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# Pet Travel From the United States to the Ivory Coast (Cote d'Ivoire)

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Welcome! This page will guide you through the rules and requirements for traveling internationally with your pet.

## Before You Start the Process

### Find a USDA-Accredited Veterinarian

With help from a [USDA-accredited veterinarian](#), you can learn more about your destination country's entry requirements for pets, including any needed vaccinations, tests, or treatments. We recommend creating a schedule to make sure you meet all requirements within the specified timeframe.

### Gather This Information for Your USDA-Accredited Veterinarian

- The type of pet traveling
- The destination country
- If applicable, countries where your pet will stop (for customs clearance or upon leaving the airport or seaport) on the way to the destination country
- The date of departure from the United States

- Whether the pet will be traveling alone, as cargo, or with a person in the cabin of the plane
- *Note: If you're traveling with a pet bird or exotic animal, you may need to work with additional agencies, such as the [U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service](#) (1.41 MB) and [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#).*

## Read These Resources

- [Pet Travel Guidance for Pets Traveling to Another Country From the United States](#)
  - In Spanish (En Español): [Guía de viaje para mascotas que viajan a otro país desde Estados Unidos](#)
  - In Chinese (简体中文): [宠物旅行指南](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions About Traveling With Your Pet](#)

## Travel Requirements Based on Pet Type

### Dogs and Cats

#### Import Permit

Dog and cats traveling to the Ivory Coast (Cote d'Ivoire), must have an import permit issued by the [Directorate of Veterinary Services of Cote d'Ivoire](#). Import permits are only issued AFTER there is an APHIS-endorsed health certificate. Certificates must be issued by USDA accredited veterinarians and endorsed by APHIS within 10 days of travel.

Pets must be current on rabies vaccinations.

- If the pet has only received one rabies vaccine (a primary vaccination) or if a rabies booster vaccine was given outside of the period of validity of the previous vaccination, the pet will be required to wait at least 21 days after vaccination before they travel to the Ivory Coast.

Visit the [Ivory Coast Ministry of Agriculture](#) website for more information.

#### Health Certificate

The requirements for traveling with your pet are described in the health certificate.

[Veterinary Health Certificate](#) (110.6 KB)

#### 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<sup>\*</sup>  
Norway<sup>\*\*</sup>  
Poland  
Portugal

Romania  
Slovakia  
Slovenia  
Spain  
Sweden  
Switzerland<sup>\*\*</sup>

<sup>\*</sup> 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.

<sup>\*\*</sup> 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

### 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.](#)

## Considerations for airline travel:



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.

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

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



[View the Requirements](#)

**ALERT:** Read the [CDC Notice of Temporary Suspension of Dogs Entering the United States From Countries Classified as High Risk for Dog Rabies.](#)

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