



Canada

Wise Owl Animal Hospital Pet Travel Checklist

General Information

- Cats less than three months of age are exempt from the import requirements
- Canada does not require a waiting period between the time the animal is vaccinated for rabies and the time the animal is imported into Canada
- This Handout was created on 9.16.15 – please see <http://www.inspection.gc.ca/animals/terrestrial-animals/imports/policies/live-animals/pets/eng/1326600389775/1326600500578> for updated information

Step One (Recommended)

Time Frame: As Soon As Possible

- ☐ Microchip your pet
- ☐ Get your pet used to its carrier

Give your pet at least a month before your flight to become familiar with the travel carrier. This will minimize his stress during travel.

Note: Canada does not require microchipping for animal import, but we highly recommend all animals to be microchipped.

Step Two

Time Frame: 22 or more days before travel

- ☐ Rabies Vaccination WITH
- ☐ Rabies Certificate

OR

- ☐ Veterinary Certification declaring animal is from recognized Rabies-Free country

(This option only applies to cats, all dogs must have a rabies certification)

The **rabies vaccination certificate** must:

- Be issued and signed by a licensed veterinarian
- Identify the animal (breed, sex, color, weight)
- State that the animal is vaccinated against rabies (and indicate the date of vaccination, the trade name and the serial number of the licensed vaccine and specify the duration of immunity)

Dogs less than 3 months old do not need a rabies certification, but proof of age must be provided on request.

The **veterinary certificate** must:

- Be issued and signed by a licensed veterinarian
- Identify the animal (breed, sex, color, weight)
- State that the animal has been in the exporting country since birth or for at least six months immediately before travel to Canada
- Be accompanied by documentation from a Guam government authority, stating that rabies has not occurred in Guam for at least six months immediately preceding the animal's travel to Canada.
 - The document can be either a letter (issued on letterhead, dated, stamped and signed by a Guam official) or a letter by the licensed veterinarian who issued the certificate, which must be endorsed by the Guam government authority:

Guam USDA representative information:

USDA, Guam FSA Office
FHB Building
400 Route 8, Suite 306
Mongmong, GU 96910-2003
Phone: (671) 472-7568
Fax: (671) 472-7580

**We suggest you visit the office in person for quickest processing & Endorsement*

Step Three

Time Frame: 1 or more days before travel

- ☐ Transport Pet(s) to Airport

Wise Owl offers services to make your departure easier. We are able to board pets a few days prior to travel and even take care of transporting your pet to the airport the day you leave.

Do not feed your pet for four to six hours before the trip. However, you can give him small amounts of water.

Set up transport with our staff by filling out the Airport Transport Form with all the required information. Bring your pet, all their documentation, crate (see reminders), food, and other necessary items for travel to the clinic. We'll take care of the rest!

Step Four		Time Frame: Upon arrival in Canada
<input type="checkbox"/> Animal Inspection	Pets imported to Canada will have a documentary inspection by the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) to ensure the vaccination is current and the animal description matches.	If the shipment does not meet Canada's import requirements, the animal will be ordered to undergo vaccination against rabies within two weeks of its arrival, and the following fees (as of 9/2015) apply:
AND		\$55.00 + tax for the first animal \$30.00 + tax for each additional animal
<input type="checkbox"/> Pay Fees, Taxes and Duties	During this visual inspection, CBSA ensures that there is no visible signs of illness. In certain cases, dogs and cats imported will require a Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) inspection for which CFIA inspection fees apply. The fee must be paid at the time of inspection.	Any applicable taxes or duties are calculated by the Canada Border Services Agency.
	The current fees (as of 9/2015) are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$30.00 + tax for the first animal in the shipment • \$5.00 + tax for each additional animal 	For updated fee information, see: http://www.inspection.gc.ca/animals/terrestrial-animals/imports/policies/live-animals/pets/dogs/eng/1331876172009/1331876307796

Reminders		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic pets entering Canada do not need to be quarantined • Animals may require additional documentation when flying. Please check with your airline to determine whether you meet its requirements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure to get a pet carrier that meets the International Air Transport Association's guidelines. • Fit your pet with a collar that can't get caught in carrier doors. It is also advisable to put a temporary ID with your destination and contact information on your pet as well. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure that your pet's nails have been clipped to protect against them getting hooked in the carrier's door, holes, and other crevices.

If you have questions about importing an animal into Canada, please contact a CFIA area office:

Atlantic Area

1081 Main St
PO Box 6088
Moncton, New Brunswick
E1C 8R2
Tel: 506-777-3939
Fax: 506-777-3942

Quebec Area

Room 671
2001 Robert-Bourassa Boulevard
Montreal, Quebec
H3A 3N2
Tel: 514-283-8888
Fax: 514-283-3143

National Headquarters

1400 Merivale Road
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0Y9
Tel: 1-800-442-2342/613-773-2342
TTY: 1-800-465-7735

Ontario Area

174 Stone Road West
Guelph, Ontario
N1G 4S9
Tel: 226-217-8555
Fax: 226-217-8495

Western Area

1115 57th Avenue North East
Calgary, Alberta
T2E 9B2
Tel: 587-230-2200
Fax: 587-230-2253

08:00 to 20:00 Eastern time, Monday to Friday Eastern Time