

Guidance for 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 the USDA APHIS Pet Travel Website to obtain detailed information on traveling with your companion animal, including requirements for returning to 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 destination 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.

Certificates are generally processed and returned the day they're received as long as there's no missing or incorrect information.

Endorsement Fee:

- If no laboratory test results are required 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.***
- 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.***

Accepted payment methods: USDA credit account, check or money order made payable to the USDA, or credit card. ***We do not accept cash.***

We do not charge an endorsement fee for service animals as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, or for active military working dogs.

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 (meaning charges are incurred at purchase, not at time of pickup).** 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 charge your card before generating the label.
- FedEx, UPS and USPS overnight express service packages are picked up from our offices every weekday evening. **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.**
- **IF YOU USE FEDEX:** 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 and we are unable to reach you, then we will return your package using USPS First Class Mail.



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:	
Destination country:	
VETERINARIAN'S INFORMATION	
Name:	
Clinic Name:	
Telephone number(s):	
Email address:	

CHECKLIST

<input type="checkbox"/>	Export Health Certificate(s). <i>Make sure it is signed and dated by your veterinarian and includes the country of destination in the Consignee section.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rabies Vaccination Certificate. If rabies vaccination information (e.g., date of vaccination, date of expiration of vaccination, rabies vaccine brand name and/or manufacturer, or serial number) is recorded on the export health certificate, make sure it matches the rabies vaccination certificate's information.
<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"/>	Import permit <i>(if applicable)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Payment Enclosed <i>(APHIS credit account, check/money order payable to "USDA", or credit card information)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prepaid Express Return Label <i>(FedEx, UPS, or USPS)* Make sure to keep a record of the return tracking number. USDA cannot provide this information on an individual basis)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Date of departure from the U.S. is provided above.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Email addresses of <i>both</i> the Owner/Exporter and Veterinarian are provided above. <i>By providing this information, you ensure we can immediately notify all involved parties if problems are found with the health certificate(s).</i>

FAILURE TO PROVIDE ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION MAY RESULT IN A DELAY IN ENDORSEMENT

**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.*