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# Transition of Rabies Vaccination Services

Rabies vaccinations and pet health certification move to accredited private veterinarians, with continued DoA oversight of animal health and pet exports.



**The Department of Agriculture (DoA) is transitioning the rabies vaccination services for cats and dogs from the Government-operated Rabies Vaccination Clinic to accredited private sector veterinarians. Accredited veterinarians may begin providing rabies vaccinations immediately once accredited, ahead of the clinic's closure. Until 31 December 2026, pet owners may still use either the DoA clinic or a private veterinarian.**



## 1 JANUARY 2027

### DoA Rabies Vaccination Clinic Closes

Accredited private veterinarians fully operate the service. DoA will continue to provide rabies vaccinations for the Sister Islands.

## WHAT CHANGES?



### Rabies Vaccinations

From 1 January 2027, rabies vaccinations will be provided by accredited private veterinarians. Private practices will set their own fees.



### Pet Export Certification

Only accredited veterinarians may complete pet health certificates. Certificates must still be submitted to the DoA for issuance of the export permit.



### Accreditation

Veterinarians must complete DoA's training and meet accreditation standards. Accreditation is valid for two (2) years, subject to ongoing compliance.

## WHY IT MATTERS

- Rabies vaccination and pet health services through private veterinarians
- DoA maintains regulatory and animal health oversight
- Clear accreditation requirements for veterinarians
- Continued services as the DoA clinic transitions out

### Already vaccinated?

Rabies vaccination certificates already issued by the DoA clinic remain valid for their stated period and are unaffected by the clinic's closure.

