

## APPLICATION FOR CANINE/FELINE IMPORT LICENCE FOR DOGS AND CATS

To import a dog or cat into Kenya we require the following:

- A formal letter indicating the importers name and address;
- Current Health Certificate from a Veterinary doctor;
- Animal's passport;
- Cost: €51.00 payable only by bank transfer;
- A stamped self-addressed envelope for postage of the certificate.

**Processing:** Two (2) working days

### **Conditions for importing a canine or feline animal into Kenya**

1. No canine or feline animal shall be imported into Kenya from any country unless:
  - The animal is accompanied by the certificate of a veterinary surgeon, signed not more than five days prior to the date of departure from the country of origin, certifying that the animal is free from clinical symptoms of any contagious or infectious disease;
  - Additionally: The animal is accompanied by a valid Rabies vaccination certificate stating-
    - the type, manufacturer and Batch No. of the vaccine;
    - the apparent age of the animal at the time of vaccination;
    - the date of vaccination.
  - Animals vaccinated against Rabies less than six (6) months prior to arrival in Kenya must also be accompanied by a certificate signed by a Government Veterinary Officer of the country of origin stating that there has been no case of Rabies within 30 miles of the

place of origin of the animal within the preceding six months;

- The animal is accompanied by a certificate from the Captain of the ship or aircraft in which the animal travelled to Kenya certifying that the animal has not left the craft between the place of embarkation and the place of entry into Kenya, and has been isolated from all other canine and feline animals throughout the journey.

2. Any animal arriving into Kenya without the certificates stated above will be kept in quarantine, at the expenses of the owner, for up to six (6) months with the exception that:

- dogs and cats, imported directly from Australia, Ireland, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden or the United Kingdom, need not have certificates as per para. 1 (b) above;
- animals in transit for less than 48 hours need not have certificates as per para. 1 (b) above, but will be kept in isolation, at the owners expense, during this period. Such animals will only be allowed to leave Kenya by air or sea;
- The arrival of any animal entering Kenya other than by sea at Mombasa or by air at Nairobi must be reported to the nearest veterinary office within three (3) days of arrival;
- Validity of Rabies Vaccines - A certificate of Rabies vaccination is valid for all canines which are over the age of six (6) months at vaccination and for all felines which are over the age of four months at vaccination, for the period specified, providing that one of the following approved vaccines has been used:
  - Phenolized (inactivated) vaccine: Canines and felines: One month to 12 months, post vaccination.
  - Living Avianized vaccine (Flury or Kelev strain)
    - Canines: One month to 36 months, post vaccination

- Felines: One month to 12 months, post vaccination