

Traveling with your pet?



Your *other*
family doctor.

You might need a Health Certificate!

About Health Certificates

A Health Certificate is an official document issued by a federal, state, or an accredited veterinarian certifying that the traveling animal has been inspected and found to satisfy the regulations pertaining to their intended destination – within the same state, between states, or internationally. These requirements are to help ensure the animal meets the physical health criteria for their own safe travels, but also to ensure that the animal being moved does not carry illnesses or parasites that would be harmful to the people or animals that are in the destination area. This process may vary from simple to complex, depending on the requirements of the destination.

I, (insert name) _____ understand that Harmony Animal Hospital does not assume any responsibility in ensuring that the process is properly completed.

_____/_____/_____
Signature Print Name Date

Harmony Animal Hospital's intent is to assist our valued clients with the required paperwork, necessary testing, and with the safety of your beloved pet's travel. Given the complexity and strict requirements of some destinations, understand it is your responsibility, as your pet's legal owner, to ensure all Health Certificate requirements are completed properly. We are your partner in helping to navigate the process for you, however we do not have the resources to investigate every necessary detail to ensure acceptance of your pet into the intended destination. This resource should serve as a guideline to help you in the process of obtaining the requirements for traveling with your pet.

What costs are involved in getting a health certificate?

1. Exam - \$60 - Required for all health certificates within 3-7 days prior to travel
2. Health Certificate Categories
 - a. Interstate Health Certificate - \$32
 - b. Routine International Health Certificate - \$125
 - c. Complicated International Health Certificate - \$250

What we need for your appointment:

1. Information your veterinarian needs to know before completing your pet's international health certificate:

- a. Where is your pet going (destination country)? _____
 - If you are traveling to the European Union, Norway, or Switzerland, who will be traveling with the pet?
 - The owner
 - A person authorized by the owner
 - No one
 - A pet transport company is transporting the pet

b. What is the address in the destination country where your pet will be staying? _____

c. What date is your pet leaving the United States? _____

d. When are you and your pet arriving in the destination country? _____

e. What type of pet will be traveling?

****Please note that Harmony Animal Hospital only examines dogs and cats, therefore any other animal will need to be seen and obtain a Health Certificate through another veterinary hospital such as Avian and Exotics:
www.avianandexotics.com 919-844-9166

Dog Cat Ferret Rodent Hedgehog/tenrec Rabbit Reptile Amphibian

Pet Birds (other than chickens, doves, ducks, geese, grouse, guinea fowl, partridges, pea fowl, pheasants, pigeons, quail, swans, and turkeys)

2. Method of Travel

a. Which Airline? *see notes on next page for airline information* _____
Do they require any special notes on the health certificate (i.e. temperature, carrier sizes, service dog, etc.) _____

b. Check with airline regarding sedation; some airlines will not allow pets to fly if sedated.

*USDA Resources:

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

2. Work with your veterinarian to answer the following questions. Please consult the [APHIS pet travel](#) website for this information.
- What type of health certificate is required?
 - A country-specific health certificate
 - A generic pet certificate (ex. APHIS 7001)
 - Is a microchip required? Yes or No
If Yes: is a specific type of microchip required Yes or No
 - What vaccines does your destination country require? _____
When must the vaccines be given? _____
You must have rabies vaccine certificates for all rabies vaccinations documented on the health certificate. These vaccination certificates will be required by the USDA at the time of health certificate endorsement.
*******SOME COUNTRIES REQUIRE A WAITING PERIOD AFTER THE VACCINATION PRIOR TO ENTRY INTO THE COUNTRY!*****
 - Are any laboratory tests required by your destination country?(i.e. rabies titer) Yes or No
If yes, what tests are required and when must these samples be collected? _____

(Note: The sample **MUST** be collected within the testing time frame required by your destination country. Some tests may take a long time for the results to be returned and/or some countries require a waiting period after testing and before entry into the destination country.)
 - Are any treatments required by your destination country? (i.e. deworming, flea/tick treatment) Yes or No
If yes, what treatments and when must they be given? _____

 - When must a physical exam of the pet(s) be performed prior to travel? _____
 - Check with your airline to determine what requirements they have, if any. Airlines may have separate and additional requirements from those of your destination country. There may also be requirements for the location where your pet may have a layover during travel.
 - If you intend to bring your pet back into the U.S., there may be certain re-entry requirements, depending on where you traveled. You should plan for them now. See the pet import section for details.
 - Check to see if there are any quarantine requirements for your destination. If yes, what will the costs be.
3. Work with your veterinarian to complete all required paperwork. Please consult our [APHIS pet travel](#) website to access the required certificate/form, when available.
4. After your health certificate has been completed, signed, and dated by your veterinarian, most countries require that international health certificates be submitted to a [USDA APHIS Veterinary Services](#) office for endorsement. Some offices may offer to review health certificates prior to submission. Please work with your endorsing USDA office to determine your options for paperwork review and/or submission.
- Address: USDA, APHIS,VS
North Carolina / West Virginia
920 Main Campus Drive
Suite 200
Raleigh, North Carolina 27606
Telephone: (919) 855-7700
 - THIS MAY REQUIRE YOU TO OVERNIGHT SHIP THE DOCUMENTATION TO THE USDA APHIS OFFICE FOR NORTH CAROLINA IN ALBANY, NY AND THERE ARE ADDITIONAL FEES THAT WILL NEED TO BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO THEM. THIS WILL ADD ADDITIONAL TIME TO THE PROCESS.**

If you are traveling by plane, you will also want to contact the specific airline to ensure there are no other necessary documents, notes or requirements.

FAA: https://www.faa.gov/passengers/fly_pets/

Delta Airlines: http://www.delta.com/content/www/en_US/traveling-with-us/special-travel-needs/pets.html

United Airlines: <https://www.united.com/web/en-US/content/travel/animals/default.aspx>

American Airlines: <https://www.aa.com/i18n/travel-info/special-assistance/pets.jsp>

Southwest Airlines: https://www.southwest.com/pets/?clk=HOMEICON3_OTHER170411

jetBlue Airlines: [http://help.jetblue.com/SRVS/CGI-BIN/webcgi.exe?New_Kb=askBlue_case=obj\(377559\)](http://help.jetblue.com/SRVS/CGI-BIN/webcgi.exe?New_Kb=askBlue_case=obj(377559))

Allegiant Airlines: <https://www.allegiantair.com/traveling-with-pets>

Frontier Airlines: <https://www.flyfrontier.com/travel-information/family-pets/>

Alaska Airlines: <https://www.alaskaair.com/content/travel-info/policies/pets-traveling-with-pets?lid=nav:info-pets>

Air Canada: <https://www.aircanada.com/us/en/aco/home/plan/special-assistance/pets.html>