

For Traveling to the European Union:

This includes the United Kingdom, Ireland, Spain, Denmark, Germany, Greece, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal, Finland, Sweden, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, and Slovakia. These rules also apply to Iceland, Norway, Andorra, Monaco, Liechtenstein, San Marino, Switzerland, and the Vatican.

1. IDENTIFICATION

The animal must be identified by an ISO standard microchip, or by a clearly readable tattoo. The tattoo will only be accepted until 3 July 2011. After this day, the microchip will be the only identification allowed. The ISO standard chips include the HomeAgain microchip and the Avid Eurochip. A standard Avid microchip is not ISO approved. *For travel to Ireland, the United Kingdom, and Malta, an ISO microchip is obligatory, tattoos are not acceptable.*

2. VALID RABIES CERTIFICATION

The animal must have a valid rabies vaccine. This vaccine must be an inactivated or killed strain and not a modified live. Check with your veterinarian about the type they use. Although most of the countries will now accept a three year vaccination, it is still recommended to have the rabies vaccination within one year of travel but more than thirty days before arrival. The Certificate must be hand-signed preferably in blue ink. Have three copies handy for travel. *For travel to the United Kingdom, Ireland, and Malta, the animal must be microchipped PRIOR to being vaccinated for rabies.*

3. DOCUMENTATION

An EU health certificate is required for non-commercial movements of pets entering the EU. This must be completed in a Microsoft Word Document or PDF form. The health certificate must be **printed** on a single double-sided sheet of paper in the language of the EU country of entry and completed in block letters **either** in the language of the EU country of entry **or** in English. If the form is printed on two pages, each page must be marked with the certificate number, the animal's microchip number, and the owner's last name. To complete the form, sections I, II, III, and IV must be completed and a veterinarian must sign the certificate. These are to be completed by the veterinary office. We must have records for your animal to complete this form.

The certificate must be accompanied by supporting documentation, or a certified copy of it, including vaccination details, rabies certificates, and the result of the FAVN serological test if required. This documentation must bear the identification details of the animal concerned: name, species, breed, sex, date of birth, coat pattern, color, and microchip number or tattoo.

The certificate is valid for movement to and within the EU for a period of four months from the date of issue or until the date of expiration of the rabies vaccination, whichever comes first. *If you are going to the UK, Ireland, Sweden, or Malta, this*

certificate must be taken to the APHIS-USDA office nearest you and certified with their raised seal to be considered valid.

4. GENERAL HEALTH CERTIFICATION AND LETTER OF ACCLIMATION

A general certificate of health and a letter of acclimation for flight are to be completed ten days or less before flying out of country. These documents are required by the airline for travel and do not need to be certified by the USDA office if completed by a military veterinarian. A veterinary visit and a fecal test are required to complete these forms.

5. TO GO TO FINLAND. . .

In addition to the requirement stated above, to enter Finland, the pet must be treated for tapeworms (thus echinococcosis) using praziquantel 24 to 48 hours prior to departure at the veterinary service and the veterinarian must sign that the treatment was completed in section VII of the EU certificate.

6. TO GO TO THE UNITED KINGDOM, MALTA, IRELAND, OR SWEDEN. . .

In addition to the standard requirements listed above, a FAVN serological test (rabies titer test) must be completed a *minimum* of six months prior to arrival. This test is to be completed no less than 21 days after vaccination. 24 to 48 hours before flying, the pet must be treated for tapeworms (thus echinococcosis) using praziquantel and ticks using fipronil at the veterinary service and the veterinarian must sign that the treatments were completed in sections V, VI, and VII of the EU certificate.

For exact details, please visit the appropriate national websites:

Irish website : <http://www.agriculture.gov.ie>

Swedish website : <http://www.sjv.se/net/SJV/Home>

British website : <http://www.defra.gov.uk>

Maltese website : <http://www.mrae.gov.mt>

For information about the rest of the European Union:

http://europa.eu.int/comm/food/animal/liveanimals/pets/nocomm_third_en.htm