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Health Certificates: Shipments WITHOUT DOGS from the U.S. to the United Kingdom/Great Britain (England, Scotland, Wales, Channel Islands and Isle of Man)

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Important!

Before choosing one of the health certificates below, *you must read United Kingdom/Great Britain (England, Scotland, Wales, Channel Islands and Isle of Man) pet travel requirements.*

NOTICE: In the UK, it's against the law to own certain types of dog**.** View prohibited dog breeds.



DO NOT USE the Health Certificates below if your shipment INCLUDES DOGS. Click here to obtain Health Certificates that include shipments with

dogs.

Five (5) or less cats and/or ferrets (NO DOGS)

Choose the option below that best fits your pet's travel plans.

Selecting the appropriate option will give you access to the required health certificate with pre-lined out statements to indicate the pet's rabies vaccination status and type of travel. If the line outs do not print, the USDA Accredited Veterinarian must manually add the line outs and initial them in pen.

Expand All

Owner traveling on the same plane as the pet(s)

Dogs must be treated for tapeworm, specifically *Echinococcus multilocularis*, by a USDA Accredited Veterinarian **between 24 and 120 hours (1 and 5 days) before** entering the UK.

The pets must arrive in the UK **within 10 days** from the date APHIS endorses the health certificate. For pets traveling to the UK by sea, the 10 days is extended by the duration of sea travel.

Pets 15 weeks of age or older whose rabies vaccination was given more than 21 days before arriving in the UK, OR pets 1 year of age or older who have been continuously vaccinated for rabies since receiving their primary rabies vaccination will complete the certificate below.

Veterinary Health Certificate for Cats and/or Ferrets 15 weeks of age or older (non-commercial) (265.94 KB)

IMPORTANT: Please read rabies vaccine and other requirements.

Entering the UK through London Heathrow? Have your paperwork pre-checked by

Heathrow Animal Reception Center (194.33 KB) prior to APHIS endorsement.

NOTICE: Pets less than 15 weeks old that were either 1) not vaccinated for rabies or 2) vaccinated for rabies less than 21 days prior to entry into the EU are **NOT ALLOWED.**

Designated person* traveling on the same plane as the pet(s)

**Designated person is a family member, friend, or other person authorized by the owner to travel with the pets.*

Dogs must be treated for tapeworm, specifically *Echinococcus multilocularis*, by a USDA Accredited Veterinarian **between 24 and 120 hours (1 and 5 days) before** entering the UK.

The pets must arrive in the UK **within 10 days** from the date APHIS endorses the health certificate. For pets traveling to the UK by sea, the 10 days is extended by the duration of sea travel.

Pets 15 weeks of age or older whose rabies vaccination was given more than 21 days before arriving in the UK, OR pets 1 year of age or older who have been continuously vaccinated for rabies since receiving their primary rabies vaccination will complete the certificate below.

Veterinary Health Certificate for Cats and/or Ferrets 15 weeks of age or older (non-commercial) (265.82 KB)

IMPORTANT: Please read rabies vaccine and other requirements.

Entering the UK through London Heathrow? Have your paperwork pre-checked by Heathrow Animal Reception Center (194.33 KB) prior to APHIS endorsement.

NOTICE: Pets less than 15 weeks old that were either 1) not vaccinated for rabies or 2) vaccinated for rabies less than 21 days prior to entry into the EU are **NOT ALLOWED.**

Pet Transport Company or Airline Cargo is solely responsible for shipping the pet AND the owner or designated person* has traveled or will travel within 5 days of the pet(s)

**Designated person is a family member, friend, or other person authorized by the owner to travel with the pets.*

Dogs must be treated for tapeworm, specifically *Echinococcus multilocularis*, by a USDA Accredited Veterinarian **between 24 and 120 hours (1 and 5 days) before** entering the UK.

The pets must arrive in the UK **within 10 days** from the date APHIS endorses the health certificate. For pets traveling to the UK by sea, the 10 days is extended by the duration of sea travel.

Pets 15 weeks of age or older whose rabies vaccination was given more than 21 days before arriving in the UK, OR pets 1 year of age or older who have been continuously vaccinated for rabies since receiving their primary rabies vaccination will complete the certificate below.

Veterinary Health Certificate for Cats and/or Ferrets 15 weeks of age or older (non-commercial) (268.78 KB)

IMPORTANT: Please read rabies vaccine and other requirements.

