



What you need to do to take your pet overseas

United States Department of
Agriculture

Animal and Plant Health
Inspection Service

Veterinary Services

Los Angeles Office

****Please call ahead to
inquire about
availability of
veterinarian at
number below****

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FAX: 310-955-3347

(No mail-in
endorsement request
accepted)

Due to high call volume, it is imperative that we limit our time providing information over the phone when this information is readily available on the internet. Please review this information sheet and call our office if you have further questions about travelling overseas with your pet.

International health certificates for the export of animals from the United States are completed by your local veterinarian (must be USDA accredited* see explanation below) who certifies your pet's health status, conducts tests, and records test results for the individual animals being exported. Completed and signed international health certificates for the export of animals from the United States must be endorsed by your local Veterinary Services area office (address and contact info on the left) in order to be valid in most cases. Each country may have other specific health requirements for entry of animals.

These requirements are established by the importing country, not the United States. Please read the information available on our website at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals/> and http://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals/animal_faqs.shtml. If the requirement is still unclear, please call the embassy/consulate or ministry in the destination country and apply for an import permit. Foreign consulate information may be found at <http://www.state.gov/s/cpr/rls/fco/>. Additional information *may* also be available on our website link on http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/animals/animal_exports_pets.shtml

Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the pet owner to ascertain and comply with all requirements of the foreign government for pet travel.

An appropriate health certificate must be completed by your veterinarian in order to import your pet to another country. It is the veterinary clinic's (**your accredited* veterinarian's**) responsibility to ensure that this certificate is complete and accurate. Incomplete or inaccurate certificates will be sent back to the owner and/or the vet clinic for correction. **Important: This may result in a processing delay, and the certificate may not be ready in time for your pet's travel.**

If your accredited veterinarian is not familiar with the certificate, you can fax it (w/ rabies cert and/or other lab reports – if required) to **310-955-3347** with your questions prior to come in person for formal endorsement. Please remember to call us after faxing to ensure your paper work is complete (give us adequate time to review).

Additionally, most health certificates now require supporting rabies vaccine certificates, and some countries require additional rabies titer test and/or other vaccination - **all such documents need to be submitted along with the certificate for endorsement** (Rabies certificate in original copy if possible with your veterinarian's signature, **rabies titer report has to be original – with sticker** or faxed directly from the lab).

Endorsement fee is:

***\$38.00 for countries that do not require a titer test (Note: this is a per certificate charge) – for multiple certificates by the same owner we charge appropriate multiple of \$38.00 fees**

****\$121 for countries that require 1 to 2 tests or vaccination; and each additional pet with the same owner is \$7.00 (the \$7.00 charge applies regardless if the additional pets are in the same or different certificate)**

We accept credit cards, checks and money orders. Checks and money orders should be made payable to the USDA.

The suggested time frame for completing the veterinary health certificate is 10 days prior to your travel date. Most airlines require that health certificates be completed no more than 10 days prior to travel. Please call your specific airline for these details.

The recommended pet health certificate is APHIS form 7001 unless otherwise specified by the importing country (<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/library/forms/pdf/APHIS7001.pdf>)

For export certificates that require lab reportUSDA/APHIS/VS office is required to verify lab results, accredited veterinarian can expedite this by requesting the lab report to be faxed from lab to this office directly (which should coincide with the arrival of the certificate which endorsement is request). All photocopies of lab report must be verified before endorsement of certificate.

Accredited*- call us (310) 955-3311 with a name if you are not sure if your vet is **accredited***