

CAMBRIDGE STREET ANIMAL HOSPITAL

International Health Certificate

Cambridge Street Animal Hospital (CSAH) has a USDA accredited veterinarian on the team able to issue International Health Certificates. International Health Certificates are required for travel to many countries, though requirements vary significantly from country to country. **It's important to visit the [USDA website](#)¹ and contact our team as soon as you know your travel destination(s) and dates.**

Please also note that if you are returning to the US with your pet, you will need to obtain an International Health Certificate from an accredited veterinarian in your destination country.

START PLANNING YOUR TRAVEL EARLY

Every country has its own requirements for international travel. Between processing times, required tests, titers, vaccinations, and waiting periods, we'll want as much lead time as possible. The requirements in advance of travel can range from a couple of weeks to as long as six months depending on the destination country. Most countries require an exam by a USDA accredited veterinarian within ten days of your arrival to make sure the pet is healthy enough for travel and isn't bringing any diseases or parasites across borders. **If you start making plans at the last minute, it may not be possible to process everything for your trip on time.**

ORGANIZE YOUR PET'S RECORDS

For many countries you will need an original copy of your pet's rabies certificate that includes their microchip number. Some countries may require additional vaccinations, parasite treatment, or other treatments or procedures. If you are a current CSAH client, we will review your records to make sure your pet has met the requirements for international travel.

If you are not currently a CSAH client, we require your pet's records at least a week in advance of your appointment with us - we will let you know if because of your destination we require more time. This allows us to review your pet's records and reach out to your prior veterinarian if we have questions or need records adjusted for submission to the USDA. **If we don't have your**

¹ <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/pet-travel/take-pet-to-foreign-country/export-pets>

pet's records a week in advance of your appointment (longer if noted), we will need to cancel your appointment.

AFTER YOUR APPOINTMENT

After your pet's International Health Certificate Exam, we'll submit the necessary paperwork to the USDA for approval and endorsement. The approval process can take from a few days to over a week and can be very strict. We will track the certificate's progress and let you know if any further action is needed by you. The USDA will return the completed papers by mail or online depending on the requirements of the destination country. You may need to bring hard copies with you while traveling.

As always, we are here to help care for your pet and answer your questions. Give us a call at 339-234-6007 or email us at contact@cambridgestah.com with any questions or concerns.

