Importation of DOGS and CATS into New York State

** THESE REQUIREMENTS ONLY APPLY IF NEW YORK IS THE FINAL DESTINATION OF THE ANIMAL **

Exporting animals out of the US

- Contact USDA at (518) 218-7540 or exportny@usda.gov They have a helpful pet travel website.

Importing animals from OUTSIDE the US to NY

- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued 30 days or less prior to entry issued by your veterinarian. If the country of origin does not have a CVI form, we will accept the required information on the veterinarian’s letterhead. All information must be in English. The CVI should have the full NY address of destination (no PO Boxes) and should state that the examination revealed no clinical evidence of infectious or communicable disease, including external parasites and fungi, and that to the best of the veterinarian’s knowledge, the dog or cat has not recently been exposed to such infectious or communicable disease.

- Current rabies vaccination for animals 3 months of age and older. We accept the 1-year or 3-year vaccine. Rabies vaccine product name and date of vaccination must be recorded on the CVI.

- Center for Disease Control & Prevention requirements must also be met - Bringing Animals to the US

- We do not accept the Pet Passport

Importing animals from WITHIN the US to NY

- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued 30 days or less prior to entry - a form issued by your veterinarian. NY accepts the VS 7001 form. The CVI should have the physical NY address and state that the examination revealed no clinical evidence of infectious or communicable disease, including external parasites and fungi, and that to the best of the veterinarian’s knowledge, the dog or cat has not recently been exposed to such infectious or communicable disease.

- Current Rabies vaccination for animals 3 months of age and older. We accept the 1-year or 3-year vaccine. Rabies vaccine product name and date of vaccination must be recorded on the CVI.

Note: A CVI is not required for import from other States if:

- The animal is staying in New York for less than 30 days (proof of current rabies vaccination is still required)

- The animal is entering for exhibition (proof of current rabies vaccination is still required)

- The dog is a NY resident with proof of current dog license, rabies vaccination and is returning from out-of-state travel within one year

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