

## Restrictions for traveling with dogs to the United States of America

Find out the latest update from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on entry restrictions to the United States.

### All dogs must meet the following requirements:

- Be at least 6 months old at entry or re-entry into the United States.
- Have an ISO-compatible microchip implanted.
- Appear healthy upon arrival.
- Have a receipt for the CDC Dog Import Form (Available from July 15).
- Arrive at the airport, as declared in the CDC Dog Import Form.

Additionally, they must have additional documentation that varies depending on where the dog was in the 6 months before entering or re-entering the United States or if the dog has a valid rabies vaccine administered in the United States.

#### 1. Dogs with a valid rabies vaccination administered in the United States that have been in a country with a high risk of canine rabies:

- Comply with all requirements of the previous "All dogs" section.
- Before the dog leaves the United States, it must have the Certification of U.S.-Issued Rabies Vaccine form issued by a veterinarian in the U.S. that has been approved by the USDA.

#### 2. Dogs with a current rabies vaccination administered in the United States that have NOT been in a high-risk country in the last 6 months:

- Meet all the requirements of the "All dogs" section above.
- Have one of the following documents:
  - A USDA-approved Certification of U.S.-Issued Rabies Vaccine form, completed before the dog left the United States or
  - A USDA-approved export health certificate.

#### 3. Dogs vaccinated outside the USA that have been in a country with a high risk of canine rabies within the 6 months before entry:

- Fulfill all requirements in the "All Dogs" section.
- Possess the Certification of Foreign Rabies Vaccination and Microchip form completed by a veterinarian.
- Have a valid rabies serology titer (the titer is unnecessary if the dog has a reservation for a 28-day quarantine at a CDC-registered animal care facility).
- You must reserve a place at a CDC-registered animal care facility for examination, revaccination, and quarantine (if the dog does not have a valid rabies serology titer).
- Have an international flight arriving directly at the airport with the CDC-registered animal care facility where the dog has its reservation (Miami (MIA), New York (JFK), Los Angeles (LAX), or Washington (IAD)).

#### 4. Dogs that have been in countries free of canine rabies during the previous 6 months before entry:

- Comply with all requirements in the "All Dogs" section
- Have one of the following:
  - Certification of Dog Arriving from a DMRVV-free or Low-Risk Country into the United States, endorsed by an official veterinarian of the exporting country, AND a valid rabies titer OR veterinary records including the dog's microchip number from the exporting country corresponding to the 6 months before travel to the U.S.
  - Certification of Foreign Rabies Vaccination and Microchip, which includes the approval of an official veterinarian from the rabies-free or low-risk country where the dog has been found; AND (1) a valid rabies titer OR (2) veterinary records\* (which include the microchip number) of the dog from the exporting country corresponding to the previous 6 months.
  - The USDA approved the certification of U.S.-Issued Rabies Vaccination issued in the U.S. before the dog left the United States.
  - Valid export health certificate endorsed by the USDA.
  - A foreign export certificate documenting that the dog is at least 6 months of age, includes the dog's ISO-compatible microchip number, and has been approved by an official veterinarian of the exporting country; AND veterinary records\* (which include the microchip number) of the dog from the exporting country corresponding to the previous 6 months.

#### 5. Dogs entering through CBX or TJX

- Dogs arriving in the United States from countries with low risk of canine rabies or free of canine rabies and with documentation confirming that they have been only in those countries for the past six months may enter and be admitted into the United States through any U.S. land port.
- Dogs with a valid certification from a rabies vaccination form issued in the U.S. may enter and be admitted into the United States through any U.S. land port.
- Dogs that have been in a high-risk country for canine rabies within the past six months and do not have a valid certification from a U.S.-issued rabies vaccination form are not authorized to enter the United States through any U.S. land port and will be denied entry.

### Considerations:

Know the list of [countries with a high risk of canine rabies](#).

For more information, visit the official CDC page:

<https://www.cdc.gov/importation/bringing-an-animal-into-the-united-states/dogs-entering-us-after-august-1.html#current-vaccination>

<https://www.cdc.gov/importation/bringing-an-animal-into-the-united-states/required-forms-for-importing-dog-united-states.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/importation/bringing-an-animal-into-the-united-states/faqs-about-high-risk-dog-ban.html>