

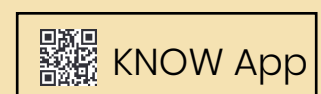
A Guide to Traveling from Barbados with your Pet

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Are you & your pet off to somewhere fun?

- This guide answers some of the most common questions about leaving Barbados with your pet (**the pet export process**) and provides some invaluable, need-to-know tips that will help make your travel prep much easier.



Pets can travel in-cabin or as pet cargo.

Your choice will depend on the rules imposed by your preferred airline.

Passenger Airline

	In-Cabin	Pet Cargo	Special Considerations
Air Canada	✓	✓	Only one pet allowed in-cabin per passenger.
American Airlines	✓	✓	There is a weight and size restriction for pets traveling in-cabin.
British Airways	✗	✓	Only recognized assistance dogs can travel in-cabin.
Caribbean Airlines	✗	✓	Certified, professionally-trained service dogs are the only service animals accepted in-cabin.
JetBlue	✗	✗	Special allowances may be made for trained service dogs only.
Virgin Atlantic	✗	✓	Only recognized assistance dogs can travel in-cabin.

Cargo Airline

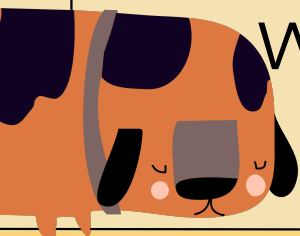
Amerijet	✗	✓	Dedicated cargo plane with direct service from Barbados to Miami only.
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Some airlines have blackout periods during which pet travel is suspended. This is usually during peak travel times, hot summer months, and recently during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Plan Ahead.

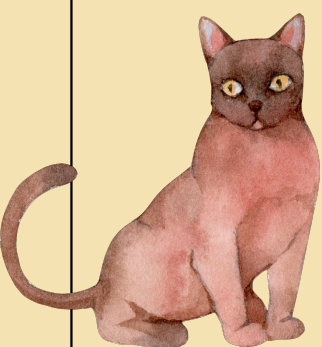
- If your pet will be traveling in-cabin, contact the airline's reservations department prior to travel. For pets traveling as cargo, you will need to make a booking via the airline's local agent, which usually involves taking your pet and their kennel to the agent to be weighed and measured.



Some airlines have pet cargo breed restrictions.

This means there are certain pet breeds that some airlines do not accept. **If your pet will be traveling as pet cargo, research your preferred airline's restricted breeds in advance.**

Examples of some restricted cat breeds include:



Burmese



Persian



Himalayan



Exotic Shorthair

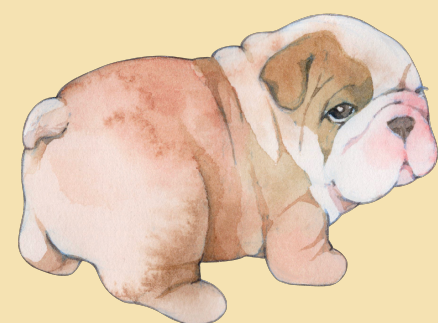
Examples of some restricted dog breeds include:



Chow Chow



Japanese Chin



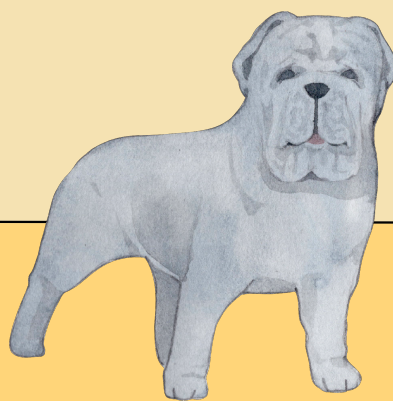
Bulldog



Boxer



Pit Bull



Mastiff




Choose a kennel that is appropriate for the size of your pet.

Pay close attention to the kennel requirements of your chosen airline.

Airlines have strict kennel requirements. For example:-

American Airlines kennel guidelines for carry-on pets.

 American Airlines kennel guidelines for pet cargo.



Do you need a Customs Broker?

No.

**If your pet will be traveling
in-cabin**

- and won't be returning to Barbados in the near future.



Do you need a Customs Broker?

Yes.

If your pet will be traveling as pet cargo

- a Customs Export Declaration must be done by a local Customs Broker.

Note: Destination Customs clearance is usually included in your pet's travel fee. Verify this with your chosen airline.



Do you need a Customs Broker?

Yes.

**If your pet will be traveling in-
cabin or as pet cargo**

- and will be returning to Barbados within 180 days.



Let your Customs Broker know if your pet will be returning to Barbados.

