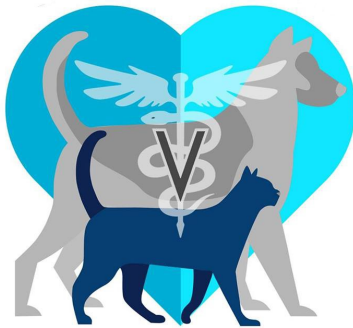




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Traveling to the United States of America with Pets



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Additional Information:

- Please keep in mind that your method of travel may have separate and additional requirements. Check with your airline or ship to determine what requirements they may have, if any.
- *These regulations apply to all pets including Service Animals and Emotional Support Animals.*

When travelling with your pet(s), there may be animal health requirements specific for that destination. **As soon as you know your travel details, contact your local veterinarian to assist with the pet travel process.**

Other factors to consider while traveling:

Breed restrictions, Age restriction, Appropriate kennel size, Airline requirements, Pre-notification and/or consulate approval to specific country, On-base housing pet requirements/restrictions, etc.

Helpful Resources:

For the most up to date information on pet travel to the UNITED STATES please visit the following websites:

⇒ <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/pet-travel>

⇒ <https://www.cdc.gov/importation/bringing-an-animal-into-the-united-states/index.html>

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Your Pet's Checklist for Traveling to the States:

- ⇒ Proof of an up to date Rabies Vaccine
- ⇒ Your pet must be microchipped
- ⇒ A Health Certificate (required to enter the United States)
- ⇒ An Acclimation Letter (This must be obtained from your vet if your pet will be traveling in cabin or cargo)

Important Information:

- It is the responsibility of the pet owner to make sure their pet has met the entry requirements of the U.S. Failure to meet these import requirements will result in problems upon arrival in the U.S.
- U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has certain requirements that must be met before a pet can be admitted entry into the United States.
- A proof of current rabies vaccination is required. (I.e. Rabies Certificate issued by an on base vet clinic or an Official EU Pet Passport issued by a licensed off base vet.)
 - Pets must be at least 12 weeks old to receive the rabies vaccine.

If this is your pet's first rabies vaccine your pet must wait 28 days prior to travel to allow the vaccine to take effect.

- You must ensure that your pet has been microchipped. Any brand/type of microchip works. (Preferably with a 15 digit ISO Microchip.)

- Health Certificates are required for all pets entering the United States and are only valid for 10 days after being issued.
- Appointments must be made with your vet well in advanced to ensure your pet can be seen at the appropriate time.
- Additional information about bringing a pet into a **specific state** can be found on that state's Department of Agriculture's website:

[<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/pet-travel>]

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responsibility to ensure all
proper documentation and
requirements are obtained
and accurate!**