

Bringing a Pet into EU Countries

ALWAYS contact your local USDA office first.

To find your local office please visit the following website:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/area_offices/

(Click on the appropriate state to pull up a list of USDA offices)

Exportation of Pet Process:

-You pet must have a current Rabies Vaccination (**Rabies vaccination must be at least 30 days old and no older than 11 months**).

-Your pet must be microchipped with an ISO 11784 or ISO 11785 Annex A microchip. This includes the Home Again and AVID EURO chips. (If you are unsure of the microchip brand, please check with the administering veterinarian.)

1. Go to the following website and download the appropriate Bilingual Veterinary Certificate. (If you are going to Italy, choose the Italy Certificate)

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

2. Make an appointment with a USDA accredited veterinarian within 10 days of the animals' travel date. Make sure you ask the Veterinarian's office regarding the USDA accreditation (not every veterinarian is accredited).
 - Please note the certificate must be signed in blue ink or a color other than the color the document was printed in.
3. After you see the USDA accredited veterinarian and the appropriate health certificate has been issued and signed, you can either mail or overnight the certificate to your local USDA office. If you want your certificate to be returned via overnight service you must provide a prepaid, preaddressed air bill; otherwise, it will be sent by regular mail.
4. You may also call your USDA local office and make an appointment to have your documents signed in person.

Documents Required by the Export Desk:

1. The original Bilingual Veterinary Health Certificate signed by the USDA accredited veterinarian.
2. A Rabies Vaccination certificate signed by the veterinarian who vaccinated the pet.
 - Please review all paperwork before sending it off. Make sure that all items match. (Example: Don't have the color "blue and gold" on one sheet and "black and tan" on another; make sure the microchip number is correct and has been filled in on each document).
3. Be sure to include all contact numbers in case the office needs to contact you regarding the certificates.

****Before sending any documents, visit the website below and contact your local USDA department for any additional documents, changes or fees required for your individual state****

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Military Travelers:

Although active duty military travelers may not need USDA endorsements if the veterinary certificate is prepared on a base by a military veterinarian officer, they are well advised to obtain the USDA endorsement to avoid potential delays from destination countries who will be used to seeing the USDA seal and signature.