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# Pet Travel From the United States to Taiwan

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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.

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### **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 (WOAH) or a laboratory designated by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Agency (APHIA) of Taiwan. \*
3. \* 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), University of Missouri Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (FAVN)
4. 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
5. On arrival of the dog or cat at the port of entry, the importer shall apply to the branch of [APHIA](#) (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.**
6. When conducting the quarantine inspection, [APHIA](#) (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.

**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 the [APHIA website](#).

## 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 [APHIA](#) (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 [APHIA](#) (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”.

Additional information can be found at [APHIA website](#)

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

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

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## 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.**

**Please check with your [Veterinary Export Trade Services \(VETS\) Endorsement Office](#) 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](#) (419.33 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.

\*\* 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?



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**ALERT:** If you're traveling with a dog, be aware that the [CDC has additional requirements for bringing a dog into the United States](#). You must follow CDC's requirements, or your dog will not be allowed to enter the United States.

### **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](#).

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## **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?**

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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) and for issuance of health certificates.

[Find a USDA-Accredited Veterinarian](#)

## USDA Endorsement Offices

Contact your nearest APHIS Veterinary Export Trade Services Endorsement Office for questions about endorsing a health certificate for pets.

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