

Hello:

Please find the attached file(s) which contain important information relating to the international travel of your pet(s). In addition, we recommend that you contact the consulate of the country of destination and your airline to find out if there are additional requirements which you must fulfill.

Note:

- International regulations are set forth by the country of destination. The USDA, APHIS, Veterinary Services is responsible for distributing those regulations to US travelers and to ensure that, to the best of our abilities, the proper documents accompany the pet(s).

For more information on international pet export regulations please visit:

<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals/>

- To view the export requirements specific for your country of destination (a.k.a. importing country), choose the country by name from the drop down list located in the green box on this page.

For information on bringing your pet(s) back into the United States please visit:

[Pets Returning to the United States](#)

To have a health certificate endorsed by the USDA, APHIS, Veterinary Services, follow these instructions:

- All live animal health certificates must be issued by a veterinarian who physically examined your animal and completed the required export health certificate before presented for USDA for endorsement (counter-signing).
 - Please note that most importing countries require the veterinarian issuing the export health certificate to be USDA-Accredited. Please check the importing country's requirements on the IRegs to determine if this is required for the country your pet is traveling to.
- Deliver the documents (see below) for endorsement to the office nearest you. Typically, certificates can be mailed in, you can make an appointment, or you may walk in/drop off your certificates. (*See locations towards the end of this email*).
 - Please ensure the method of delivery you plan to use is accepted by the specific office you will be working with, as not all offices accept appointments or walk-ins.

Essential documentation to have a health certificate endorsed:

- *For some countries if you are traveling with more than one pet each must have its own documentation, as well as additional payment.*
- The health certificate in compliance with the regulations of the importing country.
- Rabies vaccination certificate for any vaccination documented on the export health certificate.
- Test results for other laboratory tests, when required (e.g. rabies titer test).
- Import permit (if required).

Endorsement Fee:

- If no required laboratory tests: \$38.00 per certificate.
- If 1-2 laboratory tests are required: \$121.00 for first animal and \$7.00 for each additional animal (*on the SAME certificate*).
- If 3-6 laboratory tests are required: \$150.00 for first animal and \$12.00 for each additional animal (*on the SAME certificate*).



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Acceptable payment methods:

- Check or money order made payable to the USDA.
- *We do not charge a user fee for service animals. We do require documentation from an authority declaring the animal as being a service animal.*
- *We do not accept cash.*

Mailing Instructions

NOTES:

- Certificates are generally endorsed within 24 hours on business days if no errors/problems exist.
- Overnight the package to a USDA office using a service provider that uses a tracking number feature such as UPS, FedEx or USPS Priority Express. This will allow you to track the progress of your package and will decrease the chances of it being lost in the transport system.
- Include a **PRE-PAID** return label so that we can return your package. **The label must be purchased and paid for. We do not accept shipping labels with credit card numbers on them.** Again, please use a service provider that uses a tracking number feature such as UPS, FedEx or USPS Priority Express. **Be sure to record the tracking number! VERY IMPORTANT: YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS SHOULD APPEAR IN BOTH THE SENDER AND THE RECIPIENT'S BLOCK OF THE RETURN LABEL.** The USDA address **should not** appear anywhere on your return label.
- FedEx and UPS packages will be picked up from our office every weekday afternoon. USPS packages will be picked up from our office every weekday morning. **DO NOT USE GROUND SERVICE. USE ONLY OVERNIGHT EXPRESS. WE DO NOT HAVE GROUND SERVICE PICK-UP AT OUR OFFICES.**
- **We cannot accept a FedEx, UPS or USPS label with your credit card number listed as the payment method. If you want to have the return shipment charged to your credit card you will have to visit their store location or website and pre-enter the information and include the preprinted label.**
- *If a return label is not included then we will return your package using USPS First Class Mail.*

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