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## Importation of Dogs and Cats into New York State

- New York State accepts a 3 year **rabies vaccination** for dogs and cats on interstate health certificates. It must be noted on the health certificate that it is a 3 year rabies vaccine. The health certificate must also have the vaccine product name, date of vaccination and whether it is a killed or live vaccine recorded on it. [Dog and Cat Importation into NY State](#)
- If importing animals **from outside of the US**, you must meet both Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and NYS Requirements
  - ◆ CDC Requirements - [BringingAnimalToUs.html](#)
  - ◆ NYS Requirements- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued 30 days or less prior to entry and current rabies vaccination for cats and dogs 3 months of age and older. In addition to a one year rabies vaccination, we do also accept 3 year rabies vaccination. (see first bullet in this section)

Note: CVI must be written or officially translated in English. We do not accept the Pet Passport.

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Note:

- ⇒ If staying in NYS for less than 30 days or for exhibition, a CVI is not needed but proof of rabies is required.
- ⇒ If a NY resident is travelling out of state and travelling back with the same pet within one year, a CVI is not needed but proof of rabies and proof of NYS residency is required.
- ⇒ Dogs or cats with infectious or communicable disease can enter NYS only for treatment at a veterinary clinic. The certificate of veterinary inspection must indicate the animal is moving to the clinic for treatment of that condition.

- Traveling with your pet - USDA-APHIS ([pet\\_travel.shtml](#))

### **SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS—**

- Animals going to NYC for any reason need to contact the NYC Dept of Health, Office of Veterinary Public Health Services @ 646-632-6604.