

Domestic Health Certificate

Domestic travel with pets is a great way to spend the holidays and vacations! Depending on how you are travelling (planes, trains, or automobiles) there are different requirements for crossing state borders. Please follow these steps to make sure that all boxes are checked for your furry family member(s)!

Step 1) Check on the requirements for the state(s) you are travelling to – especially states that aren't attached to the continental USA have different requirements.

USDA APHIS Health Certificates Interstate Travel

Link: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/pet-travel/interstate-pet-travel>

Note: Health certificates to Hawaii are much more complex than other Domestic Health Certificates, and may require 6 months of preparation in order to have all steps completed. Please plan accordingly!

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 a Domestic 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) 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 6) Enjoy your Trip! We look forward to seeing pictures and hearing about your trip!

