



# Crossing the Border With Your Dog?



Your dog must be healthy and have a valid rabies vaccine certificate to enter the United States.

Rabies vaccination certificates must be from a licensed veterinarian and include:

- ✓ **Your dog's description**  
(including breed, sex, age, color, markings, and other identifying information)
- ✓ **Expiration date of vaccination certificate**  
(or date your pet's next vaccination is due)
- ✓ **Date of rabies vaccination**
- ✓ **Veterinarian's signature**



Rabies vaccination certificates must be up-to-date.



- Check for expiration dates (or date your pet's next vaccination is due) on the rabies vaccination certificate.
- Is your vaccination certificate expired? No problem! Just get your dog a booster shot before arriving at the border.
- If your dog or puppy is being vaccinated against rabies for the first time, you must wait 30 days before bringing it into the United States.

If your puppy is younger than 4 months old, it can't enter the United States.

- Puppies must be at least 3 months old to get a rabies vaccination, and it takes 30 days for the vaccine to be effective.

Dogs may not enter the United States if they look sick or have a disease that can spread to others.



## These requirements apply to ALL dogs, even service dogs.



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For more information visit the Centers for Disease  
Control and Prevention's Animal Importation Website  
[www.cdc.gov/importation](http://www.cdc.gov/importation)

