

Dear Board:

I am the owner of several properties on Maui and two small Chihuahuas. I live in two of the properties but am not here as much as I would like to be because I have fibromyalgia, a condition that causes fatigue and muscle pain, and it is hard enough for me to travel without my dogs much less make the extra trip to Honolulu and then wait for their release and then take another plane to Maui. They have accompanied us three times and I always wonder how they are able to keep from relieving themselves in the bag, as we are not allowed to give them any potty breaks in Honolulu, and the time between landing in Oahu and then in Maui seems like an eternity. They are young dogs, but what will happen when they are older? This last time I misread the instructions for reentry after the expiration date of the rabies shot and didn't realize that I could not revaccinate them within 90 days of entry. Then I had to wait another 4 months because the OIE-FAVN test expired. Now they have extraordinarily high levels of vaccine in their blood because their original vaccines were medically good until October, but expired in February for purposes of the quarantine requirements. They are such little things!

Thank you for your consideration. I am a writer and can earn an income wherever I live. I would rather spend it in Maui! Alba Conte