

International Health Certificate Information

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READ ALL INFORMATION CAREFULLY!

Attached to this same email is a form that you will need to either print, fill out, and return in person or by email, or complete the fillable PDF form that can be accessed via the link on the top of the form. **This form must be returned to our office NO LATER THAN ONE WEEK PRIOR your appointment. If you do not have all information currently (i.e., exact travel date), please complete as much of the form as possible.** Kindly confirm that we received it if emailed.

Plan on your appointment taking 60-90 minutes, depending on the requirements and complexity of the Health Certificate of the country to which you are traveling.

You will need to wait while we input information and upload or fill out certificates in case we have questions, and to have you check all information on the certificate for accuracy. Having all necessary information prior to your appointment will help to expedite the process.

Depending on the country, we may be able to transmit your documents electronically. If submitted electronically, we will contact you once the endorsement is complete and will have you pick up your copy of the original electronically-endorsed certificate that you will need for travel.

If the country you are traveling to does not accept electronic certificates your documents need to be sent via FedEx or UPS overnight to the USDA APHIS VS office in Albany, NY (shipping instructions below). The USDA veterinarian will check over the documents for errors and “endorse” (approve and sign) the certificate if everything is correct. If there are mistakes, most can be corrected over the phone by the accredited veterinarian at MountainView.

Please read all information relevant to the country to which you will be traveling prior to making an appointment for the examination and certificate. Please visit:

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/pet-travel>

Click on the dropdown menu to find the country and review the requirements. Often they have strict time lines for Rabies vaccinations, microchip implantation and tapeworm treatment.

It is YOUR responsibility to make sure you allow enough time for these requirements in order to be compliant for travel.

Keep in mind that the certificate is NOT COMPLETE yet when leaving our office. It must be sent via FedEx/UPS/USPS overnight to the APHIS office in Albany, NY (instructions below). We recommend FedEx as they have been reliable for tight timelines.

Remember to check with your airline to confirm any additional requirements needed for your pet to travel.

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Instructions for Endorsement by USDA Veterinarian

Once your pet has been examined and you have provided all the required information, the USDA accredited veterinarian here at MountainView Veterinary Hospital will give you the ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE plus a copy for you to keep. If your forms are not able to be sent electronically, the original will need to be sent to the APHIS office as explained below. If the country you are traveling to allows electronic certificate endorsement, we will provide this service to you for a fee.

NOTICE: Customers located in **New Jersey** are requested to contact the APHIS VS Service Center located in **Albany, New York** for assistance.

Endorsement services offered via FedEx/UPS/US Mail to this address:

USDA, APHIS, VS, Veterinary Export Trade Services
500 New Karner Road, 2nd Floor
Albany, New York 12205

518-218-7540

VSPSNY@usda.gov
[State-Specific Guidance Handout for International Pet Travel](#)

Include the following items when mailing/coming in for endorsement:

- **ORIGINAL** health certificate or document. The health certificate **MUST** be completed, signed and dated by a USDA accredited veterinarian.
- Rabies vaccination certificate
- Import permit and test results (if required by importing country)
- Payment for endorsement services
 - Payment types accepted: User Fee Account, check, money order, credit/debit card
 - [More information about User Fees - Charges for Health Certificate Endorsement](#)
- Prepaid, pre-addressed return shipping label (FedEx, UPS, USPS)
 - The “TO” and “FROM” name/address should be your own. Return shipping labels that contain a USDA address may be rejected.
 - Not required for documents submitted for endorsement in-person.

THIS OFFICE DOES NOT REVIEW DOCUMENTS PRIOR TO SUBMISSION FOR ENDORSEMENT

Taken from:

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/endorsement-offices/vs-service-center-state-contact/new-jersey>

*****If sending overnight, the “TO” and “FROM” address must be the same because if it gets lost, it will get returned to you, not the APHIS office. The carrier can instruct you on how to do this.**