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Pet Travel From the United States to Curacao

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Travel Requirements Based on Pet Type

Carefully read ALL of the requirements related to your pet on this page.

- This page provides the most recent entry requirements and can change without notice.
- It is the responsibility of the veterinarian to make sure the pet has met all health requirements of the destination country before issuing a health certificate.
- Failure to meet the requirements may result in problems gaining certificate endorsement or difficulties upon arrival in the destination country.
- Health certificates must be legible, accurate, and complete.

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Dogs and Cats

An Official International Health Certificate is required to travel with your dog or cat to Curacao.

The Health Certificate must be issued by an accredited veterinarian; endorsed by an official government (USDA) veterinarian; and is valid for no more than 2 (two) weeks.

- The animal must be vaccinated against Rabies at the age of at least 12 weeks with an inactivated vaccine at least 21 days but not longer than 12 months to 36 months (as registered by the manufacturer) prior to departure.
 - The importation of animals younger than 15 weeks is not permitted
- The animal must be identified by means of an ISO (International Standards Organization)-microchip (mention the number and date of the application on the health certificate).
- The animal must be free of any ecto parasites. Therefore it should be treated with an systemic/oral or topical ectoparasite product as instructed by the manufacturer, that has a long lasting persistent efficacy of at least 28 days, 14 days prior to departure (mention the date and the product used on the health certificate).
- The animal must be free of any endo parasites. Therefore it should be treated within 14 days prior to the departure with a registered medicine as instructed by the manufacturer (mention the date and the product used on the health certificate).
- After treatments the animal must be kept free of any ecto and endo parasites.
- The animal must be transported in a suitable kennel and according to IATA regulations.
- The importation of a pit bull-terrier type dog is not permitted.

[Official Health Certificate for Dogs and Cats](#) (205.09 KB)

Birds

The requirements for traveling with your pet are described in the health certificate.

[Veterinary Health Certificate for Birds](#) (85.14 KB)

Other Pets

For pet travel requirements not listed, APHIS has not been officially informed by the foreign country about the requirements for your pet's travel. We recommend that you contact a government official of the country you are traveling to for more information.

Country of Destination Contact Information

[World Organisation for Animal Health: Members](#)

[U.S. Department of State: Foreign Embassies and Consulates](#)

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Countries Participating in the European Union

Austria

Belgium

Bulgaria

Croatia

Cyprus

Czech Republic

Denmark

Estonia

Finland

France

Germany

Greece

Hungary

Republic of Ireland

Italy

Latvia

Lithuania

Luxembourg

Malta

Netherlands
Northern Ireland*
Norway**
Poland
Portugal

Romania
Slovakia
Slovenia
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland**

* Northern Ireland is part of the United Kingdom (UK), but will continue to follow European Union (EU) requirements even though the UK is no longer part of the EU.

** Norway and Switzerland are **not** part of the EU but have adopted EU legislation for import of most species of live animals.

Important Travel Considerations

Considerations for airline travel and cruises:



Airlines and shipping lines have their own policies and requirements for transporting pets. Check with your airline or shipping representative to determine what requirements they may have.

[Learn how you can improve the safety of dogs and cats during air travel.](#)

[View additional information for pet owners, airlines, and others about APHIS endorsement of international health certificates \(239.52 KB\).](#)

If pets or support animals accompany you on a cruise, you must comply with entry rules for **every** country or port where your pet or support animal exits the ship.

Will you be returning to the United States with your pet?



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ALERT: CDC is the primary authority for dog imports. For requirements or questions about dogs entering or returning to the United States, visit the [CDC website](#).

If you are transiting (passing through) the European Union:



If your pet is traveling through (transiting) a country in the European Union (EU) on the way to a third, non-EU country, you will also need a transit health certificate for your pet for the EU. The transit health certificate will be the same as if your pet's final destination was the EU country. Use the information and steps above under "Travel Requirements Based on Pet Type" to determine which health certificate should be used. [View a list of EU countries](#).

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Need Help?

[Guidance for Pet Owners](#)

[Read an overview of the process for taking your pet to another country and related resources.](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[View frequently asked questions about traveling with your pet.](#)

Still Have Questions?

USDA-Accredited Veterinarians

Contact a USDA-accredited veterinarian for questions about your destination country's entry requirements for pets (including any needed vaccinations, tests, or treatments) and for issuance of health certificates.

[Find a USDA-Accredited Veterinarian](#)

USDA Endorsement Offices

Contact your nearest APHIS Veterinary Export Trade Services Endorsement Office for questions about endorsing a health certificate for pets.

For VEHCS help see the [VEHCS help page](#). Routine APHIS VEHCS processing services are staffed Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM Central Time (CT) excluding federal holidays, the time listed in VEHCS reflects GMT.

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