

What you need to do to take your pet overseas

Do not use whiteout on certificate(s)

Due to high call volume, it is imperative that we limit our time providing information over the phone when this information is readily available on the internet.

International health certificates for the export of animals from the United States are completed by your local veterinarian (USDA accredited*) who certifies your pet's health status, conducts tests, and records test results. Completed and signed international health certificates must be endorsed by your local Veterinary Services Area Office (address on the margin) in order to be valid.

The pet export requirement is available on [International pet travel](#) link. If the requirement is still unclear after consulting this link, please call the embassy/consulate or ministry in the destination country. Foreign consulate information may be found at <http://www.state.gov/s/cpr/rls/fco/>. Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the pet owner to ascertain and to comply with all requirements of the foreign government for pet travel. Please bear in mind these requirements are established by the importing country, not the United States.

It is **your accredited* veterinarian's** responsibility to ensure that your pet's international health certificate is complete and accurate. Incomplete or inaccurate certificates will be sent back to you and/or your veterinarian for correction. **Important: This will result in a processing delay, and the certificate may not be ready in time for your pet's travel.**

If your accredited veterinarian still has questions with the certificate after reviewing the IREGS, have them call the USDA Area Office in Sacramento at 916-854-3960 or email (sacanimalexport@aphis.usda.gov) with their questions prior to submitting the certificate for endorsement.

Additionally, most health certificates require proof of rabies vaccination, and some countries require rabies titer test and/or other vaccinations - **all supporting documents need to be submitted along with the certificate for endorsement.** (Original rabies vaccination certificate with the veterinarian's signature, if possible, and the original **rabies titer test report (with sticker)** or faxed directly from the diagnostic lab***).

Endorsement fee is:

****\$38.00 for countries that do not require a titer test (Note: this is a per certificate charge) – for multiple certificates by the same owner we charge appropriate multiple of \$38.00 fees.**

****\$121.00 for countries that require 1 to 2 tests; for multiple certificates by the same owner we charge appropriate \$121.00 fee for each certificate. (A \$7.00 charge applies if additional pets are in the same certificate i.e. \$121.00 + \$7.00)**

****\$150.00 for countries that require 3 to 6 tests; for multiple certificates by the same owner we charge appropriate \$150.00 fee for each certificate. (A \$12.00 charge applies if additional pets are in the same certificate i.e. \$150.00 + \$12.00)**

****\$173.00 for countries that require 7 +plus tests; for multiple certificates by the same owner we charge appropriate \$173.00 fee for each certificate. (A \$14.00 charge applies if additional pets are in the same certificate i.e. \$173.00 + \$14.00)**

We accept credit cards, checks and money orders. Checks and money orders should be made payable to the USDA.

The suggested time frame for completing the veterinary health certificate is 10 days prior to your travel date. Most airlines require that health certificates be completed no more than 10 days prior to travel. Please call your specific airline for these details.

The recommended pet health certificate is available on [International pet travel](#) link. If no certificate is available on this link, then the recommended form is **APHIS Form 7001** unless otherwise specified by the importing country (<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/library/forms/pdf/APHIS7001.pdf>)

For export certificates that require lab reportUSDA/APHIS/VS office is required to verify lab results. The accredited veterinarian can expedite this by requesting the lab report to be faxed from lab to this office directly (which should coincide with the arrival of the certificate in Sacramento for endorsement). All photocopies of lab reports will be verified before endorsement of certificate.

***Accredited*-- To verify vet accreditation, call (916)-854-3950 with the first and last name of your veterinarian.**

Additional information for submitting via USPS/UPS/FedEx:

Please send the original certificates with all supporting documents to the Sacramento Area Office, address above. If paying with credit card, provide your Credit Card Number, expiration date and CVS number from the back of the card. In order to ensure timely return of your documents, include a self-addressed, prepaid return Airway Bill with a valid UPS or FedEx account number. **Important: Prepaid return over-night Airway Bills must be arranged and purchased through the courier service directly. The return Airway Bill could only be accepted if the Sender Address box shows the address of pet owner or vet clinic (i.e. the return Airway Bills cannot show any connection to USDA or a USDA employee). The Sacramento Area office will not accept Airway Bills listing a credit card number or showing the USDA address anywhere. These will be rejected and will result in documents being returned via regular mail (USPS).** The processing time for certificates submitted via USPS or

UPS/FedEx is 48 hours (two working days) if certificates are in order and free of errors. For example, if you send us a certificate via FedEx on a Monday, and all requirements of the importing country are met, it will be endorsed and returned to you by Thursday (provided a prepaid return FedEx overnight Airway Bill is enclosed). As noted previously, incomplete or inaccurate certificates will be sent back to the owner and/or the veterinary clinic for corrections. **This will result in a processing delay, and the certificate may not be ready in time for your pet's travel.**

**USDA-APHIS-Veterinary Services
Export Service Office**

**10365 Old Placerville Road, Suite 210
Sacramento, CA 95827**

Phone: 916-854-3960



Fax: 916-363-1125 or 916-363-3859

Accept mail-in and walk-in endorsement request from 9AM to 3PM, Monday through Friday except holidays. No appointment is necessary.