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Return Entry to United States - Requirements

CDC Import Form

- For dogs that have been only in dog rabies-free or low-risk countries in the 6 months before U.S. entry, this is the only form that is needed.
- There is no cost for this form.
- Complete the form online. A receipt will be emailed to you upon submission of the form. You can print the receipt or show it on your phone.
- The receipt is valid for 6 months from when it's issued unless the dog visits a high-risk country or a different dog rabies-free or low-risk country during that time.
- The receipt can be used for multiple entries into the United States if the dog has not been in a high-risk country in the past 6 months.
- This form should be completed by the person importing (bringing) the dog into the United States (the importer, owner, or shipper).
- You can fill out the form on the day of travel. We recommend completing it a few days or up to six months before travelling from a dog rabies-free or low-risk country, just to be prepared.
- Link to Form: CDC Import Form

In addition to having a receipt for a CDC Dog Import Form:

- Dogs must appear healthy upon arrival.
- Dogs must be at least 6 months old at time of entry or return to the U.S.
- Dogs must have a microchip that can be detected with a universal scanner to identify them.
- If you plan on visiting a dog rabies high risk country, please let us know as additional requirements to re-enter the US will be needed. Link below for list:
    - https://www.cdc.gov/importation/dogs/high-risk-countries.html

Fee Explanation for International Health Certificate

The following explains the fees associated with Animal Clinic of Chardon Accredited DVM to process paperwork for the Health Certificate.

International Health Certificate: $355- paid directly to ACOC

- Physical exam for final Health Certificate ($65)- this is per pet (if multiple).
- Final Certificate paperwork ($290) which includes research, review of all documents provided and the preparation of all necessary forms. – (this fee is per certificate)

Additional Fees- these are required by the USDA to endorse the certificate and are separate from our fees.

- **USDA Endorsement Fee**- $101- due at the time of final paperwork and paid directly to ACOC- this is what the USDA charges us to review and endorse the Final International Health Certificate.
- **Testing Certification Fees**- Some countries require additional testing (such as Rabies titer/FAVN testing etx.) The USDA does charge a fee to certify testing. The fees will depend on what testing and how many tests are required.
    - *Please be aware that if additional testing is needed then additional appointments within certain time frames will be needed. We will notify you and provide an estimate for any additional costs.*
- **Shipping Label**- $50-100 (overnight) - due at the time of final paperwork.
    - We as USDA-accredited veterinarians can electronically issue health certificates and use VEHCS (Veterinary Export Health Certification System) to submit them to USDA for endorsement.
    - Some countries do not accept a digital certificate and will require the USDA to ink-sign and emboss the final health certificate. Your final health certificate will be returned to you by mail (a prepaid, pre-addressed return label will be uploaded with certificate submission). The endorsed health certificate must accompany your pet during shipment or travel.

The total cost will be approximately $506-$556

******Please Note:*** Due to the amount of time and knowledge required, we require a non-refundable $150 deposit along with this form for us to begin the process and/or schedule an appointment.