

Import requirements United States of America

Please note that the information is up to date but since the rules and regulations are subject to change, we advise you to always check with your veterinarian for the latest information and/or contact the appropriate authorities for your destination

With the exception of pets entering the state of Hawaii, there is no quarantine for pets arriving in the US from overseas at this time.

Requirements for Dogs and Cats

1) International Health Certificate

Within 10 days of departure your vet will need to issue an International Health Certificate as required by all airlines. This certificate states that your pet is in good health and OK to fly.

2) Rabies Vaccination & Certificate

In general, it is required that dogs be vaccinated against rabies at least 30 days prior to entry, except for puppies younger than 3 months and dogs originated or located for 6 months in areas considered to be free of rabies. Dogs and cats coming from areas not free of rabies must be accompanied by a valid rabies vaccination certificate. If a vaccination has not been performed, or if the certificate is not valid, the animal may be admitted if it is confined immediately upon arrival at a place of the owner's choosing. The dog must be vaccinated within four days after arrival at the final destination, but no more than 10 days after arrival at the port of entry. The animal must remain in confinement for at least 30 days after being vaccinated.

3) APHIS VS requirements for all dogs imported or returning from countries affected with screwworm

Pet and other types of dogs (commercial, breeding, etc.) that are returning, and/or are presented for US entry, from countries or regions where screwworm is known to exist, may enter the US if they meet the following requirements:

- The dog must be accompanied by a certificate signed by a full-time salaried veterinary official of the region of origin stating that the dog has been inspected for screwworm within 5 days prior to shipment to the United States.
- The certificate must state that the dog is either free from screwworm or was found to be infested with screwworm and was held in quarantine and treated until free from screwworm prior to leaving the region.

All cats and dogs are subject to inspection at ports of entry for evidence of infectious diseases that can be transmitted to humans.

Note: On the day of travelling, make sure that all documents are attached to your pet's travel kennel and make sure you have at least one copy of all the documents.