

How to Complete Health Certificates for travel outside of the United States

Each country has different requirements for the import of animals. No matter where you're going, you should contact the embassy or consulate of the destination country to confirm pet travel regulations, and obtain all of the necessary paperwork (such as health certificates and documentation) regarding your pet's travel prior to contacting us.

Certain places like Hawaii and Japan require a **rabies blood titer** and multiple rabies vaccinations as well as a microchip. Please research the amount of time you will need to complete these requirements.

Other countries, such as Canada, may only require a rabies certificate.

It is imperative to go to the [USDA website](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/pet-travel) (<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/pet-travel>) or directly call the USDA and research what is required for your destination.

There may be several forms to fill out; the most common requested is the U.S. Small Animal Health Certificate form, which will be completed by the Veterinarian at the hospital the day of your exam. This document is generally required for airplane travel.

Things you will need to provide our office at your initial visit:

- Previous veterinary records and an original rabies certificate signed. Sometimes this document is required to be filled out in blue ink; many countries also require block letter writing.
- The International Health Certificate 7001 form, this can be typed or printed and filled out by hand. Check to see if it is required to be typed or written in a specific manner (ex: block letters or blue ink).

Each country may have its own requirements for forms and documentation. Some must be bilingual. It is important to follow the directions exactly or the pet may be quarantined, not allowed into the country or even euthanized.

There is no other way to complete these other than to look up the information on the internet or contact the USDA for up to date info.

Thank you for coming prepared for your visit!