Pet Travel From the United States to Turks and Caico Islands

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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.

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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

An import permit is required for the importation of all pets into the Turks and Caicos Islands. All imports must come to an official port of entry, and all import conditions attached to a particular commodity must be satisfied before landing clearance is given. It is the importer's responsibility to verify the accuracy and completeness of all import conditions before they attempt to import commodities into the Islands.

Commodities without import permits will be returned to the country of origin.

To obtain an import permit application form, please contact the Department of Agriculture via email, fax or mail.

> **Contact Information:**
> Department of Agriculture
> Animal Health Services Division
> Butterfield Square
> 6 Parade Avenue
> Providenciales, Turks and Caicos Islands.
>
> Email: agriculture@gov.tc
> Telephone: 1.649.946.5801 - Telefax: 1.649.941.7587

To bring dogs or cats into the Turks and Caicos Islands you will need an import permit and an International Health Certificate.

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STEP 1: International Health Certificate

An International Health Certificate issued by a USDA Accredited Veterinarian and endorsed by APHIS VS is required to travel with dog or cat to the Turks and Caicos Islands.

- The health certificate must be signed in an ink color other than black
- The health certificate is valid for 10 days from the date of issue by a USDA-Accredited veterinarian. The health certificate must then be endorsed by the USDA prior to submission of the import permit application to the Turks and Caicos.

International Health Certificate (237.41 KB)

STEP 2: Import Permit

The import permit (578.16 KB) **must be sent to Turks and Caicos Islands Department of Agriculture via email, fax or mail. Please refer to contact information listed below.**

If you wish to apply for multiple-entry and re-entry permits, please contact the Turks and Caicos Department of Agriculture.

Failure to comply with the import permit will result in the animals being refused entry, held in holding, and deported within 48 hours at the owner's expense or be euthanized without recompense.

The Inspection Unit for Plant and Animal Health requires at least 48 hours' notice of confirmed arrival date, time, airline/vessel number and the designated port of entry. All relevant documents must accompany all consignments of animals which must be submitted at the port of entry.

In the event that during the course of transporting the animal to the Turks and Caicos Islands, it was trans-shipped via another country and remained there for twenty-four (24) hours and over, a veterinary certificate from the Veterinary

Authority or from the Quarantine Officer must be obtained stating that the said animals did not leave the quarantine area, noting the period of time in quarantine and the condition of the animal.

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Prohibited and Restricted Dog Breeds

The following breeds are *prohibited* from entry into the islands.

PROHIBITED BREED LIST:

- Dogo Argentino
- American Pit Bull Terrier
  American Bulldog
- American Staffordshire Terrier
- Japanese Tosa
- Perro de Presa Canario (Canary dog)
- Fila Brasiliero

RESTRICTED: Entry of the following breeds into the Turks and Caicos is restricted. Please contact the Turks and Caicos prior to travel if you plan to ship a dog on the following restricted breed list:

- Appenzeller
- Aryan Molossus
- Bandog
- Beauceron

- Belgian Mastiff
- Bull Mastiff
- Danish Broholmer
- Dogue de Bordeaux
- Great Swiss Mountain Dog
- Korean Jindo
- Kuvasz
- Leonberger
- Moscow Watchdog
- Neopolitan Mastiff
- Perro de Presa Mallorquin
- Boerboel
- Tibetan Mastiff

Other Pets

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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: 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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