



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.
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 - ◆ 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.
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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.
- 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.