Importation of Dogs and Cats into New York 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.
  - Heartworm is an infectious disease, heartworm positive dogs are not allowed to be imported into NYS.
    Note: CVI must be written or officially translated in English. We do not accept the Pet Passport.

- If importing animals from inside the US, you must meet 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 a 3 year rabies vaccination.
  - The CVI must have the rabies vaccine product name and date of vaccination recorded on it.
  - Heartworm is an infectious disease, heartworm positive dogs are not allowed to be imported into NYS.
    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.

- 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 @ 646-364-1783.