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The Veterinary Board Of Antigua & Barbuda

ANTIGUA & BARBUDA VETERINARY & LIVESTOCK DIVISION

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**The Livestock Division
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THE LIVESTOCK DIVISION The Livestock Division has the responsibility, for the management and development of livestock programs in collaboration with the local livestock farmers.

The Agricultural Extension Division

The Agricultural Extension Division (AED) is responsible for farmers and also for the allocation of state lands to farmers for agricultural purposes (based on rentals). In order to allocate new lands for agricultural purposes, the AED, however, must first obtain permission from the LAD. The Chief Extension Officer has the authority to rent crown lands not exceeding two (2) hectares in size. Land plots exceeding (2) hectares are to be leased by the lands Division.

Services Offered By the AED

- Ploughing Services
- Maintaining settlement roads and drains within watershed
- Facilitating the removal of beehives and the control of swarms
- Providing advice on agricultural production, pests and disease management –this may be done in collaboration with other Departments or Agencies.

Other Services

- Allocating lands for agricultural purposes
- Settling disputes concerning agricultural lands
- Ensure that lands are used for the purpose obtained
- Evicting delinquent farmers from agricultural lands

Government Chemist Laboratories

The Government chemist Laboratories performs analytical work in the areas of water and soil analyses to assist both crop and livestock farmers and also officers in the various departments.

Dr. Jeffery

Veterinary Officer

Mr. Astley Joseph

Livestock Officer

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR LIVE ANIMALS, MEAT AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS INTO ANTIGUA & BARBUDA

Import Requirements for pets (dogs & cats) into Antigua & Barbuda

To bring your dog and/or cat into Antigua, you must apply for a Veterinary Import License from the Veterinary & Livestock Division.

The Country of origin will determine the procedure that is taken.

If the country of origin is a Rabies infected country such as the USA, Canada, Grenada and Trinidad & Tobago or a country that does not maintain strict entry control requirements of imported pets from rabies endemic countries, the requirements are:

Valid Certification of Rabies Vaccination (rabies vaccine within 1 year of importation)

Certification of Microchipping

Results within accepted levels of the Rabies FAVN (Antibody Titer) tested at an OIE approved Laboratory.

The paperwork for Rabies FAVN Serology can be retrieved at:

www.vet.k-state.edu/depts/rabies/favntest.htm the list for other approved labs can be located at the DEFRA website <http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/quarantine/pets/procedures/support-info/labs.htm>.

Medical and Vaccination History (please include results for Ehrlichia and Lyme's Disease Testing) (for cats please include testing results, vaccinations and any relevant history regarding FIP, FeLV, FIV)

Please fax (268-460-1759) or email (vld@ab.gov.ag) the information required above so that we can proceed in the processing of the import license.

Once this is done and after reviewing the dogs/cats medical and vaccination history an **import license** can be issued. **Only pets with a duly issued import license will be accepted into Antigua and Barbuda.**

Please note that your dog/cat is to be **accompanied by an *Official (Government Issued) Health Certificate*** stating that the animal is in good health and free from the symptoms of communicable diseases. The Certificate must be no more than seven (7) days old.

The animal is to be treated within seven (7) days of exportation for internal and external parasites with an approved product(s). The products should be noted on the official health certificate.

Please note that failure to comply with any of the requirements may result in refusal of entry of the pet into Antigua & Barbuda or confiscation of the pet.

If the country of origin of the pet is an OIE certified Rabies-free country and maintains strict entry control requirements of imported pets from rabies endemic countries such as Barbados, Jamaica, to name a few, the requirements are:

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Feel free to contact the Veterinary and Livestock Division at phone/fax (268) 460-1759 or vld@ab.gov.ag for more information.

Please Note: You must inform the Veterinary & Livestock Division of the date and time of arrival of your pet 48 hours ahead of time. A Veterinary Inspection Fee of EC\$130.00 or US\$50.00 is chargeable upon inspection on arrival. Animals are classified as property for the purposes of Customs and are subject to the imposition of import duty.

Import Requirements for horses, poultry and livestock

Please contact the Veterinary and Livestock Division at phone/fax (268) 460-1759 or vld@ab.gov.ag for information.

Import Requirements for Fresh or Frozen Meat and other Animal Products

Fresh or Frozen Meat in any quantity, require an Import License, issued by the Ministry of Trade and signed by the Veterinary & Livestock Division and the Ministry of Trade.

The Import License indicates that a Health Certificate must accompany the products.

The Veterinary Inspector will inspect the products on arrival at the port.

Feel free to contact the Veterinary and Livestock Division at phone/fax (268) 460-1759 or vld@ab.gov.ag for more information.

Overseas telephone contact: (1) 268 -562 -7592 or (1) 268 -562-1814

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