

Pet Travel Requirements: Domestic & International

Traveling with your pet—whether within the U.S. or abroad—requires careful planning to meet specific health and documentation requirements. Below is a general overview of what may be required:

Required Animal Health Documents

- **Health Certificate for Domestic Travel**
Issued by a licensed veterinarian to confirm your pet is healthy and fit for travel within the U.S.
- **International Health Certificate**
Required for international travel; the type of certificate depends on your destination country.
- **Import Permit**
Some countries require an official import permit for pet entry.
- **Rabies Vaccination Certificate**
Proof of current rabies vaccination, often a strict requirement for entry.

Additional Requirements

- **Microchipping**
ISO-compliant microchipping is often required, sometimes before administering certain vaccines.
- **Vaccinations**
Rabies and other vaccinations must be current. In some cases, they must be administered after microchipping.
- **Rabies Titer Testing**
Some countries require rabies titer testing to confirm vaccine efficacy. This must typically be done no less than 180 days and no more than 1 year before travel.
- **Anti-Parasitic Treatments**
International travel may increase the risk of exposure to exotic parasites. Your pet may need protection against parasites not common in their home country.
- **Quarantine**
Depending on the destination, pets may be subject to quarantine upon arrival.

Helpful links

- [CDC Dog Import Requirements & Forms \(for high-risk countries\)](#)
- [Take a Pet from One U.S. State or Territory to Another](#)
- [Take a Pet From the United States to Another Country \(Export\) | Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service](#)

We highly recommend that pet owners work with a specialized pet travel agent. In some cases, we may require it due to the complexity involved in preparing the health certificate.