Entering the UK through London Heathrow? Have your paperwork pre-checked by Heathrow Animal Reception Center (194.33 KB) prior to APHIS endorsement.

NOTICE: Pets less than 15 weeks old that were either 1) not vaccinated for rabies or 2) vaccinated for rabies less than 21 days prior to entry into the EU are **NOT ALLOWED.**

Neither the owner nor a designated person* is traveling within 5 days of the pet(s)

**Designated person is a family member, friend, or other person authorized by the owner to travel with the pets.*

Notice: Commercial health certificates require pets to be inspected by the accredited veterinarian within **48 hours** from the time of departure. Please discuss your travel logistics with your veterinarian and plan accordingly.

Accredited Veterinarians Notice: For proper triage of **commercial** EU/UK certificates, Dogs and Cats, Dogs only, and Cats only commodities are now available for all EU/UK countries on VEHCS. Please select these commodities as appropriate when submitting commercial certificates to EU/UK countries.

Pets 15 weeks of age or older whose rabies vaccination was given more than 21 days before arriving in the UK, OR pets 1 year of age or older who have been continuously vaccinated for rabies since receiving their primary rabies vaccination will complete the certificate below.

Veterinary Health Certificate for Cats and/or Ferrets 15 weeks of age or older (commercial)

IMPORTANT: Please read rabies vaccine and other requirements.

NOTICE: Pets less than 15 weeks old that were either 1) not vaccinated for rabies or 2) vaccinated for rabies less than 21 days prior to entry into the EU are **NOT ALLOWED.**

Six (6) or more cats and/or ferrets (NO DOGS)

Choose the option below that best fits your pet's travel plans.

Selecting the appropriate option will give you access to the required health certificate with pre-lined out statements to indicate the pet's rabies vaccination status and type of travel. If the line outs do not print, the USDA Accredited Veterinarian must manually add the line outs and initial them in pen.

Expand All

Pets less than 15 weeks old

NOTICE: Pets less than 15 weeks old that were either 1) not vaccinated for rabies or 2) vaccinated for rabies less than 21 days prior to entry into the EU are **NOT ALLOWED.**

Pets 15 weeks of age or older

Dogs must be treated for tapeworm, specifically *Echinococcus multilocularis*, by a USDA Accredited Veterinarian **between 24 and 120 hours (1 and 5 days) before** entering the UK.

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Pets 15 weeks of age or older whose rabies vaccination was given more than 21 days before arriving in the UK, OR pets 1 year of age or older who have been continuously vaccinated for rabies since receiving their primary rabies vaccination

will complete the certificate below.

Veterinary Health Certificate for Cats and/or Ferrets 15 weeks of age or older (commercial)

IMPORTANT: Please read rabies vaccine and other requirements.

NOTICE: Pets less than 15 weeks old that were either 1) not vaccinated for rabies or 2) vaccinated for rabies less than 21 days prior to entry into the EU are **NOT ALLOWED.**

Pets more than 6 months old traveling to participate in competitions, exhibitions or sporting events

Dogs must be treated for tapeworm, specifically *Echinococcus multilocularis*, by a USDA Accredited Veterinarian **between 24 and 120 hours (1 and 5 days) before** entering the UK.

Choose the health certificate below based on the travel situation.

Written documentation of the receipt of entry to the event may need to be provided at the time of entry into the UK.

The pets must arrive in the UK **within 10 days** from the date APHIS endorses the health certificate. For pets traveling to the UK by sea, the 10 days is extended by the duration of sea travel.

Pets 6 months of age or older whose rabies vaccination was given more than 21 days before arriving in the UK, OR pets 1 year of age or older who have been continuously vaccinated for rabies since receiving their primary rabies vaccination will complete the certificate below.

Owner traveling on the same plane as the pets

Veterinary Health certificate for Cats and/or Ferrets (non-commercial) (293.63 KB)

Designated Person* traveling on the same plane as the pets

Veterinary Health certificate for Cats and/or Ferrets (non-commercial) (265.68 KB)

Pet Transport or Airline Cargo is solely responsible for shipping the pets AND the owner or designated person* has traveled or will travel WITHIN 5 DAYS of the pets

Veterinary Health Certificate for Cats and/or Ferrets (non-commercial) (268.47 KB)

**Designated person is a family member, friend, or other person authorized by the owner to travel with the pets.*

IMPORTANT: Please read rabies vaccine and other requirements.

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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.

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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); 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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