

Bull City Veterinary Hospital
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Health Certificate Request Form

****Please note that preparing for travel to some countries can take months****

Thank you for choosing Bull City Veterinary Hospital to assist in your travels with your pet(s)! We understand that planning travel with your pet(s) can be confusing and stressful. We will do our best to help you plan and prepare in a timely manner prior to your trip.

Please read the following documentation to help prepare for the process of travelling with your pet.

There are many available resources so it is a good idea to familiarize yourself with the requirements. The USDA website for pet travel offers a complete guideline for travel to each country as well as other travel preparation resources. Every country has different requirements. Traveling to multiple countries can make this process more complicated/take longer.

While we will do our best to make this process as smooth and simple as we can, please understand as well we will need to work with outside labs and specialty offices and we can only go as fast as each department involved moves. It will be very important to follow our guidelines for appointment scheduling as closely as possible.

There are times where documents will need to be edited. This is why we will not complete a health certificate less than 3 days prior to travel. We want to be available should an edit be requested by the USDA veterinarian.

**This form MUST be filled out and returned via email, fax or in person
PRIOR to scheduling your vet appointment.**

Fax Number: 919-973-3433
Email: bullcityveterinaryhospital@gmail.com

What to expect Next:

A team member will review the completed request form and review guidelines for your destination. You will be called when the review is complete and a detailed plan for your travel is made so you can schedule an appointment with your veterinarian. At this appointment you will either receive a health certificate and be done or this will be the first of many appointments in preparation for your travel.

Please note, time lines must be adhered to when travelling to other countries. Failure to adhere to time lines will delay testing, form completion, travel dates, etc.

Health certificates will only be finalized once all testing and vaccination protocols are complete. **We will not complete any health certificates less than 3 business days prior to travel.**

Items to consider when scheduling travel for your pet

The Basics

- Is an import permit required?
- Is a microchip required?
- What vaccinations are required and when should they be administered?
- Is there a Blood Titer Test (RNATT) required?
- Is an internal parasite test a requirement?
- Is there a need to make quarantine arrangements?
- Must my pet arrive as manifest cargo?
- Are there any medications required for entry? (dewormer, external parasite prevention, etc.)
- Check the USDA website for specific requirements for destination.

Pet Preparation

- Get your pet's crate or carrier and start working on acclimation.
- Pet Carrier must have waterproof bottom, adequate ventilation and to be secure. Your pet must be able to stand up and turn around in its carrier.
- Pet crate for larger cats and dogs (or those traveling in a cargo hold) must have a waterproof bottom, spring lock, adequate ventilation and meet other IATA requirements. Click below to read pet crate requirements: https://www.pettravel.com/passports_container_requirements.cfm
- Put familiar things in the crate or carrier including something with your scent.
- Encourage your pet to rest and nap in its carrier bottom.
- Leave the door open so your pet can go in and out of the crate or carrier.
- Take them for drives or walks to someplace fun in the crate or carrier.
- Spend time praising your pet for loving their crate or carrier.

Schedule a visit to see your veterinarian

- Check for health.
- Have your pet microchipped with a 15-digit ISO 11784/11785 microchip before vaccination if necessary.
- Verify Rabies vaccination expiration.
- Discuss any titer test or other testing that must be done.
- Schedule appointment with USDA office to stamp all certificates and testing results.

You may need multiple appointments if your destination requires testing results and/or specific timelines for vaccinations.

Items to consider when scheduling travel for your pet (continued)

Check airline or roadway routes

- Check for road construction or traffic issues if traveling on the ground. Set your route in a routing device such as a Garmin or in your smart phone if you have one.
- If you are flying, stay clear of airports that are more challenging to transit (London, Taiwan, Australia, China).
- Keep layovers to 2 hours if possible.
- Do not change airlines – changing planes is ok; changing airline companies is not.

Research Pet Friendly Hotels and Services

- Find a great pet friendly hotel and contact them prior to booking online to verify their pet policies.
- Find an animal hospital nearby in case of emergencies and bring along the pet's medical information.
- Find pet friendly parks and restaurants nearby so you and your pet can enjoy your stay.

Get your pet's supplies

- Plan to bring some or all of the following pet supplies:
 - Leash and collar.
 - Name tag (with your cell phone number on it).
 - Picture of your pet; at least two copies on paper as well as digital.
 - Bottled water and a portable water dish.
 - Supply of sealed pet food, dish and spoon.
 - Dog/cat treats (all good pets deserve a treat now and then)
 - Medication/Heartworm Prevention/Flea and Tick Prevention
 - Plastic bags for picking up after your pet
 - Puppy training pads to line their carrier for easier cleanup if needed.

Information Needed for Travel

Client Information – LOCAL

Owner/Agent Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Client Information – DESTINATION

Owner/Agent Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Country: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____



Pet Information

Name: _____

Species: _____

Breed: _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Description (color): _____

Gender: _____ Spayed/Neutered: _____

Does your pet have a microchip? _____

Travel Information

Date of Travel: _____

Method of Travel: _____

If Airline travel, will there be any additional stops? If so, where? _____

If Airline Travel, will your pet be in cabin or cargo? _____

Do you have any concerns regarding your pet and traveling? _____

I have read and understand the provided documentation.

Signature of Owner/Agent

Date

