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International Travel Paperwork Overview

Hello, I'm glad to hear that you have the opportunity to travel outside the US. I'll be happy to help you with the paperwork to streamline the experience.

Here is the link to the USDA website that we use to determine what is needed for travel:  
<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/pet-travel>

This site also has a link to information about returning to the US afterward, and specific requirements beyond rabies certificates or physical exam certificates, depending on the country.

Requirements vary considerably depending on your destination, so it is safest to let me know ahead of time where and when you wish to travel, so that I can double check requirements and make sure that everything is done at the right time and in the right order.

Most countries require a microchip to identify the animal, and require that it either be ISO (international) compliant (15 digits) or that if you have a US chip, you also bring a chip reader. These can be rented from online sources. Some airports have universal scanners, but this is not guaranteed.

Almost all countries require that animals be vaccinated against rabies, usually at least 21-30 days prior to travel. Some require that boosters be no longer than 6-12 months prior to travel.

I can provide the USDA 7001 international health certificate, and well as any destination specific certificate, and I have a chip reader that can confirm the ISO microchip number. If you need an ISO compliant microchip implanted, I can do that as well. I will sometimes need you to provide invoices with dates of microchip implantation, and a rabies vaccination certificate (from your regular vet) that includes the microchip number and was done on or after the date that they implanted the microchip. For export, you will want a copy of the rabies vaccination certificate that is signed in blue ink if possible, but some countries will accept a stamped certificate.

I can perform the physical exam and fill out the certificates as a "USDA accredited" veterinarian. You will then need to either overnight courier (FedEx or equivalent) the paperwork to Albany NY (preferred) or make an appt and drive the paperwork to the USDA office in Robbinsville (next to Trenton) for them to countersign to be complete. Very few countries do not require USDA countersignatures. No single person or location can do all of the exam/form/countersigning in one trip unless you are military. Overnight courier must be used each way in order to receive signed papers in time for travel.

The USDA phone number is 609-259-5260, follow the voicemail prompts to the import/export document examiner. Address is 320 Corporate Blvd, Robbinsville NJ 08691.

Forms can be sent overnight to the regional service center at **USDA APHIS VS NY, 500 New Karner RD, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Attn: Export, Albany NY 12205-3857**, phone 581-218-7540. You will need to include a check or money order including a prepaid FedEx, UPS, or Express Mail air bill back to your address. There is also an office at JFK international airport, 718-553-3570, but you must call ahead to check hours of operation, as the lines are long and unpredictable.

In terms of timing, the USDA 7001 certificate is valid for export for 30 days, and country-specific paperwork can vary. For the airlines, they usually want the health certificate within 10 days of the flight. You will have to check this with your airline, as it is not consistent across the industry.

Please let me know if you have any other questions.  
Sheila Levie, VMD

## International Health Certificate Information:

Owner name - \_\_\_\_\_

Pets Name- \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #- \_\_\_\_\_ Indicate best time to call \_\_\_\_\_

Species- \_\_\_\_\_

Age- \_\_\_\_\_ (months or years)

Destination-(Country) \_\_\_\_\_

Travel Date- \_\_\_\_\_

Destination Address within Country- \_\_\_\_\_

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Date and Duration of most recent Rabies Vaccine- \_\_\_\_\_ (1 or 3 yrs)

Date and duration of most recent DHLPP- \_\_\_\_\_ (1 or 3 yrs)

Date and Duration of most recent FVRCP \_\_\_\_\_ (1 or 3 yrs)

Is pet Microchipped?- \_\_\_\_\_ if so, Chip #- \_\_\_\_\_

Date microchip was implanted (if known)- \_\_\_\_\_

Have any import-requested testing been started elsewhere?

\_\_\_\_\_ (Yes or No)

If yes, Where?- \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, When?- \_\_\_\_\_

Date given to SL for review- \_\_\_\_\_