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Pet Travel From the United States to Saudi Arabia

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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.

Alert

[Guidance provided to APHIS by the Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia \(419.14 KB\)](#)

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Dogs

- Dogs are not generally allowed to be imported to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) except for hunting, guarding and guides for the disabled.
- All dogs traveling must have an import permit issued by the KSA Ministry of Agriculture. U.S. travelers/importers should provide all information of their pets and flight details to their Saudi sponsor who should apply for an import permit from the KSA Ministry of Agriculture.
- The USDA APHIS endorsed veterinary health certificate and a "certificate of origin" (obtained from the KSA Ministry of Agriculture) must accompany the dog during travel.
- The "certificate of origin" does NOT need to be attested to by the Saudi Arabian Embassy in the U.S. prior to travel.
- The KSA import permit, endorsed health certificate, and "certificate of origin" must be obtained prior to travel, but the import permit and "certificate of origin" do not need to be presented to USDA APHIS for endorsement.
- Additional requirements for traveling with your pet are described in the health certificate.

[Veterinary Health Certificate](#) (82.84 KB)

An electronic version of this certificate is also available within [VEHCS](#).

Cats

- All cats traveling must have an import permit issued by the KSA Ministry of Agriculture. U.S. travelers/importers should provide all information of their pets and flight details to their Saudi sponsor who should apply for an import permit from the KSA Ministry of Agriculture.
- The USDA APHIS endorsed veterinary health certificate and a "certificate of origin" (obtained from the KSA Ministry of Agriculture) must accompany the cat during travel.

- The “certificate of origin” does NOT need to be attested to by the Saudi Arabian Embassy in the U.S. prior to travel.
- The KSA import permit, endorsed health certificate, and “certificate of origin” must be obtained prior to travel, but the import permit and “certificate of origin” do not need to be presented to USDA APHIS for endorsement
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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?



[View APHIS Requirements](#)

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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