

New 2025 CDC Pet Requirements For Border Crossings

What you need to know about bringing pets across US borders in 2025

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New 2025 CDC Requirements Strictly Enforced

Required for dogs entering US:

- Microchip (ISO-compatible)
- CDC Dog Import Form (must be completed online)
- Rabies vaccination documentation
- Dogs must be at least 6 months old

Special restrictions:

- Dogs from high-risk rabies countries face additional requirements
- Foreign-vaccinated dogs from high-risk countries cannot enter at land borders
- Must arrive via designated airports with CDC-approved facilities

Processing requirements:

- CDC form must be completed 2-10 days before entry
- Microchip must be implanted before form submission
- Veterinary documentation must be current

Cats and other pets:

- Generally fewer restrictions than dogs
- Still require health certificates for some destinations
- Verify specific requirements for your destination and pet type

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