

# International Pet Travel Information

**If you will be travelling internationally with your pet, you will need to obtain an International Pet Health Certificate, also known as the USDA APHIS Form 7001. This health certificate can only be obtained by having your pet examined by a USDA-accredited veterinarian.**

## **Steps to determine requirements for international pet travel:**

1. First check your destination country's regulations by going to:

<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals/>

You must ALSO call the USDA at (352)313-3060 to get additional information as regulations may change frequently.

For some countries it can take more than 6 months to obtain all the vaccinations, blood tests and paperwork required.

2. Call Underhill Animal Hospital to set up an appointment for your International Health Certificate or pre-health certificate vaccinations and blood tests.

3. When you come to the vet's office for your International Health certificate appointment you must bring the following:

- your pet
- the address where you live now
- the address where you will be staying in the destination country
- all paperwork, import permits, blood test results that are required for your pet's travel

4. Most countries require that the International Pet Health Certificate be endorsed by the state USDA veterinarian in ADDITION to an accredited veterinarian at Underhill Animal Hospital. If endorsement is required, you can take by hand or send in your paperwork to the USDA. The Florida Area Veterinarian-in-Charge for the USDA, APHIS, VS is at the following address:

8100 NW 15th Place  
Gainesville, FL 32606-9137  
Phone: (352) 313-3060  
Fax: (352)313-3062

You can either go into the office in person to obtain the endorsement or you can send it in via FedEx, UPS, or other certified mailing service. If you are going to take your documents in, you should call at least one week in advance to make an appointment. If you are sending your paperwork in, keep in mind that if you do not include a return envelope, the USDA will send it back via US Postal Service. If you need your paperwork returned sooner (which most people do), include a pre-addressed FedEx overnight envelope with your paperwork. The USDA typically will stamp documents on the same day or the following day after they receive them.



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