

# Procedure for Importation of Dogs/Cats into Taiwan



**Rabies-free  
Country**

Dog/cat importing from Japan, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand, State of Hawaii and Territory of Guam of the United States of America, United Kingdom, Sweden, Iceland, Norway (excluding the archipelago of Svalbard), Estonia and Czech Republic.



**Rabies-infected  
Country**

Dog/cat importing from countries (zones) not recognized as being free from rabies



Dog/cat exported from Taiwan and then re-entered from a rabies-infected country (zone)



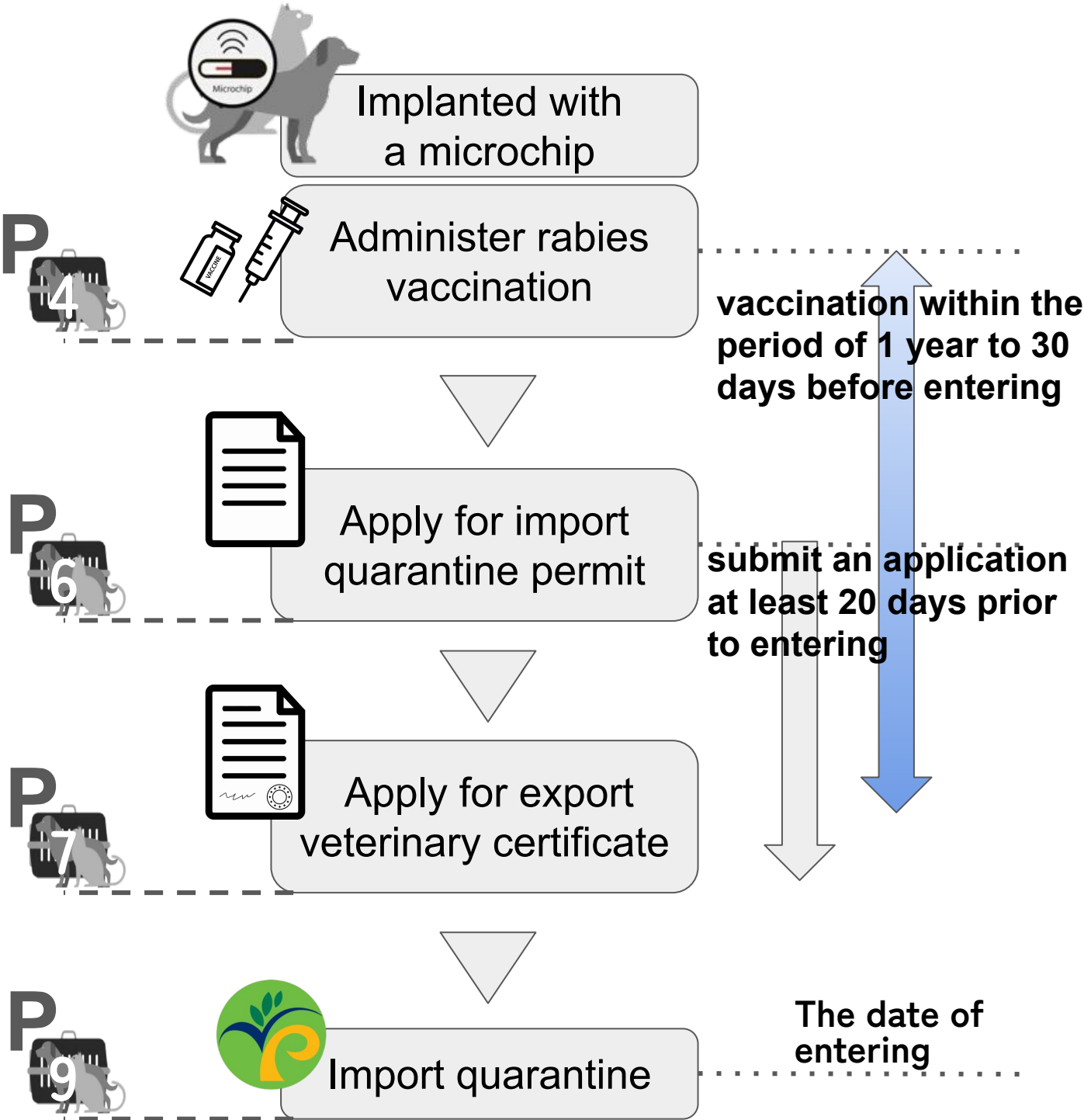
Dog/cat importing from a rabies-infected country (zone) with a non-infectious serious medical condition

[\\*Breeding and import of Pit Bull Terriers are banned by the Ministry of Agriculture](#)



