
Travel Requirements for Pet Travel to Mexico (Dogs/Cats only)

Effective 12/16/2019: A health certificate for dogs and cats is no longer needed to enter Mexico. They will be inspected by SENASICA upon arrival. Please follow the guidance on this page.

Upon arrival to Mexico your pet should be in a clean cage or carrier. Travelers must visit the Mexican Animal and Plant Health Inspection Office (OISA), to contact the official personnel working with SENASICA (Mexican National Department of Health, Food Safety and Food Quality). The official personnel will verify the following:

1. Your pet does not have any signs of infectious and/or contagious diseases.
 2. Your pet is free of ectoparasites (fleas/tick/mites).
 3. Your pet does not have any fresh wounds or healing wounds.
 4. **If parasites are detected on physical inspection of your pet, you will need to contact a veterinarian so that appropriate treatment can be applied. If ticks are detected, the SENASICA personnel will take a sample of the tick for its identification at an official laboratory and will verify that all parasites are removed from your pet. Your pet will need to remain at the OISA office until confirmation that the parasites are not exotic/foreign to Mexico or are not under an Animal Health Program in Mexico. Otherwise, SENASICA, through the Animal Health General Direction, will determine the measures to be applied. Any expenses incurred are your (the owner) responsibility.*
- If your pet is under treatment due to the presence of skin lesions and/or infections, you will need to have documentation of the diagnosis and treatment. A letter provided by your veterinarian on hospital letterhead including license information will be required.
 - Compliance with all that is in this document does not exempt you from presenting documents, complying with applications and/or procedures requested by other authorities.
 - If the carrier is dirty and/or contains disposable bedding (newspaper wood – other materials) toys or edible products, a disinfection will be applied, removing all that is inside of the carrier, for proper disposal.
 - Only the portion of food used to feed your pet during the day of arrival will be allowed.

NOTE: If you travel regularly between the U.S. and Mexico with your dog, you can request to register in the “Pet Program - Frequent Traveler”. For further information please contact the following phone numbers: 59051000 ext. 53611, 54326 and 51020, (0155) 43130154; 43130155 and 431301

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. Mexico is considered a low risk country.
- 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: [**LINK TO 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**](https://www.cdc.gov/importation/dogs/high-risk-countries.html)