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# Take a Pet From the United States to Another Country (Export)

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Traveling with a pet in a foreign country can be complex and time-consuming. You need to meet the destination country's specific entry requirements for pets. These may include vaccinations, tests, treatments, and a health certificate (also called an international health certificate, a veterinary health certificate, a veterinary certificate, or an export certificate). Find out what you need before you and your pet travel.

# Not all animals qualify for pet travel.

**What is considered a pet?** A pet is a privately owned companion animal not intended for research or resale and includes only certain animal groups.

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## Find out if your pet qualifies to travel

Your animal doesn't qualify for pet travel and is subject to different [import regulations](#) and [export regulations](#) if you:

- Don't see your pet listed below.
- Are exporting semen or embryos from any animal.
- Have a pet that's considered livestock or poultry, like pigs or chickens.

**The following animals qualify as pets, meaning they're subject to pet travel requirements:**

Dogs



Cats



Ferrets



Rabbits



Rodents



## Hedgehogs/Tenrecs



## Reptiles



## Amphibians



## Birds (not all types—see below)



**The following birds DON'T qualify as pets, meaning they're subject to different regulations:**

Because they may carry and transmit certain diseases to the U.S. poultry industry, these birds are regulated as poultry.

- Chickens
- Doves
- Ducks
- Geese
- Grouse
- Guinea fowl
- Partridges
- Pea fowl
- Pheasants
- Pigeons
- Quail
- Swans
- Turkeys

View [import regulations](#) and [export regulations](#) if the type of animal you have does not qualify as a pet.

## **Before You Start the Process**

### **Traveling With a Dog? Know the Latest Requirements**

# Rabies Alert

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) temporary suspension on importing dogs from high-risk rabies remains in effect through July 31, 2024. For more details, visit the [CDC](#).

Effective **August 1, 2024**, CDC has new requirements for all dogs entering or returning to the United States. See [www.cdc.gov/dogtravel](http://www.cdc.gov/dogtravel) for more information.”

If you have questions about CDC requirements, contact [CDC-INFO](#) or call them at [404-718-3660](tel:404-718-3660).

## Find a USDA-Accredited Veterinarian

With help from a [USDA-accredited veterinarian](#), you can learn more about your destination country's entry requirements for pets, including any needed vaccinations, tests, or treatments. We recommend creating a schedule to make sure you meet all requirements within the specified timeframe.

## Gather This Information for Your USDA-Accredited Veterinarian

- The type of pet traveling
- The destination country
- If applicable, countries where your pet will stop (for customs clearance or upon leaving the airport or seaport) on the way to the destination country
- The date of departure from the United States
- Whether the pet will be traveling alone, as cargo, or with a person in the cabin of the plane
- *Note: If you're traveling with a pet bird or exotic animal, you may need to work with additional agencies, such as the [U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service](#). Visit the pet travel requirements page for your destination country (see dropdown menu below).*

## Read These Resources

- [Pet Travel Guidance for Pets Traveling to Another Country From the United States](#)

- In Spanish (En Español): [Guía de viaje para mascotas que viajan a otro país desde Estados Unidos](#)
- In Chinese (简体中文)
- [Frequently Asked Questions About Traveling With Your Pet](#)

## Where Are You Traveling With Your Pet?

Your destination country sets the entry requirements for pets, which can change at any time. **You must verify the country requirements every time you plan to travel with your pet.**

### Find Your Destination Country Requirements

If your country is not listed in the menu, visit [Pet Travel: Unknown Requirements](#).

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