_____

Last port of call prior to Pitcairn Island_____

Intended length of visit_____

The following breeds of dogs are banned from Pitcairn Island and permission to import/land such dogs will not be granted under any circumstance: Brazilian Fila, Dogo Argentino, Japanese Tosa, Perro de Presa Canario and American Pit Bull Terrier.

All animals landed on Pitcairn Island remain the responsibility of the applicant(s) and must be kept in accordance to the Local Government Ordinance Cap. 11 Section 7 Local Government Regulations Part IV Animals and Wildlife Sub Sections A and B

Applicant(s) Signature_____

Date_____

Each animal must have a separate application and a non-refundable fee of US \$30.00 must be paid for each application.

All applications must be accompanied by vaccination certificates and pet passports.
If you have visited one of the countries not listed on the information sheet your pet will be denied ashore.

Annex C:

Check list for application to Permit Import and importing of Domestic Animals into Pitcairn Island form.

To be completed by Bio Security.**Stage 1. First stage of application process.**

- All parts of the application have been completed
- All required documentation has been provided
- Breed/species has been checked against banned list
- Fee has been submitted with application
- Application has been signed
- Decision on application made in adherence with GPI Policy for the Importation of Domestic Animals Policy
- Applicant informed of decision and issued appropriate form

Stage 2. Final stage of the application process and pet inspection.

- Application to permit import of domestic animals into Pitcairn Island has been completed and approved
- Visual check performed to ensure animal is not of banned breed or species
- Visual check for no obvious signs of mange, flea infestation or ticks
- Applicant informed of requirement to adhere to Local Government Ordinance Cap. 11 Section 7 Local Government Regulations Part IV Animals and Wildlife Sub Sections A and B

Signed: _____
Bio Security Officer Pitcairn Island

Date: _____

**Annex D:
Approval to Import Domestic Animals into Pitcairn Island.**

Permission is hereby granted to name of applicant(s)

to import the following animal into Pitcairn Island.

Name of the animal: _____

Breed: _____

This animal must be accompanied by the required certifications and undergo inspection by the Bio-Security staff of Pitcairn Island upon arrival.

All animals landed on Pitcairn Island remain the responsibility of the applicant and must be kept in accordance with the Local Government Ordinance Cap. 11 Section 7 Local Government Regulations Part IV Animals and Wildlife Sub Sections A and B

Signed: _____

Bio Security Officer Pitcairn Island

Date: _____

**Annex E:
Decline of Application to Import Domestic Animals into Pitcairn Island.**

Permission has NOT been granted to name of applicant(s)

to import the following animal into Pitcairn Island.

Name of the animal: _____

Breed: _____

Your application has been declined on the following grounds:

- The required documentation has not been provided in full.
- The dates on the vaccination documents provided do not fall within the required time frames.
- Evidence of the animal which is aged 6 months and over having been neutered has not been provided.
- The breed of dog is banned from import into Pitcairn Island.