

TRAVELING WITH YOUR PET

Pets are cherished family members, and we understand how important it is to keep family with you as you move around the world. While international pet travel requires careful planning, we're here to help make the process as smooth as possible for you and your pet.

Getting Started

International pet travel requires careful planning and preparation. We recommend starting your planning **3-6 months** before your intended travel date, as requirements can vary significantly between countries and may change over time.

As your veterinary care team, we're here to support you, but there are some important steps that you, as the pet owner, need to take to prepare yourself and your pet for the upcoming travel.



1 Find the Pet Travel Requirements for your Destination Country

The **Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)** oversees all pet travel into and out of Canada, and are in contact with other countries to know their respective pet travel regulations. Contact the CFIA to learn about them your pets' travel requirements.

Contact the CFIA (<https://inspection.canada.ca/en>) to learn about:

- Required travel documentation for your destination
- Timeline for document completion prior to travel
- Necessary diagnostic testing (such as Rabies Titer Testing)
- Required anti-parasitic treatments for travel
- Any additional destination-specific requirements for your destination



2 Preliminary Travel Preparations: Preparing the Paperwork!

Start putting together the required paperwork for your pet's upcoming travel.

If necessary, schedule an appointment well in advance of your travel date for any required diagnostic testing, vaccinations, anti-parasitic treatments, and/or any other destination specific pet travel requirements.

3 Travel Appointment(s)

Once testing and treatments are complete, schedule your travel examination where we will perform a final health check, provide a pet health certificate for travel, and complete required travel paperwork for your pet.

Please bring all documents that need to be filled out with you to your appointment. Yonge Sheppard Animal Hospital and its staff will not be held liable for any delay or cancellation of travel should the necessary documents, exam, diagnostic tests and treatments not be completed in the appropriate time frame.



Once filled, you may also need an appointment with the CFIA to review and certify your pet's travel documents prior to departure.

Note: This travel exam, and appointment with the CFIA is typically to be done within a specific timeframe required by your flight and/or your destination country.

Common Travel Requirements

- A microchip (ISO compliant 15-digit recommended)
- Current rabies vaccination
- A Rabies Titer test (FAVN)
- An airline approved carrier (can vary by airline)

Travel requirements for pets vary significantly by destination.

While these are common requirements, please contact the CFIA to confirm the exact requirements for your destination before making travel arrangements.

Travel questions or concerns?

Contact:



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