# Pet Travel From the United States to Aruba

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**For APHIS VMO:** Original ink endorsement REQUIRED

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**USDA must ink-sign and emboss the health certificate.**

What This Means for You

**Accredited Veterinarians:** Use the links below to access or get help with VEHCS. Learn more about how to issue export health certificates.

**Animal Owners/Shippers:** You can arrange to have your health certificate returned by mail (a prepaid, preaddressed return label must be provided during

certificate submission). The endorsed health certificate—ink-signed and embossed—must accompany the animal(s) during shipment or travel.

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## Electronic Signature and Digital Endorsement ACCEPTED

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**For APHIS VMO:** Digital endorsement ACCEPTED

USDA-accredited veterinarians can electronically issue health certificates and use VEHCS (Veterinary Export Health Certification System) to submit them to USDA for digital endorsement.

**USDA can digitally endorse the health certificate and return it electronically.**

What This Means for You

**Accredited Veterinarians:** Use the links below to access or get help with VEHCS. Learn more about how to issue export health certificates.

**Animal Owners/Shippers:** The endorsed health certificate can be printed out directly from VEHCS and does **not** have to be mailed back to you. The printed, endorsed health certificate must accompany the animal(s) during shipment or travel.

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**Digital endorsement varies by species—see requirements on this page for details.** The health certificate either bears the original ink signature and embossed seal ***or*** digital signature/seal.

What This Means for You

**Accredited Veterinarians:** Use the links below to access or get help with VEHCS. Learn more about how to issue export health certificates.

**Animal Owners/Shippers:** Digitally endorsed health certificates can be printed out directly from VEHCS. For non-digitally endorsed health certificates, you can arrange to have your health certificate returned by mail (a prepaid, preaddressed return label must be provided during certificate submission). A paper version of the endorsed health certificate must accompany the animal(s) during shipment or travel.

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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.

Expand All

# Pet Dogs and Cats

***As of October 7th, 2016, Aruba requires additional certification statements for New World Screwworm, which have been added to the health certificate available below (Step 4).***

Expand All

## STEP 1: Micro Chip

AVID brand or ISO compatible microchips are required
- If your pet has a microchip type other than an AVID or ISO compatible chip, your pet must travel with a microchip scanner capable of reading your pet's microchip

## STEP 2: Rabies Vaccination

- Pets that will be under 3 months of age at the time they travel to Aruba do not need to be vaccinated for rabies.
    - A statement reading, "too young for rabies vaccination" should be included on the health certificate.
- Pets over 3 month of age must be vaccinated against rabies and travel with a rabies vaccination certificate that contains the following information:
    - Name, lot number, and expiration date of the vaccine
    - Date of current vaccination (must be given at least 1 month prior to traveling to Aruba)
    - Name, address, phone number and signature of the veterinarian that gave the rabies vaccination

## STEP 3: Residency Requirements

- The dog/cat must have been in the United States or Aruba continuously for the 6 months preceding the date of export
  OR
- If the dog/cat is younger than 6 months, it must have been born and lived continuously in the United States at the date of export
  OR
- Written exemption from the above by the Head of the Veterinary Service of Aruba
    - The Veterinary Service of Aruba may be reached by telephone at: +297 5850400 or +297 522 4310; by FAX at: +297 5851828 or email vetservice@dvg.aw.

## STEP 4: Health Certificate

- Must be issued within 2 weeks (14 days) of arrival into Aruba by a USDA Accredited Veterinarian
- After issuance, the Health certificate will need to be endorsed (counter-signed) by an USDA Endorsement Office. We strongly recommend that USDA-accredited veterinarians use VEHCS to complete the export health certificate for submission to USDA.

Health certificate for Dogs and Cats (150.85 KB)

## STEP 5: Important Notes

- The health certificate and related documentation must be approved by the Director of the Veterinary Service of Arubabefore the animals are shipped to Aruba.
    - The Veterinary Service of Aruba may be reached by telephone at: +297 5850400 or +297 522 4310; by FAX at: +297 5851828 or email vetservice@dvg.aw.

## Pet Birds

To take your pet bird to Aruba you will need the following:

- CITES-listed birds must be bred in captivity (not wild-caught) and have a health certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian.
    - To check whether an animal is listed under CITES you can visit http://www.cites.org/ or contact the CITES Management Authority for Aruba at vetservice@dvg.aw
- In order to import pet birds into Aruba, you must have your pet bird's health certificate and related documentation approved by the Director of the Veterinary Service of Aruba before the animals are shipped to Aruba.
    - The Veterinary Service of Aruba may be reached by telephone at: +297 5850400 or +297 522 4310; by FAX at: +297 5851828 or email vetservice@dvg.aw.

## Exotic Pets (other than birds)

Requirements for sending exotic pets to Aruba:

- You will have to obtain an import permit for your exotic pet to determine what will be required for it to travel to Aruba.
    - To apply for an import permit, contact: The Veterinary Service of Aruba may be reached by telephone at: +297 5850400 or +297 522 4310; by FAX at: +297 5851828 or email vetservice@dvg.aw.
- Aruba considers the following when evaluating import permits for exotic animals that do not naturally occurring on the island:

1. The intrinsic value of the animal should not be jeopardized.
2. Public health should not be endangered in any way.
3. The risk of the animal being/becoming an invasive species must be zero.

- You must have your exotic pet's health certificate and/or related documentation approved by the Director of the Veterinary Service of Aruba before the animals are shipped to Aruba.
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## 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



# 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?



View APHIS Requirements

**ALERT:** CDC is the primary authority for dog imports. For requirements or questions about dogs entering or returning to the United States, visit the CDC website.

See More See Less

## 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?

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); issuance of health certificates; and status updates on certificate endorsement.

Find a USDA-Accredited Veterinarian

APHIS Endorsement Offices

Contact APHIS Veterinary Export Trade Services if you have questions about endorsing an international pet health certificate. For quickest help, see **tips for pet owners and accredited veterinarians.**

Generalist Team

Veterinary Export Trade Services

Email: askvets@usda.gov

Helpful Links:

- Frequently Asked Questions About Pet Travel for Accredited Veterinarians

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All Contacts

## 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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