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Pet Travel From the United States to Taiwan

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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 (繁體中文): [寵物出國旅行指南](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions About Traveling With Your Pet](#)

Travel Requirements Based on Pet Type

Dogs and Cats (EXCEPT Hawaii and Guam)

1. The dog or cat to be imported shall have been at least 90 days old, implanted with a microchip, and vaccinated against rabies at least 30 days (but no more than 1 year) prior to shipment.
2. The dog/cat has been sampled not less than 90 days and not more than 1 years prior to shipment using a neutralization antibody titration test with a titer of at least 0.5 IU/ml rabies antibodies in the blood. The test has been carried out in a rabies reference laboratory of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) or a laboratory designated by the Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine (BAPHIQ) of Taiwan.*

* Kansas State Rabies Laboratory, Kansas (FAVN), or Department of Defense Laboratory, Veterinary Food Analysis and Diagnostic Laboratory, Texas (FAVN), or Auburn University, College of Veterinary Medicine, Department of Pathobiology, Virology Laboratory (FAVN)
3. The importer shall apply for an import permit and make a reservation of the post-entry quarantine space from animal quarantine authority at the port of entry at least 20 days prior to shipment by submitting the following documents:

- Veterinarian issued rabies vaccination certificate
 - Civil identification card of the importer. If the importer is not a resident and thus not registered in Taiwan, the other personal identification documents shall be provided (e.g. passport). If you are traveling with a guide dog for the visually impaired, please have your guide dog certification available
 - Rabies antibody titer test results showing a titer of at least 0.5IU/mL
4. On arrival of the dog or cat at the port of entry, the importer shall apply to the branch of [BAPHIQ](#) (animal quarantine authority) for quarantine inspection and submit the import permit, original veterinary certificate issued by a USDA Accredited Veterinarian and endorsed by USDA APHIS Veterinary Services, and bill of lading or customs declaration form. **Importing a dog or cat without an original veterinary certificate in compliance with the above noted requirements shall be refused entry, or destroyed.**
 5. When conducting the quarantine inspection, [BAPHIQ](#) (animal quarantine authority) will check the veterinary certificate and detain the dog or cat at the designated post-entry quarantine location for 7 days. During quarantine detention, the blood of the dog or cat will be sampled and tested again for rabies antibody. If the rabies antibody is under 0.5IU/mL, the dog or cat shall be revaccinated with an inactivated rabies vaccine.

[Veterinary Health Certificate](#) (29.07 KB)

Note: Taiwan will not accept health certificates generated on State health certificate forms. The use of the health certificate provided is required.

- Additional information can be found at BAPHIQ website:
<https://www.baphiq.gov.tw/en/ws.php?id=14261>

Dogs and Cats (Hawaii and Guam)

1. The dog or cat to be imported shall have been at least 90 days old, implanted with a microchip, and vaccinated against rabies at least 30 days (but no more than 1 year) prior to shipment.
2. The importer shall apply for an import permit and make a reservation of the post-entry quarantine space from animal quarantine authority at the port of entry at least 20 days prior to shipment by submitting the following documents:
 - Veterinarian issued rabies vaccination certificate

- Civil identification card of the importer. If the importer is not a resident and thus not registered in Taiwan, the other personal identification documents shall be provided (e.g. passport).
- If you are traveling with a guide dog for the visually impaired, please have your guide dog certification available

NOTE: Review the import permit thoroughly to ensure it reflects accurate information about the pet (Ex: correct gender). The veterinary health certificate and import permit must match prior to issuance and endorsement of the certificate.

3. On arrival of the dog or cat at the port of entry, the importer shall apply to the branch of [BAPHIQ](#) (animal quarantine authority) for quarantine inspection and submit the import permit, original veterinary certificate issued by a USDA Accredited Veterinarian and endorsed by USDA APHIS Veterinary Services, and bill of lading or customs declaration form. **Importing a dog or cat without an original veterinary certificate in compliance with the above noted requirements shall be refused entry, or destroyed.**
4. For re-import of the dog or cat that has been exported from Taiwan to Hawaii for less than 6 months, the importer shall apply for an import permit at least 20 days prior to shipment and submit an application and the photocopy of the export veterinary certificate of Taiwan to [BAPHIQ](#) (animal quarantine authority) at the port of entry in Taiwan. The importer shall also apply for quarantine inspection on arrival of the exporting country, which is accompanied with the re-imported dog or cat shall be in compliance with all above mentioned protocol and attest that “the dog (or cat) never traveled to a third country since it arrived in this country”.

[Veterinary Health Certificate \(Hawaii\)](#) (28.22 KB)

[Veterinary Health Certificate \(Guam\)](#) (30.51 KB)

Note: Taiwan will not accept health certificates generated on State health certificate forms. The use of the health certificate provided is required.

Additional information can be found at BAPHIQ website:

<https://www.baphiq.gov.tw/en/ws.php?id=14261>

Birds

Note: Please check Taiwan's website to verify if your state has been removed from the list of Avian Influenza free states and therefore may not currently send pet birds to Taiwan:

<https://www.baphiq.gov.tw/en/ws.php?id=21841>

Please check with your [Veterinary Export Trade Services \(VETS\) Endorsement Office](#) (103.86 KB) to receive the current health certificate and confirm the bird will be allowed entry.

The requirements for traveling with your pet are described in the health certificate. APHIS endorsement of the health certificate is required after it has been issued by a USDA Accredited Veterinarian.

Veterinary Health Certificate - Available Upon Request

Reptiles

Requirements known for tortoises only. Additional information for traveling with your pet are described in the health certificate.

[Health certificate for 4 or less tortoises](#) (36.67 KB)

[Health certificate for 5 or more tortoises](#) (111.72 KB)

Rabbits

Requirements for traveling with your pet are described in the health certificate. APHIS endorsement of the health certificate is required after it has been issued by a USDA Accredited Veterinarian.

NOTE: Rabbits of the genus *Lepus* are not allowed entry.

[Health certificate for Rabbits](#) (185.98 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^{*}
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

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](#).

Information for Accredited Veterinarians

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