



Getting Ready to Travel with Your Pet

The Health Certificate

- Contact the airline you will be traveling with for any requirements they have for traveling pets. Some of the following may be required and vary depending on airline, destination, and pet.
 - **Health Certificate**
 - **Vaccination Records**
 - **Specific Carrier (many airlines have strict requirements for size, shape and/or type)**
 - **Pet Passport**
- If you are traveling internationally, find out the requirements for traveling with pets to the country you will be visiting. Be sure to give yourself plenty of time in advance to obtain all of the required documents, testing, and vaccination you may need to travel with your pet. Some countries have very specific and lengthy processes (sometimes spanning weeks or months) including and not limited to vaccinations, blood tests, parasite treatments, and documented physical exam. Certain countries require isolation or “quarantine” periods that may last weeks to months. Up-to-date information on the current requirements for entry to specific countries can be accessed by visiting <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/pet-travel/take-pet-to-foreign-country>. Be sure to check regularly as requirements change often without notice.

What you can expect from us at Luv-N-Care Animal Hospital

- Our veterinarians are USDA accredited to perform exams for and sign off on International Health Certificates. An appointment can be made by calling: (407) 767-0606.
- A full physical exam will be performed, and your documents reviewed.
- **Important: After you visit here, the process is NOT complete!** The Health Certificate will need to be endorsed by the State Veterinarian at the USDA office in Gainesville Florida. You can mail the certificate (UPS or FED-EX Overnight service is recommended) or take the certificate for review in person. Call the USDA APHIS Veterinary Service offices for details on appointments, mailing instructions, and any applicable fees. The PET OWNER is RESPONSIBLE for all processing, mailing, and handling fees and deadlines. ***Allow at least 3–5 business days for processing via mail. Most health certificates are only valid 10 days following issue including shipping/processing time.***

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The following information must be provided at least 24 hours prior to your scheduled Health Certificate appointment.

The questionnaire below must be filled completely and accurately as this will be the information used on your pet's health certificate. **Please note: any incomplete or incorrect information provided will delay the health certificate process and may affect your travel plans.**

Intended Destination: _____

Date of intended departure: _____ Date of intended Arrival: _____

Local Owner Information:

Full Name: _____

Local Address: _____

City State Zip code Country

Local Phone Number: _____

Destination Information: (Address of location pet will be staying and contact information of responsible party – may or may not be the owner if someone else will be accompanying pet)

Full Name (Person accompanying pet): _____

Destination address: _____

City State Zip code Country

Destination Phone Number: _____

Pet Information:

Name: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____

Spayed or Neutered: Y N Species: Dog Cat Other: _____

Microchip Number: _____

Date Microchip Placed: _____ (be aware most countries require microchips

to be in place prior to travel, some even require microchip to be in place prior to vaccinating – this

timeline is critical to your travel ability. Please contact the USDA for your country's requirements.

