

Neighbor Island Inspection Permit (NIIP)



If a pet is traveling to a neighboring island (Maui-Kahului, Kauai-Lihue, or Hawaii Island-Kona), the Pet Parent will be required to obtain a Neighbor Island Inspection Permit (NIIP) before departure. A valid, printed Neighbor Island Inspection Permit is required to board the aircraft and must accompany the dog or cat on the aircraft.

To obtain a NIIP, the Pet Parent must complete the below steps **more than 30 days ahead of the pet's arrival date**:

1

Schedule Post Arrival Inspection Appointment

The Pet Parent must contact and make a reservation for a post arrival inspection with one of the local island inspection clinics listed below. Once the reservation is made, the veterinary facility will send a confirmation to the Animal Quarantine Station that they have agreed to perform the inspection and release procedure. Note: Pet Parents are responsible for the additional fees to the private veterinary facility for this service.

Kona, Hawaii Island

- Alii Veterinary Hospital (808) 329-8999
- [Keauhou](#) Veterinary Hospital (808) 322-2988

Lihue, Kauai

- Kauai Humane Society (808) 632-0610
- Kauai North Shore Animal Clinic (808) 755-8728

Kahului, Maui

- At Home Animal Hospital & Mobile Veterinary Services (808) 873-0102
- Central Maui Animal Clinic (808) 893-2380
- Kahului Animal Hospital (808) 871-7387
- Kihei Veterinary Clinic (808) 879-5777
- Makawao Veterinary Clinic (808) 572-9003
- Maui Direct Release (808) 281-0496
- Maui Humane Society (808) 877-3680
- South Shore Veterinary Clinic (808) 874-3422
- West Maui Animal Clinic (808) 662-0099

2 Submit Required Paperwork

The Pet Parent must submit the following documentation, so it is received by the Animal Quarantine Station 30 days or more ahead of the planned date of arrival:

1. Completed and signed AQS-279 Dog & Cat Import Form.
2. The 2 most recent rabies vaccination certificates.
3. Payment of \$165 by cashier's check or money order.
4. Flight information (i.e. Airlines, flight number, date and time of arrival).

3 Check Your Email

The NIIP will be sent by email to the primary owner's email address listed on the AQS-279 Dog & Cat Import Form **AFTER** the Animal Quarantine Station has:

1. Received the required documents (AQS-279 form & 2 most recent rabies certificates), information (FAVN results) and payments.
2. Confirmed the pet meets all of the requirements for the Direct Airport Release program and neighbor island inspection and release; and
3. Received confirmation from the contacted local island inspection clinic that an inspection by the Pet Parent has been scheduled for after arrival.

NOTE: During planning, be sure to consider the time required for the NIIP to be issued.

4 Print Your NIIP

Airlines are not permitted to fly a dog or cat directly to Maui, Big Island, or Kauai from outside the state of Hawaii without a valid NIIP issued by the Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

Once the NIIP has been received via email by the Pet Parent, they will need to print a copy to carry with them during their travels. A valid printed NIIP is needed to board the aircraft and must accompany the dog or cat on the aircraft. The NIIP will also be submitted to the Inspector upon arrival in Hawaii.

Have more questions? Contact rabiesfree@hawaii.gov.