

# Quarantine FAQs for Website

For best and most complete information access the state website at:

<http://www.hawaii.gov/hdoa/ai/aqs/info>

Downloadable forms and information are all available at the website.

The Animal Quarantine Station can also be reached at:

phone:	<b>808-483-7151</b>
email at	<a href="mailto:rabiesfree@hawaii.gov">rabiesfree@hawaii.gov</a>
mail at:	<b>Hawaii dept of Agriculture</b>
	<b>Animal Quarantine Station</b>
	<b>99-951 Halawa Valley St.</b>
	<b>Aiea, Hawaii 96701-5602</b>

**1. Why do you have quarantine?**

Hawaii has no rabies. This is to prevent rabies from entering the state.

**2. How long is quarantine?**

Normal quarantine is 120 days at the Animal Quarantine Station (AQS) on Oahu.

**3. How do you qualify for the 5-Day or Less Quarantine?**

- a. You must start preparation at least 4 months prior to arrival. Sometimes it is even longer.
- b. Your pet must have 2 rabies vaccinations at least 30 days apart.
- c. The second rabies vaccination must be given at least 3 months prior to arrival in Hawaii.
- d. Your pet must pass a blood test that shows a response to the vaccine. This blood test must be passed at least 4 months before arrival in Hawaii.
- e. Your pet must be micro-chipped.
- f. Due to the minimum requirements, puppies and kittens must be at least 10 months of age before they can qualify for direct release.
- g. This includes direct release at the Kahului Airport, if you meet requirements.

**4. What if I am a Hawaii resident and I want to take my pet out of state for a short visit?**

- a. You need to start preparations at least 4 months prior to your travel.
- b. Your pet needs 2 rabies vaccinations at least 3 months apart.
- c. The second rabies vaccine must be given more than 2 weeks prior to leaving.
- d. Your pet must pass the blood test at least 2 weeks prior to leaving.
- e. You will need to obtain a health certificate from your veterinarian no more than 14 days prior to leaving. Some airlines require 10 days or less prior to leaving.

**All foreign arrivals need to go through Honolulu International Airport.**

**5. Are the quarantine rules applied for travel between Hawaiian Islands?**

- a. No, but your pet should be current on their shots be licensed.

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- 6. What are the fees for MHS to do the direct release check at Kahului Airport?**
- \$400 for the first pet and \$100 for each additional pet arriving on the same flight.
  - Repeat trips (we have already done the direct release once before for this pet under this owner) are \$150 for the first pet and \$75 for each additional pet arriving on the same flight.
  - \$100 additional fee for requests outside normal hours of operation and holidays. Normal hours of operation are Monday through Sunday 8-5pm.
  - These fees are separate from the fees that must be paid to the state for direct release. **The monies we collect from these fees will go directly back to helping the animals we receive at the shelter.**
  - For people with *qualified service animals* please contact the Maui Humane society directly for special rates.

- 7. How do I arrange for MHS to do the direct release check for my animals?**
- If you already have approval from the AQS(Animal Quarantine Station) to bring your animal to Hawaii; you qualify for direct release; and you would like MHS to do the direct release then you can either:*  
**FAX MHS at: 808-877-5033** or  
**email us at : [quarantine@mauihumanesociety.org](mailto:quarantine@mauihumanesociety.org)**

**The following information is required:**

- Airline name and Flight #
- Date and time of arrival
- Owner's name, contact phone # and owner's address
- Address you would like the permit mailed to if different from above
- If you prefer that quarantine Fed Ex your permit rather than having it mailed, please provide us with a Fed Ex account number or notify us that you will be sending quarantine a prepaid Fed Ex envelope.
- Information for each pet to include:
  - Name
  - Microchip #
  - Species (dog or cat)
  - Breed
  - Sex
  - Color
  - Age

- 8. Make sure to download the form “*Checklist for Requesting Direct Airport Release at Kona, Kahului and Lihue Airports*”** from the quarantine website. You must mail quarantine the appropriate forms and fee that they require.

- 9. Not all airlines are participating in direct release on Maui.** Please check with your carrier.

These are general guidelines only. Owners should check the state quarantine website for more detailed information so each step is correctly followed. If owners don't follow the necessary steps, their pets could be denied direct release at the airport and are subject to be quarantined.