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Pet Travel From the United States to French Guyana

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Travel Requirements Based on Pet Type

Carefully read ALL of the requirements related to your pet on this page.

- This page provides the most recent entry requirements and can change without notice.
- It is the responsibility of the veterinarian to make sure the pet has met all health requirements of the destination country before issuing a health certificate.
- Failure to meet the requirements may result in problems gaining certificate endorsement or difficulties upon arrival in the destination country.
- Health certificates must be legible, accurate, and complete.

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Dogs and Cats

- An APHIS endorsed international health certificate is not required.

- Dogs and cats must be vaccinated against rabies and must travel to French Guyana with a valid rabies vaccination certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian.
- The rabies vaccination must be given either:
 - Within 30 days of travel for adult animals that did not have a lapse in their rabies vaccine coverage; or
 - More than 30 days before travel for adult animals that had a lapse between rabies booster vaccinations; or
 - More than 30 days before travel for animals vaccinated for the first time prior to travel;
- Each family is limited to **three** animals.
 - Of the three animals, only **one** can be a puppy or kitten under 6 months of age;
- If your dog or cat cannot meet the conditions above, please contact [French Guyana](#) offices to determine if the pet is eligible to travel.

Birds

- An APHIS endorsed international health certificate is not required.
- Pet birds must travel with the following documents:
 - A health certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian.
 - No specific health certificate format is required.
 - A written and signed statement from the pet bird owner stating they will not sell the bird(s). The pet bird owner is responsible for providing this document.
- Each family is limited to **two** birds for psittacine species (parrots) and **ten** birds for small species.

Reptiles

- Pet reptiles must travel with a health certificate issued by a USDA Accredited Veterinarian within 5 days of departure from the U.S.
 - APHIS endorsement of the health certificate is not required.

- Each family is limited to **two** reptiles;
- The animals are not to be sold under any circumstances;

[Health certificate for reptiles](#)

Rabbits

- Pet rabbits must travel with a health certificate issued by a USDA Accredited Veterinarian within 5 days of departure from the U.S.
 - APHIS endorsement of the health certificate is not required
- The rabbits must have resided in the United States for at least 21 consecutive days immediately prior to issuance of the certificate.
- Each family is limited to **three** rabbits.

[Health certificate for Rabbits](#)

Rodents

- Rodents include, but are not limited to: mice, rats, hamsters, gerbils, and guinea pigs.
- Pet rodents must travel with a health certificate issued by a USDA Accredited Veterinarian within 5 days of departure from the U.S.
 - APHIS endorsement of the health certificate is not required
- The animals must have resided in the United States for at least 21 consecutive days immediately prior to issuance of the certificate.
- Each family is limited to three rodents.

[Health certificate for Rodents](#)

Other Pets

For pet travel requirements not listed, APHIS has not been officially informed by the foreign country about the requirements for your pet's travel. We recommend that you contact a government official of the country you are traveling to for more information.

Country of Destination Contact Information

[World Organisation for Animal Health: Members](#)

[U.S. Department of State: Foreign Embassies and Consulates](#)

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Countries Participating in the European Union

Austria

Belgium

Bulgaria

Croatia

Cyprus

Czech Republic

Denmark

Estonia

Finland

France

Germany

Greece

Hungary

Republic of Ireland

Italy

Latvia

Lithuania
Luxembourg
Malta
Netherlands
Northern Ireland*
Norway**
Poland
Portugal

Romania
Slovakia
Slovenia
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland**

* Northern Ireland is part of the United Kingdom (UK), but will continue to follow European Union (EU) requirements even though the UK is no longer part of the EU.

** Norway and Switzerland are **not** part of the EU but have adopted EU legislation for import of most species of live animals.

Important Travel Considerations

Considerations for airline travel and cruises:



Airlines and shipping lines have their own policies and requirements for transporting pets. Check with your airline or shipping representative to determine what requirements they may have.

[Learn how you can improve the safety of dogs and cats during air travel.](#)

[View additional information for pet owners, airlines, and others about APHIS endorsement of international health certificates](#) (239.52 KB).

If pets or support animals accompany you on a cruise, you must comply with entry rules for **every** country or port where your pet or support animal exits the ship.

Will you be returning to the United States with your pet?



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ALERT: If you're traveling with a dog, be aware that the [CDC has additional requirements for bringing a dog into the United States](#). You must follow CDC's requirements, or your dog will not be allowed to enter the United States.

If you are transiting (passing through) the European Union:



If your pet is traveling through (transiting) a country in the European Union (EU) on the way to a third, non-EU country, you will also need a transit health certificate for your pet for the EU. The transit health certificate will be the same as if your pet's final destination was the EU country. Use the information and steps above under "Travel Requirements Based on Pet Type" to determine which health certificate should be used. [View a list of EU countries](#).

Need Help?

[Guidance for Pet Owners](#)

[Read an overview of the process for taking your pet to another country and related resources.](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[View frequently asked questions about traveling with your pet.](#)

Still Have Questions?

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USDA-Accredited Veterinarians

Contact a USDA-accredited veterinarian for questions about your destination country's entry requirements for pets (including any needed vaccinations, tests, or treatments) and for issuance of health certificates.

[Find a USDA-Accredited Veterinarian](#)

USDA Endorsement Offices

Contact your nearest APHIS Veterinary Export Trade Services Endorsement Office for questions about endorsing a health certificate for pets.

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Looking for Another Country?

Find your destination country requirements by using the dropdown menu below. If your country is not listed in the menu, visit [Pet Travel: Unknown Requirements](#).

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