

International Health Certificate Information

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READ ALL INFORMATION CAREFULLY!

You have requested an International Health Certificate for your pet to travel to a foreign country. Please visit our website's International Health Certificate Form in the link below, fill it out, and submit it at least 3 weeks prior to travel:

<u>https://mtnviewvets.com/international-health-certificate-information-form/</u> We will contact you for other documents that may be needed once we have the information from this form.

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. During your appointment we will have you check all information on the certificate for accuracy. Having all necessary information prior to your appointment will help to expedite the process.

All countries are now accepting certificates that are submitted electronically by us (the USDA Accredited Veterinarian) but many countries still require that you have an embossed, hard copy of the certificate ink-signed by the USDA veterinarian in order to travel. If this is the case for where you are traveling, it will be mailed back to you by overnight courier (FedEx or UPS) at your expense (this is part of your fees if applicable). We will contact you once the endorsement (USDA "approval") is complete by the USDA so you know when to expect it. If it can be digitally endorsed by the USDA and no shipping is involved we will let you know when it is ready to pick up at our office. We can also email it to you to print at home.

You can determine which version (return by mail or digital endorsement) your destination country requires by checking the website in the link below. "Green Banner" countries allow full digital endorsement (no FedEx or UPS shipping needed and you print at home or you pick it up at our office) and "Orange Banner" countries which require the embossed and ink-signed copy. You will see a colored banner after you enter your country information which determines which it is.

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

Click on the dropdown menu to find the country to which you are traveling and review the requirements to determine if your pet meets those requirements. Often they have strict timelines for Rabies vaccinations, microchip implantation, and parasite treatment.

It is YOUR responsibility to make sure you allow enough time for these requirements in order to be compliant for travel. We will help you get your pet travel-ready in any way we can and give you guidance on what is needed and when. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us if you have questions.

Keep in mind that the certificate is **NOT COMPLETE** yet when leaving our office. The certificate will be submitted to the USDA *after* your appointment where your pet is examined to be sure he/she is healthy for travel.

FOR DOG OWNERS ONLY:

The CDC (Centers for Disease Control) has enacted new requirements as of August 1, 2024 for dogs who will be re-entering the United States after travel abroad. You can find information on the Rabies Risk of the country to which you are traveling on the link above when researching your country's requirements. If you have trouble finding this information please let us know. You will need to fill out the form below prior to travel and email us a copy in pdf form or mail or drop off a paper copy once you have received approval. This import form allows you to bring your dog back into the U.S. There is no fee to submit this form.

CDC Dog Import Form:

https://cdc-786687.workflowcloud.com/forms/090dc543-7b2f-4538-b2c7-2919d12ecc73

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

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

If you have questions throughout this process please contact our office. We are happy to help you.