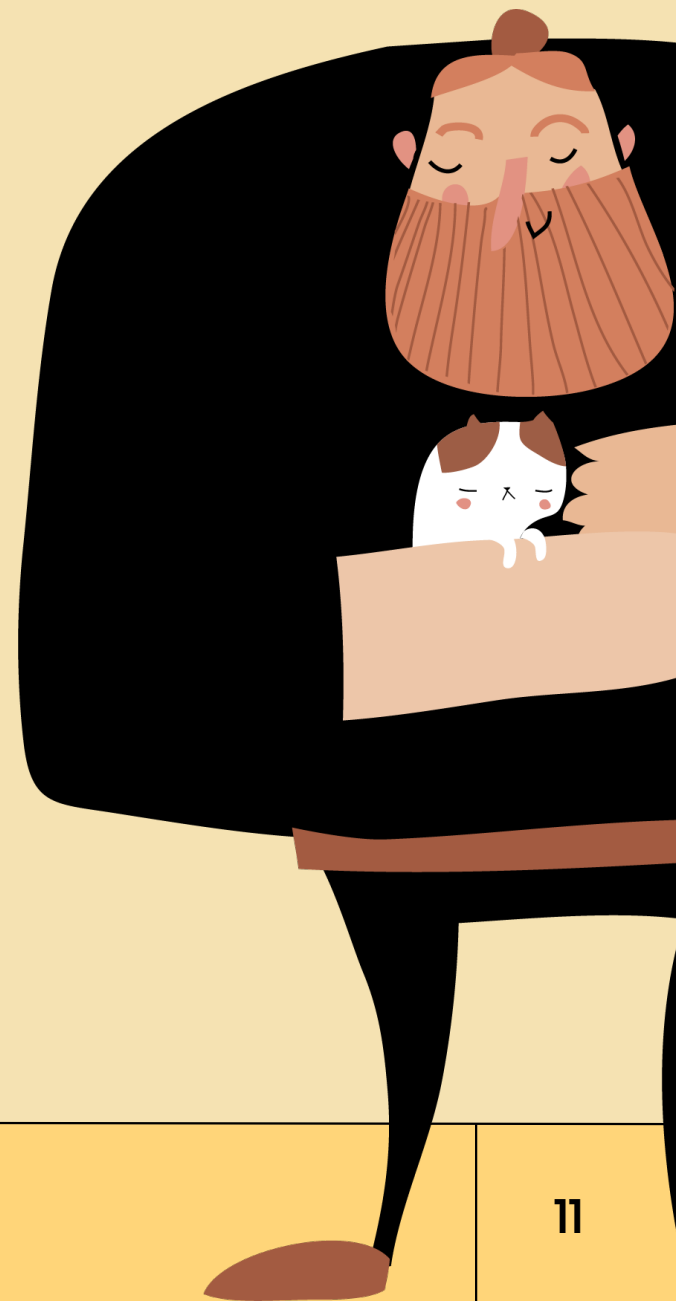


- Your Broker will complete a **Temporary Export** which registers your pet leaving the island with the expectation of return.

Why is a Temporary Export important?

It prevents you from having to pay Customs Import Duty and VAT when your pet returns to Barbados.

- Note however, a temporary export is only valid if your pet will be returning to Barbados within **180 days**.



Ensure your pet satisfies the health requirements for entry into your country of destination.

Research the entry requirements beforehand, paying special attention to those specific to pets traveling from Barbados. **Here are some examples:**

