



# TRAVEL CHECK LIST FOR FOREIGN VACCINATED DOGS

## Step 1: 60 days before travel

- Verify dog will be at least 6 months old on day of travel back to the United States.
- Get your pet **microchipped** or have your veterinarian verify their microchip number. Make sure the microchip number is listed on all veterinary records.
- Visit veterinarian to get your dog their rabies vaccination (or booster) before travel.
  - Make sure your dog's rabies vaccination will be valid (not expired) for the entire duration of travel.
  - Your dog must be at least 12 weeks (84 days) old when it gets its first rabies vaccination.
- Have the veterinarian collect a blood sample (at least 30 days after first valid rabies vaccine) to send to a CDC-approved laboratory for a **rabies serology titer** if you wish to avoid a quarantine for the dog.
  - Note that results may take weeks to obtain from the laboratory and samples must be drawn at least 4 weeks (28 days) before entering the United States.



[Find a CDC-approved rabies serology laboratory here](#)

## Step 2: 30 days before travel

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[Check here Important information for your veterinarian](#)



- Contact veterinarian to have them complete the **Certification of Foreign Rabies Vaccination and Microchip form**.
  - The veterinarian must submit this form to an official government veterinarian in the exporting country for certification (it may be the same) make sure you get a copy.
- Book a reservation at **CDC-registered animal care facility**.
  - All foreign-vaccinated dogs that have been in a high-risk country must have a reservation for (at minimum) examination, verification of age, microchip, and documents, and administration of a rabies booster vaccination.
  - If the dog will not have a valid rabies serology at time of entry to the United States, you must also make a reservation for quarantine.
  - Print a copy of the reservation confirmation from the CDC-registered animal care facility. This reservation confirmation **MUST** accompany the dog.
- Make sure the itinerary has the dog's first point of arrival in the United States at the airport with the CDC-registered animal care facility where the dog has a reservation.

[Locate CDC-registered Animal Care Facilities here.](#)

## Step 3: 2-10 days before travel

- Take a photo of your dog and complete the **CDC Dog Import Form**.
  - This form requires you to upload a picture (jpg, png, gif files only) of your dog showing its face and body.
  - Dogs that will be less than one year of age at time of return to the United States should have the photograph taken within 10 days before travel.
  - Ensure you enter your dog's microchip number into this form correctly. This is very important.
  - Make sure the airport entered on the form is the same as the CDC-registered animal care facility where the dog is booked.
  - Submit a corrected form if any of the information on this form changes.
- A receipt will be emailed to you upon submission of the form. You can print the receipt or show it on your phone. It will be requested by the U.S. customs officials.
- If your dog is traveling on board, fill out the [Pet Travel Form](#) to save time at check-in counters.



[Complete the form here](#)

## Step 4: Day of travel to the US



- Arrive with enough time at the airport check in counters indicated on your import form with your documentation:
  - CDC Dog Import Form receipt
  - Certification of Foreign Rabies Vaccination and Microchip form (including a rabies serology titer or a quarantine reservation)
  - Reservation at a CDC-registered animal care facility
  - Vaccination record
  - Pet Travel Form Confirmation

For more information go to the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)** page:

[Entry Requirements for Foreign-Vaccinated Dogs from High-Risk Countries](#)