

Guidance for the International Travel of Companion Animals
from Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia and West Virginia

This information does NOT apply to offices in any other states

Please visit our website to obtain detailed information on international export regulations for companion animals, including requirements for bringing your companion animal back into the US:

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/pettravel>

If endorsement of your pet's health certificate by USDA APHIS Veterinary Services is required by the importing country, submit the health certificate to the office serving your state. Certificates should be mailed (overnight express courier is recommended) or, alternatively, presented in person by scheduling an appointment. ***Walk-ins are not accepted.*** However, a certificate can be dropped off for endorsement without an appointment.

(See office locations towards the end of this document.)

Certificates are generally processed and returned within 24 hours on business days if there are no serious errors/omissions or other problems.

Essential documentation to include with your submission:

- Rabies vaccination certificate for any rabies vaccination documented on the health certificate.
- Test results for other laboratory tests, when required (e.g. rabies titer test).
- Import permit (if required).
- Payment (see Endorsement Fee section).
- **PRE-PAID** return label (see Instructions for submitting by FedEx, UPS, or USPS).
- Pet Export Checklist (see last page of this document).

Endorsement Fee:

- If no required laboratory test results to review: \$38.00 per certificate.
- If 1 - 2 required laboratory tests results to review: \$121.00 for the first animal and \$7.00 for each additional animal ***on the SAME certificate or in circumstances where the importing country requires an individual certificate per pet.***
- If 3 - 6 required laboratory tests results to review: \$150.00 for the first animal and \$12.00 for each additional animal ***on the SAME certificate or in circumstances where the importing country requires an individual certificate per pet.***

Acceptable payment methods: Check or money order made payable to the USDA.

We do not charge an endorsement fee for service animals and active military working dogs. For service animals, we do require documentation from an authority declaring the animal as being a service animal.

We do not accept cash.



Instructions for submitting by FedEx, UPS, or USPS:

- We recommend using overnight express service to minimize delays in submitting your health certificate for endorsement and for receiving it back after endorsement. In order for the health certificate to be returned by overnight delivery, **you must provide a PRE-PAID return label with your submission. The label must be purchased and paid for. We do not accept shipping labels with credit cards on them; if you need to pay by credit card, you must have the service provider pre-enter the information on the shipping label.**
- FedEx and UPS overnight express service packages are picked up from our offices every weekday **evening**. USPS Priority and Express mail packages are picked up every weekday **morning**. Thus, **a health certificate being returned via USPS will not be picked up by USPS until the following business day.**
 - **We do not have ground service pick up at our offices.**
- We recommend using a service provider that uses a tracking number to allow the package's progress to be tracked to and from the endorsing office and to decrease the chance of the package being lost in transit. **It is your responsibility to keep a record of the tracking number.**
- Regardless of the service provider used, the **USDA office's address should not appear anywhere on your return label. Your name and address should appear in both the sender and recipient's block of the return label.**
- If a return label is not included, then we will return your package using USPS First Class Mail if we are unable to reach you to arrange for another method of return delivery.



Pet Export Checklist

USDA-APHIS- Veterinary Services, NIES Service Center 1

This checklist should be included with your other documents when you submit your health certificate(s) to us for endorsement.

OWNER/EXPORTER'S INFORMATION	
Name:	
Telephone number(s):	
Email address:	
Date of departure:	
VETERINARIAN'S INFORMATION	
Name:	
Clinic Name:	
Telephone number(s):	
Email address:	

CHECKLIST	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Export Health Certificate(s) <i>(signed and dated by your veterinarian)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rabies Vaccination Certificate
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rabies Titer Laboratory Report <i>(if applicable)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Required Test Results <i>(if applicable)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Payment Enclosed <i>(Check/money order payable to "USDA")</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prepaid Express Return Label <i>(FedEx or UPS are recommended)*</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Date of departure from the U.S. is provided above.
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****VERY IMPORTANT: YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS SHOULD APPEAR IN BOTH THE SENDER AND THE RECIPIENT'S BLOCK OF THE RETURN LABEL. The USDA address should not appear anywhere on your return label. The label must be purchased and paid for. We cannot accept a FedEx, UPS or USPS label with your credit card number listed as the payment method. If you want the return shipping charged to your credit card you will have to visit their store location or website and pre-enter the information and include the preprinted label with your materials when sent to us.***