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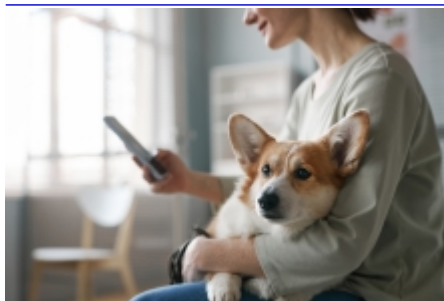
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Important Notice for Pet Owners

Health certificate endorsements may take several business days and are often completed just 1-2 days before travel. Mailing can add extra time, and incomplete paperwork may delay or prevent endorsement.

For updates, contact your [accredited veterinarian](#). They submit your documents and can track endorsement status through the Veterinary Export Health Certification System (VEHCS). Due to high volume, USDA **cannot** provide individual status updates.

Plan ahead: Have a backup plan in case your certificate isn't ready—such as leaving your pet with a caretaker or adjusting travel dates.

Other tips:

- If mailed documents are missing, contact the courier. Lost packages must be reissued through VEHCS by your veterinarian.
- Pet owners cannot submit documents to USDA offices. All submissions must be made by the veterinarian through VEHCS.

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If you're checking the status of a pet health certificate, [contact your accredited veterinarian](#). They submit your documents and can track endorsement status through the Veterinary Export Health Certification System (VEHCS). Due to high volume, USDA **cannot** provide individual status updates.

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