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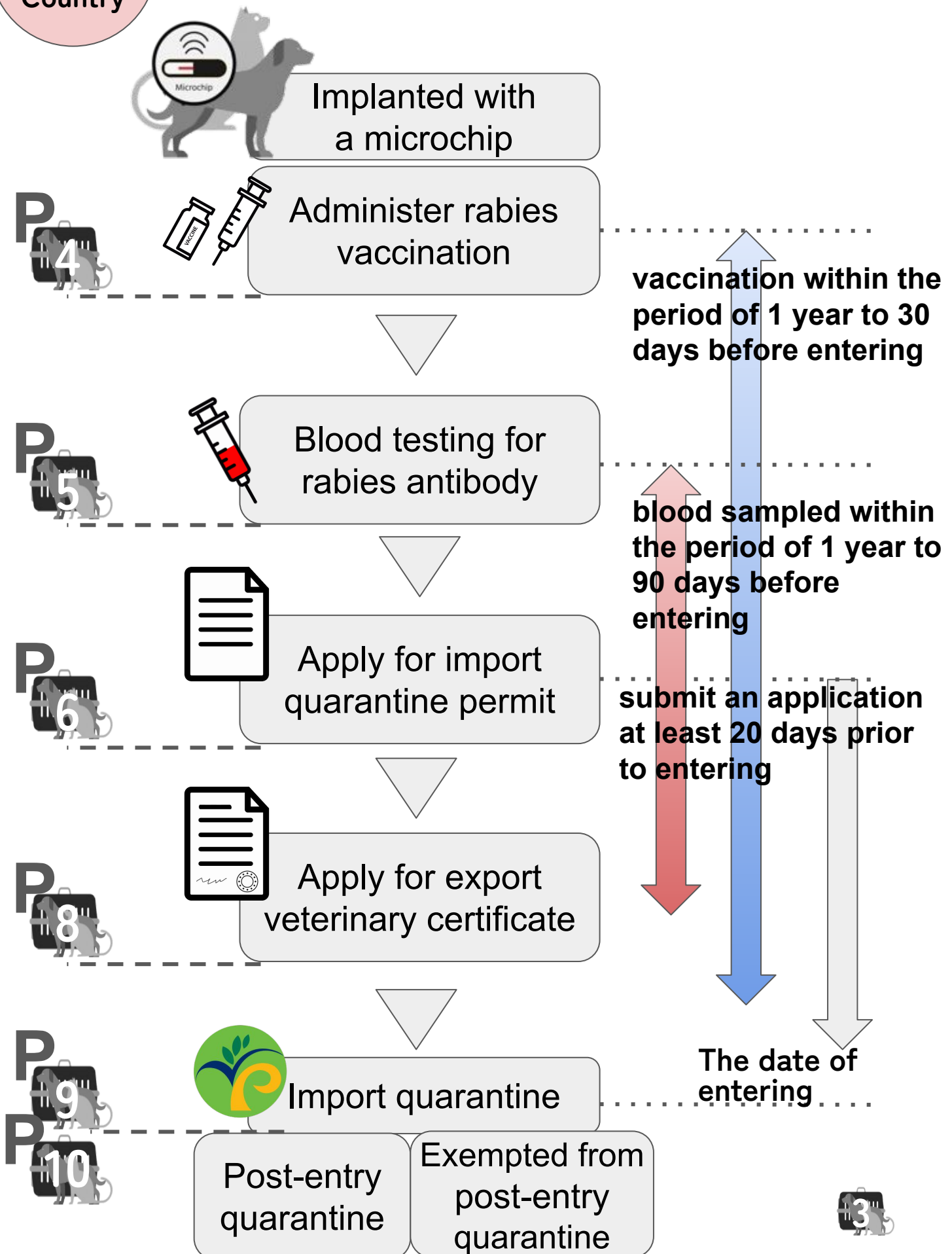
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\*The dog/cat has been kept for 180 days prior to export or since birth in the rabies-free country (zone)

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## Vaccination Certificate Signed by a Veterinarian

Attesting in English or Chinese:

- ✓ Species (dog or cat)
- ✓ Sex
- ✓ Age (over 90 days)
- ✓ Microchip number
- ✓ Vaccination date
- ✓ Name of the vaccine and manufacturer

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# Passing the Rabies Test

- Rabies neutralizing antibody titer level is at least 0.5 IU/ml in a blood sample tested by reference or designated laboratory
- Blood sampled during any of the following periods :
  - Within 90 days to one year prior to importation
  - Within 90 days to one year subsequent to the previous blood sampling that passed the rabies test, and within one year prior to importation
  - Before exiting Taiwan and within 1 year prior to re-entering

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# Apply for Import Quarantine Permit

- Please access the “[Online Application System](#) for Dog/Cat import permit”
- Upload the following document:
  - ✓ Importer's identification document
  - ✓ Veterinarian-signed vaccination certificate
  - ✓ Test report issued by a [reference or designated laboratory](#) attesting that the animal has passed the rabies test (imported from rabies-infected country)

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Veterinary certificate issued by the government of the exporting country

