Pet Travel: European Union and other countries (No testing required)

EU: Austria, Bulgaria, Belgium, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, *Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal. Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain. Other Countries: Romania, Switzerland, and Turkey.

Download the form needed to get your animal into the country
- Go to http://www.APHIS.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals
- Click on the specific EU country. Under “Pets” there will be a non-commercial/commercial form for Domestic Dogs, Cats and Ferrets, dated March 2009. Download the bilingual certificate. Or
- Click on “E” for the European Union. This is an English version of the certificate that may be used, for other countries, when a bilingual certificate is not available.

If traveling with your pet, use the non-commercial certificate. If your pet is traveling alone, you may need the commercial certificate and are advised to check with the consulate or embassy to be sure you have the correct form. If traveling with five or more pets, the commercial certificate is required. The commercial certificate is available in English only.

EU’s Requirements
- The form must be completed and signed by an USDA Accredited Veterinarian (Veterinarian Authorized by the Competent Authority) after the animal is examined. It must be endorsed by the USDA veterinarian (Competent Authority)
  - The pet must be microchipped with an ISO compatible microchip.
  - The pet must be vaccinated against rabies.
  - Finland requires an Echinococcus treatment within 30 days of departure
  - No other tests or treatments are required for any of the above listed countries.

Microchip Information
- The pet must be microchipped with an ISO 11784 or ISO 11785 Annex A microchip. Home Again and AVID Euro are ISO 11785 compatible.
- Non EURO AVID microchips may be accepted if the traveler provides a microchip reader at the port of entry.
- Have your veterinarian check with their microchip supplier for microchip information.

Documents Needed by the USDA’s Office
- An original “Veterinary Certificate for Domestic Dogs, Cats and Ferrets entering the European Community (Regulation (EC) No 998-2003” signed and dated by a USDA Accredited Veterinarian. Blue ink is preferred for the veterinarian’s signature.
- A signed Rabies Vaccination certificate with the following information:
  a. Complete description of the animal (name, breed, sex, age, color, DOB)
  b. Date vaccination was given and the date the next vaccination is due.
  c. Vaccine manufacturer, vaccine lot # and lot expiration date.

Rabies vaccination is not required for pet (non-commercial) dogs and cats under 3 months of age. However, authorization is required from the individual EU Member State. The exporter should contact the animal health authorities in the Member State for authorization, and documentation of authorization should be attached to the export certificate.
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The rabies vaccine used must be an inactivated vaccine produced in accordance with OIE standards. If it is a recombinant vaccination, the word “Recombinant” must be on the certificate.

- A signed APHIS Form 7001. *(Optional - may be required by the airline).*

Contact your airline representative to find out if this form is required. The form is valid for 30 days, from the date signed by your vet, however, some airlines have specific time constraints. For example, they may require the form to be signed within 10 days of departure.

**Fee Schedule for Endorsement by USDA (Competent Authority):** EU 998: $36.00 for each certificate. No charge for the International Health Certificate for Small Animals (APHIS Form 7001), normally $36.00) submitted with the EU form.

Make checks and money orders payable to: USDA APHIS. All credit cards are accepted. We do not accept cash.

**Send your certificates and payment to:** USDA, APHIS VS, 903 San Jacinto Blvd, Export Section, Room 262, and Austin, TX 78701.

Completed certificates will be returned to you by regular mail unless you provide a prepaid, pre-addressed (addressed from you to you) air bill.

Always keep the tracking numbers so you can check with the delivery service to find out the status of your documents. We do not provide the certificate status unless the certificate has been in our office for 4 business days.

**Processing Time**
Please allow a minimum 48 hours processing time.

**Walk-ins**
You may drop your documents off. We will either call you when they are completed, or, you may leave a prepaid, pre-addressed return air bill. There is a minimum 48 hours processing time for all certificates.

**Miscellaneous Information**
- If there are problems with your documents we will contact your veterinarian. We will only contact the pet owner if we are unable to resolve the problem.
- Use the yellow pages to find a USDA accredited veterinarian. United States Department of Agriculture personnel can verify the veterinarian is accredited if you provide a name.
- The US does not issue pet passports. The EU 998 (Veterinary Certificate) is used instead of a pet passport.
- The EU certificate is valid for 4 months after signature by your veterinarian, or until the date of expiration of the vaccination shown in Part IV, whichever is earlier.

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