

**INFORMATION FOR TRAVELING WITH PETS (CATS/DOGS) TO  
MAINLAND CHINA**

Items	No.	Requirements	Yes(√) or No(×)
Documents	1	<p><b>Proof of rabies vaccination:</b>            Pets must have a certificate showing they have been vaccinated against rabies within one year and at least 30 days prior to entry into China. Pets under 3 months of age are exempt from the rabies vaccination.</p> <p>The proof of rabies vaccination (or rabies vaccination certificate) will be retained by the Chinese quarantine officials at the entry.</p> <p>Have photocopies with you as they may be requested.</p>	
	2	<p><b>International Health Certificate:</b>            International Health Certificate (APHIS form 7001) issued by a USDA-accredited veterinarian and endorsed by the USDA.</p> <p>Only one pet can accompany the traveler and the travelers name must be on the export health certificate. In addition, each animal needs its own health certificate, so multiple pets can not be on the same APHIS 7001.</p> <p>Upon arrival into China, the health certificate should be valid; usually a certificate issued by the United States is valid for 30 days. If the validity period is not indicated on the health certificate, it must be issued within two weeks prior to your entry date into China.</p> <p>It should include name of pet, type of pet (dog/cat and breed), age, weight (and height for dogs), sex, plus a general declaration that the pet is vaccinated and in good health.</p> <p>Make sure that the name of the owner of the pets which appears on the health certificate matches the name on your passport.</p>	

		Have photocopies with you as they may be requested.	
	3	A copy of your passport (one passport per pet).	
	4	A photograph of your pet (a digital photo printed on regular paper is adequate). For large dogs it is best to have something in the photo to be able to judge the size.	
Transport	5	<p>Check with your intended airline as to what their rates are and their current regulations for the transport of pets. It is important to use an airline-approved pet carrier. Ensure that you make a reservation for your pet, as space in the appropriate section of the hold is usually limited. It's best to ensure that conditions in the hold are suitable, especially if you are not familiar with the airline. Some airlines also allow small pets to travel with you in the cabin, but there is still a charge for this. Many airlines charge a fixed rate for transporting a pet in the hold as long as the owner is also on board.</p> <p>Be aware of restrictions concerning the temperature. Many airlines will not allow a pet in the hold if it is too cold or too hot (85°F) at the airport of departure or destination. Speak with your airline representative for specifics.</p> <p>Re-confirm your flight arrangements the day before you leave to ensure there have been no unexpected flight changes.</p>	
Customs and quarantine	6	<p>On arrival you should take your pet, fees (about RMB 150 per animal), and certificates to the animal and plant quarantine office (CIQ) at the airport. NOTE: Beijing Capital Airport Terminal 3, near the exit, you could inquiry the ground service staff upon arrival. The phone number is (86 10) 6459-0718.</p> <p>The officials will keep the original rabies vaccination certificate and international health certificate.</p> <p>If you are not using an agent then ask your airline to notify customs in advance that you will be arriving with your pet to ensure that there is someone at the CIQ office, usually there are CIQ staff on duty. Your pets require a 30-day quarantine in the Beijing (or other arrival city) CIQ</p>	

	<p>designated facility. The rate is approximately 1000RMB (cost in September 2008) for each pet (dog or cat), an extra charge of 100RMB/day for extension period.</p> <p>During quarantine, if clinical symptoms were observed, pets are required to have a physical examination done. The examination includes a clinical examination and a laboratory examination (blood examination, parasite examination, and a serological test for rabies and for dog rapid antigen tests for canine distemper, parvovirus and coronavirus are required, for cats rapid antigen tests for feline distemper, peritonitis and feline leucopenia are required). The antibody titer for rabies is required to be above 0.5 IU. If the owner provides test results within the efficacy period of rabies vaccination (within one year) from an authoritative laboratory (it should be a lab authorized by USDA, and certificate is needed in this case), serological test for rabies could be exempted. The pets will be released only after passing the tests.</p> <p>NOTE: If the US traveler holds a diplomatic passport then a home quarantine is permitted. Pets are required to have a physical examination done in the CIQ designated pet hospital within 7 days of arrival in China. [In Beijing, it is the Beijing Pet Animal Hospital (also called the Beijing Guan Shang Animal Hospital). The address is: No.7, Beisanhuan zhonglu, Xicheng District, Beijing, 100101 (#7 North Third Ring Middle Road. It is approximately 300 meters West of An Hua Qiao, on the North side of the street.) Tel: (8610) 6237-1359, 6204-9631, 6204-9742, Fax: 6204-9742, <a href="http://www.chinapet.com.cn">http://www.chinapet.com.cn</a>). If you are arriving in other cities, please contact the local Entry /Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau (CIQ) for detailed information.] The examination includes a clinical examination and a laboratory examination (blood examination, parasite examination, and a serological test for rabies and for dog rapid antigen tests for canine distemper, parvovirus and corona virus, for cats also include rapid antigen tests for feline distemper, peritonitis and feline leucopenia). The antibody titer for rabies is required to be above 0.5 IU. If the owner provides test results within the efficacy period of rabies vaccination (within one year) from an authoritative laboratory (it should be a lab authorized by USDA, and certificate is needed), serological testing for rabies could be exempted. The cost in China is approximately 500RMB (cost in September 2008).</p>	
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<p>Registration of your pet dog</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>Regulations state dogs need to be registered, with the local police of your place of residence, within one month upon arrival. You need to contact the local police office for further information on registration of pets where you are going to stay.</p> <p>Local cities inconsistently mandate to have dogs registered with the police stations. We recommend checking with local officials, due to risk of rabies control measures. When rabies cases are detected, some local governments might order all pet animals within a radius of 5km destroyed.</p>	