Attesting in English or Chinese:

- Type and origin of the animal
  - ✓ Species (dog or cat)
  - ✓ Total quantity
  - ✓ Sex, age and microchip number
  - ✓ The exporting country
    - ✓ Name of the exporter
- Result of the inspection
  - ✓ Animal shows no clinical signs of rabies upon inspection
  - ✓ Date of vaccination against rabies, name of the vaccine and manufacturer
  - ✓ Animal has been kept for 180 days prior to export or since birth in the rabies-free country (zone)\*

\*For the animal that re-enters Taiwan within 180 days subsequent to exiting to a rabies-free country (zone), the statement “the dog/cat has never been to a third country after entering this country” is required

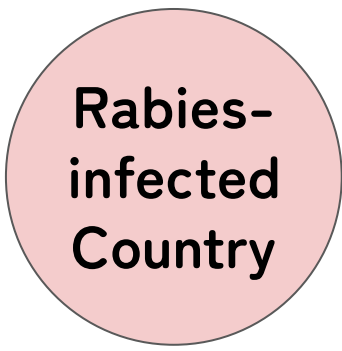


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  - ✓ Animal has passed the rabies test, the date of blood sampling, and the name of the test laboratory
  - Original rabies test report (If the veterinary certificate did not state)



## Import quarantine

Upon a dog/cat's arrival at the port of entry, prepare the following document for quarantine inspection:

- ✓ Photocopy of the import quarantine permit
- ✓ The original veterinary certificate of exporting country
- ✓ Photocopy of the bill of lading, airway bill or customs declaration
- Original rabies test report (If imported from rabies-infected country and the veterinary certificate did not state the rabies test information)

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# Post-entry quarantine

The dog/cat shall be quarantined for 7 days in a [post-entry quarantine facility](#)

The 7 days quarantine may be waived if the two criteria below can be met:

- ✓ Having passed the rabies test
  - Blood sampled within 180 days to one year prior to importation
  - The rabies test is conducted and passed within 180 days prior to importation. Additionally, the date of this blood sampling shall fall within 180 days to one year after the date of the previous blood sampling
- ✓ Providing the passed test report and submitting for the import quarantine permit at least 20 days prior to entering:
  - Apply for the import quarantine permit at least 120 days prior to entering
  - The testing laboratory directly provides photocopy of the passed test report to the APHIA, or the report is accessible directly on the laboratory's website
  - The photocopy of testing results declaration is directly provided by the animal quarantine authority of the exporting country to the APHIA (Email address: rabiesreport@aphia.gov.tw)

# Dog/cat exported from Taiwan and then re-entered from a rabies-infected country (zone)

Implanted with a microchip and administer rabies vaccination

- ✓ The dog/cat must be over 90 days
- ✓ Vaccination within the period of one year to 30 days before entering

Passing the rabies test before exiting Taiwan and within one year prior to re-entering

Rabies neutralizing antibody titer level is at least 0.5 IU/ml in a blood sample tested by [reference or designated laboratory](#)

Apply for import quarantine permit before exiting Taiwan

- Prepare the following documents:
- ✓ The export quarantine document of Taiwan
  - ✓ Veterinarian-signed vaccination certificate
  - ✓ Test report issued by a reference or designated laboratory
  - ✓ Importer's identification document

Apply for import quarantine upon arrival

- Prepare the following documents:
- ✓ Import quarantine permit
  - ✓ The original veterinary certificate of exporting country
  - ✓ The bill of lading, airway bill or customs declaration

Post-entry quarantine

Exempted from post-entry quarantine

- The post-entry quarantine be waived for re-entering Taiwan within one year from the date of the blood sampling
- The dog/cat be detained for 7 days in a [post-entry quarantine facility](#)



# Dog/cat imported from a rabies-infected country (zone) with a non-infectious serious medical condition

Implanted with a microchip and administer rabies vaccination

- ✓ The dog/cat must be over 90 days
- ✓ Vaccination within the period of one year to 30 days before entering

Passing the rabies test within 90 days to one year prior to importation

Rabies neutralizing antibody titer level is at least 0.5 IU/ml in a blood sample tested by [reference or designated laboratory](#)

Apply for import quarantine permit at least 30 days prior to entering

Prepare the following documents:

- ✓ The dog/cat's medical chart
- ✓ Veterinarian-signed vaccination certificate
- ✓ Test report issued by a reference or designated laboratory
- ✓ Importer's identification document

Apply for import quarantine upon arrival

Prepare the following documents:

- ✓ Import quarantine permit
- ✓ The original veterinary certificate of exporting country
- ✓ The bill of lading, airway bill or customs declaration

Post-entry quarantine

Exempted from post-entry quarantine

- [The post-entry quarantine may be waived](#)
- The dog/cat be detained for 7 days in a [post-entry quarantine facility](#) or an alternative designated place, if deems necessary