



BOTSWANA REGULATIONS AND PROTOCOLS FOR CATS AND DOGS

QUARANTINE INFORMATION

QUARANTINE PRIOR TO DEPARTURE?	NO	
QUARANTINE AT DESTINATION?	NO	
IMPORT PERMIT 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 30 days (thirty) but not older than 11 (eleven) months. Acceptable vaccines include Zoetis Defensor 3, Nobivac Rabies and Merial Rabisin. Dogs should be vaccinated against Distemper, Hepatitis, Parvovirus and Parainfluenza. Cats should be vaccinated against Feline Panleukopenia (Distemper), Viral Rhinotracheitis Calicivirus and Leukemia - older than 30 days (thirty) but not more than 12 (twelve) months. Dogs arriving at or departing from Keringa-Petwings require Nobivac Kennel Cough, Bronchicine or Pneumodog.

COUNT 31 DAYS FROM DATE OF RABIES VACCINATION (COMPULSORY WAITING PERIOD)

Step 3	Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC) (Speak to your vet)	<p>CATS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cats travelling to Botswana require an official Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC). Our consulting vet can issue the VHC by prior arrangement. State Vet endorsement is required. The VHC is valid for 7 (seven) days and must be valid on arrival at destination. 	<p>DOGS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dogs travelling to Botswana require an official Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC). Our consulting vet can issue the VHC by prior arrangement. State Vet endorsement is required. The VHC is valid for 7 (seven) days and must be valid on arrival at destination.
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Step 4	Submission to Petwings	<p><u>The following documents must be submitted to Keringa-Petwings:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Original, unaltered vaccination booklet for each pet Original microchip certificate for each pet 1 Original Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC) for each pet <p>(Microchip ID must be noted on all the above documents)</p> <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 <i>(We can advise you)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is advisable 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 Veterinarian while avoiding additional charges. Where applicable and unless stated otherwise, the consignee is responsible for Import Permit, Import Customs, and Clearance at destination.
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Other important notes to consider

- Puppies and kittens may travel to Botswana on their dam's Rabies vaccination up to the age of 3 (three) months at the time of departure.
- Their first Rabies vaccination may be administered at 12 weeks of age (3 months), followed by a booster vaccination 30 days later.
- Dams must have been vaccinated for Rabies before puppies or kittens were conceived.

- 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 box.
- 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 travelling as certain airline, routing and seasonal restrictions may apply.

[We've been transporting pets world-wide 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!