

International Health Certificate

Travelling internationally with your pet can be a great way to experience the world. It's a complicated process, and we're here to make it an easier experience for you. These are the steps necessary to ensure that all aspects of your pets' health are ready for travel.

Step 1) Check on the requirements for the country (or countries) you are travelling to – every country will have different import-export requirements for pets travelling over their borders. *Some countries require translated paperwork, which will require finding someone who is certified to perform this service – please contact the USDA APHIS office for more information on this.*

USDA APHIS Health Certificates Information

Link: www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/pet-travel/by-country/eu/eu-echinococcus/health-certificates-eu-with-dogs

Step 2) Check on the requirements of your airline – each airline has a different set of requirements for transporting pets. Please call your local airline representative to get the most up-to-date information on travelling with your furry family members, so that we can help you fulfill all of those requirements before flying.

Step 3) Make an appointment with us to get an International Health Certificate Exam with your veterinarian.

Step 4) Send your travel information to Laura, our Office Manager, at laurah.dearborn@gmail.com . She will help coordinate getting the information we need for your health certificate ahead of time, to make the process as smooth as possible.

Step 5) Make an appointment with the USDA APHIS (United States Department of Agriculture – Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services) Department. You will bring your completed Health Certificate with you for them to stamp, to allow your pet to travel internationally. This appointment generally needs to be completed within 3 days of your flight. Please call them before making your Health Certificate Appointment (Step #3) and figure out what they will require – just let us know when you call, and we'll be happy to figure out the time that works best for you.

USDA-APHIS-National Import Export Services

Link: www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/pet-travel/service-centers-endorsement-offices/vs-service-center-state-contact/georgia

Address:

1506 Klondike Road, Ste. 300
Conyers, GA 30094

Phone:

770-761-5426

Step 6) Come in to Dearborn Animal Hospital for your Health Certificate Exam. When you come in for the appointment, we perform the exam and prepare any medications or vaccinations necessary, and then process your paperwork. We will have the paperwork completed and ready for pickup 48 hours (or 2 business days) after the exam has taken place, to ensure that we have all information correctly filled out and cross-checked with international requirements.

Step 7) Visit the USDA Office in Conyers for your appointment to get your paperwork processed and completed.

Step 8) Enjoy your Flight! We look forward to seeing pictures and hearing about your trip!

