

Animal Health & Identification Division

## Import of Dogs and Cats from outside the US

Note additional requirements for dogs from countries with confirmed Foot & Mouth Disease.

Oregon's import requirements for healthy dogs or cats entering Oregon from outside the US are:

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued less than 30 days prior to entry,
2. Current rabies vaccination, applicable as listed below
3. No formal quarantine period is required in most instances.

### RABIES VACCINATION

If the dog or cat is four months or older, current rabies vaccination is required. Since rabies vaccine is not readily available in rabies free countries, we can allow the import of non-vaccinated dogs or cats from a rabies free country under the following conditions:

If the animal is four months or older when shipped, it must be vaccinated less than 10 days after arrival. It must be kept at home isolated from other animals for 30 days after vaccination.

If the animal is under four months of age when shipped, it must be kept at home isolated from other animals until it is three months of age and then vaccinated. It must be kept at home isolated from other animals for 30 days after vaccination.

### Dogs originating from countries with confirmed Foot and Mouth Disease

Dogs originating within 30 days from a nation with confirmed Foot and Mouth Disease are imported under Hold Order and shall be under the supervision of a veterinarian. The dog must have three germicidal baths within a ten-day period as detailed in (a) or (b) below.

- a. Before leaving the country of origin, the dog should be held for no less than five days with no contact with animals susceptible to Foot and Mouth Disease. It must be bathed with a germicidal shampoo in a veterinary clinic under supervision of a veterinarian (1) no more than 24 hours before departure, (2) again no more than 24 hours after arrival at point of destination in Oregon, , and (3) again on day ten after arrival.
- b. If the dog has not been isolated and bathed as in (a) above, it must be kept at the premises of destination for ten days and must be bathed with a germicidal shampoo under supervision of a veterinarian (1) no more than 24 hours after entry in to Oregon, (2) again on day five, and (\*3) again on day ten after arrival.

Until the hold Order is released, the dog must be held at the premises of destination and must have no contact with animals susceptible to Foot and Mouth Disease. The Hold Order will be

released after the supervising veterinarian confirms to the State Veterinarian that all import conditions have been met.