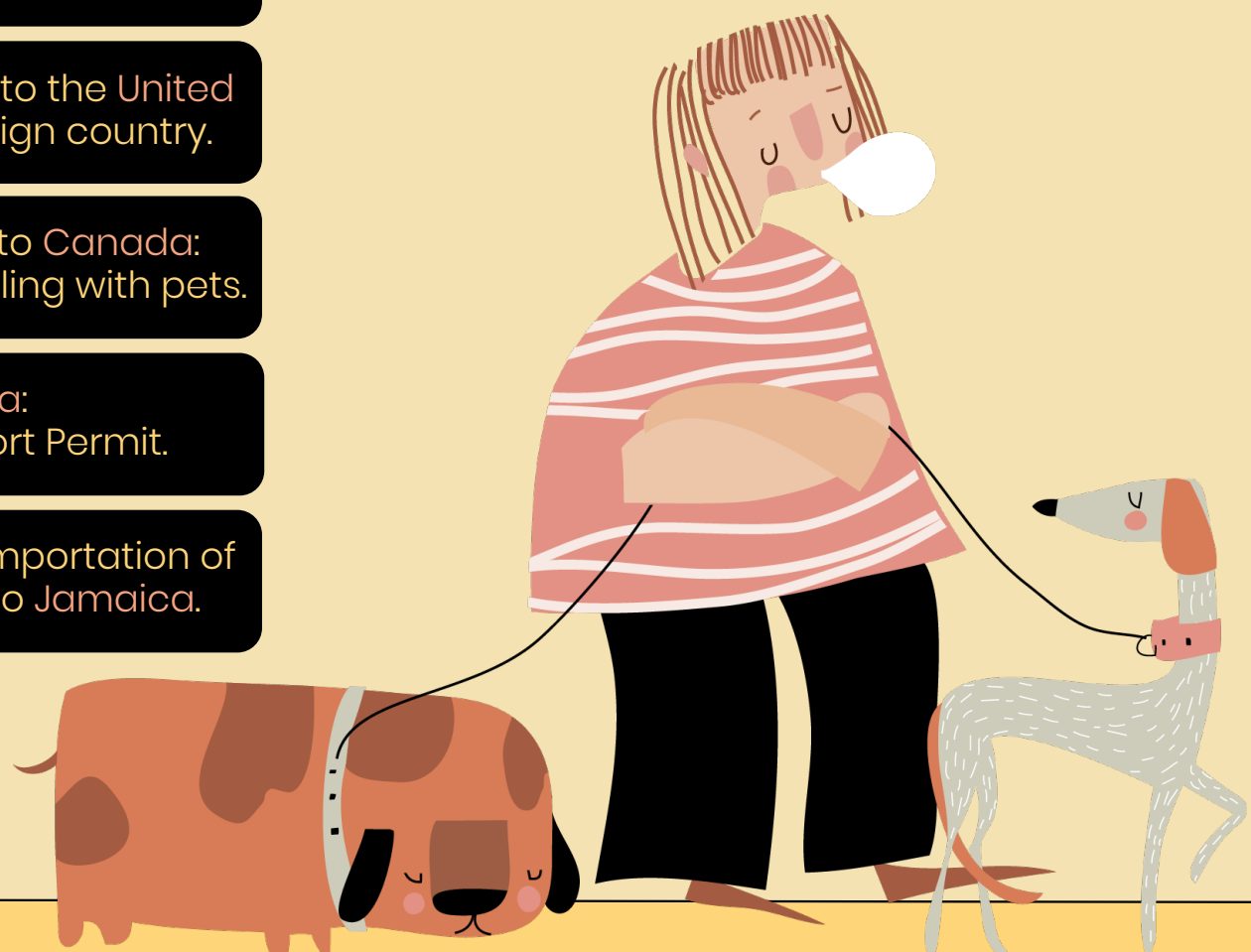
Bringing your pet dog, cat or ferret to Great Britain.

Bringing your pet into the United States from a foreign country.

Bringing animals to Canada: Importing and traveling with pets.

Grenada: Cat & Dog Import Permit.

Guidelines for the importation of dogs and cats into Jamaica.



Your pet will have to obtain an Export Health Certificate.

The certificate must be endorsed by the Official Veterinary Services of Barbados.

- **72 hours prior to departure**, take your pet to their local private vet to obtain an Export Health Certificate.
- Within 48 hours of departure, take the certificate to the **Veterinary Services Department** of the Ministry of Agriculture to be endorsed.

Note: Call the Veterinary Services Department in advance [246-535-0226] to make an appointment. There is a \$30.00 BBD fee associated with this service.

You will be required to present the certificate on arrival at your country of destination.



Day of travel prep.

If your pet will be traveling as pet cargo

- Determine beforehand the required **drop off time and location**.
- Put your pet's Export Health Certificate and other health paperwork in a **waterproof document pouch** and tape it to the top of their travel kennel.
- Put some **dry pet food** in a resealable plastic bag and tape it to the top of your pet's travel kennel in case there are any travel delays.
- Remember to add **absorbent material** such as a blanket or towel to the bottom of your pet's travel kennel.

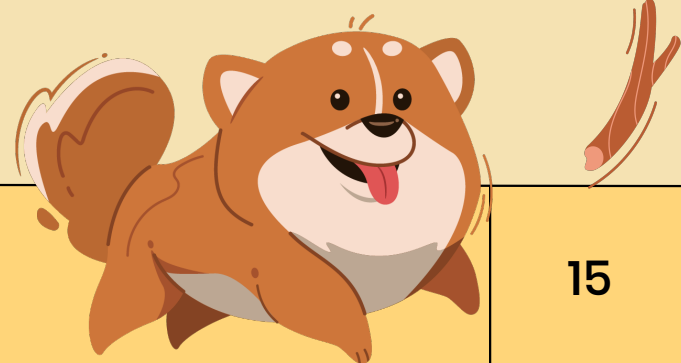


Will your pet be returning to Barbados?

Yes.

Your pet must satisfy the health and documentation requirements for entry.

- The countries of the world are divided in two categories. Barbados has specific entry requirements for each category. Know the category of the country you will be visiting and research the requirements beforehand.



If you'll be returning to Barbados with your pet, before you leave...

Get your import permit from the Ministry of Agriculture.

- The import permit is valid for 6 months after it is issued and is needed for your pet to re-enter Barbados.

Decide on the vet you will be using for your pet while abroad.

- Within seven days of your return to Barbados, your pet will need to see a vet abroad to obtain an Export Health Certificate. Find out what paperwork the vet will require for this visit and ensure that you either travel with it or arrange to have your vet in Barbados liaise with them.



Learn more about the entry requirements for pets traveling to Barbados.

CLICK HERE



**For any further queries, contact our
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phone (246-428-0019) or email at
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