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Pet Travel From the United States to Trinidad and Tobago

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For Accredited Veterinarians: Electronic signature **ACCEPTED**

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

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

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

For Accredited Veterinarians: Electronic signature ACCEPTED

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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Electronic Signature ACCEPTED; Digital Endorsement for SOME COMMODITIES ONLY

For Accredited Veterinarians: Electronic signature ACCEPTED

For APHIS VMO: Digital endorsement for SOME COMMODITIES ONLY

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

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.

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Dogs and Cats

General Process

1. Have your animal micro-chipped with a brand accepted by the International Standards Organization (Standard 11784 or Annex A to standard 11785 with the ISO Standard Chip prior to the animal receiving a rabies vaccination.
2. Animal must be vaccinated against rabies.
3. Animal must have a rabies blood test (FAVN or RFFIT) done at least one (1) month after vaccination. This test must be done at an approved laboratory, and Original Laboratory Results must sent directly via email by the Laboratory to the Office of the Chief Veterinary Officer at: aphmalmr@gmail.com
4. Intact dogs must be tested negative for *Brucella canis*.
5. Animals must be treated for internal and external parasites prior to export.
6. Names of all countries where the animal has resided for the six months prior to export must be provided on the health certificate.
7. Apply to the Trinidad and Tobago Office of the Chief Veterinary Officer at aphmalmr@gmail.com for an import permit at least (1) one month in advance of your planned travel date, and ensure you have an import permit prior to entry. Apply using the following application: [APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO IMPORT DOGS AND CATS](#) (227.09 KB)
8. An international health certificate must be issued by a USDA Accredited Veterinarian and endorsed by USDA within (7) days of arrival to Trinidad and Tobago. NOTE: If submitting the health certificate via the [Veterinary Export Health Certificate System \(VEHCS\)](#), you may proceed directly to VEHCS **without** downloading the form below.
[Veterinary Health Certificate](#) (359.97 KB)
9. Notify the Veterinary Officer, Quarantine, Veterinary Services, telephone (868) 693-2910 and nadcaph2013@gmail.com at least two (2) working days before the scheduled time of arrival.

For further information contact the Office of the Chief Veterinary Officer at:

80 Abercromby Street, Port of Spain
Telephone: 868-625-5997; 625-1473

Email: aphmalmr@gmail.com

Birds

To take a pet bird (including psittacine) to Trinidad and Tobago, you must receive permission from their Wildlife Division. They will issue an approval which must be brought to the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Marine office in order for an import permit to be issued.

Agricultural County Offices are open to the public every Wednesday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, except public holidays. To find out what county office is responsible for your area, call the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries at (868) 622-1221-5.

Ferrets

To take a ferret to Trinidad and Tobago, you must receive permission from their Wildlife Division. They will issue an approval which must be brought to the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Marine office in order for an import permit to be issued.

Agricultural County Offices are open to the public every Wednesday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, except public holidays. To find out what county office is responsible for your area, call the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries at (868) 622-1221-5.

Hamsters (Rodents)

To take a hamster to Trinidad and Tobago, you must receive permission from their Wildlife Division. They will issue an approval which must be brought to the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Marine office in order for an import permit to be issued.

Agricultural County Offices are open to the public every Wednesday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, except public holidays. To find out what county office is responsible for your area, call the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries at (868) 622-1221-5.

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

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: 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?

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.

For VEHCS help see the [VEHCS help page](#). Routine APHIS VEHCS processing services are staffed Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM Central Time (CT) excluding federal holidays, the time listed in VEHCS reflects GMT.

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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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