

A close-up photograph of a Siberian Husky puppy and a Ragdoll kitten. The puppy is on the left, looking directly at the camera with its striking blue eyes. The kitten is on the right, looking slightly to the side with its blue eyes. Both animals have light-colored fur with darker markings.

Safe Importation of Dogs and Cats CDC Pet Import Requirements

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- Livestock and equine health
- Animal welfare

Animal
Health

- Zoonotic diseases of public health concern

Public
Health



- CITES *
- Conservation
- Exotics

Wildlife
Health

Security
of
Borders

Enforcement
at ports of
entry



*Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora

CDC Regulation of Dogs and Cats

42 CFR §71.51



- Focus is on canine rabies virus variant (dog rabies)
- Dogs and cats must appear healthy on arrival
- Rabies vaccination certificate needed for dogs from countries that have high risk of dog rabies
- **Permit* required for dogs from Egypt**

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www.CDC.gov/dogtravel

CDC Entry Requirements for Pets

Dogs

Healthy

Valid rabies vaccination certificate *IF*
from country with high risk of rabies*

CDC Dog Import Permit *IF* from Egypt

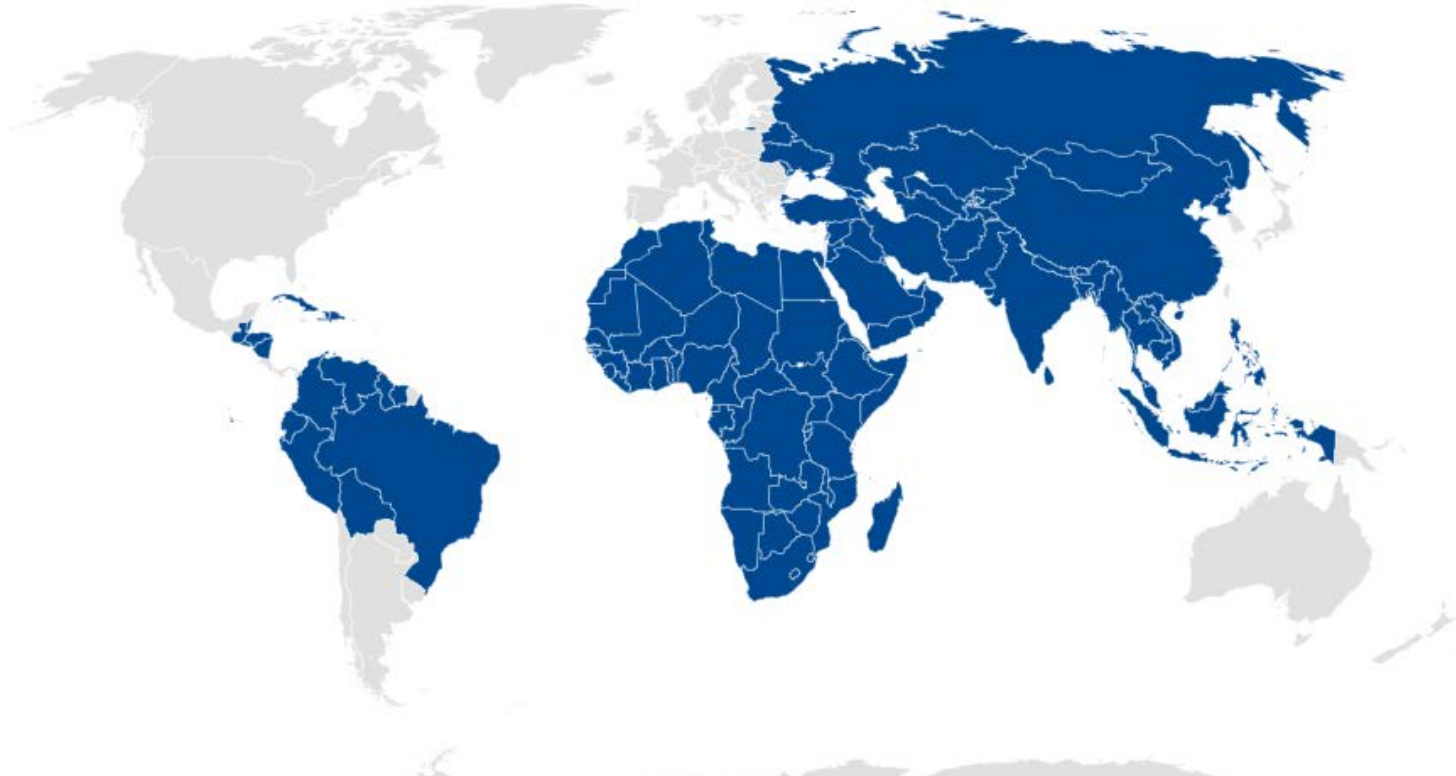
Cats

Healthy



* High-risk countries: www.cdc.gov/importation/bringing-an-animal-into-the-united-states/rabies-vaccine.html

Map of high-risk countries for dog rabies



List of high-risk countries

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Dog Rabies Vaccination Requirements from high-risk countries



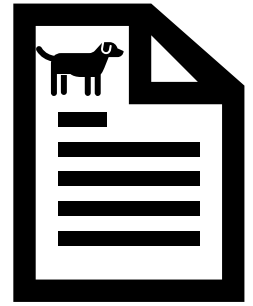
at least **12** weeks old before
the first rabies vaccination

AND

vaccinated at least **28** days
before entry

This means the dog must
be at least **16** weeks old
when it enters the US

Rabies Vaccination Certificate from high-risk countries



Must include :



OWNER name and address



DOG

breed, sex, date of birth (approximate age if DOB unknown), color, markings, other identifying information



VACCINE

Date of rabies vaccination, vaccine product information
Date the vaccination expires



VETERINARIAN name, license number, address, and signature of
veterinarian who administered the vaccine



1. Missing/Improper Dog Paperwork
2. Inadequately Vaccinated (Underage) Dogs
3. Animal arrives sick or dead

Common Entry Issues

Missing/Improper Paperwork

FOTO

Nombre de la mascota
Jacinto

Fecha de nacimiento **30/04/13**

Sexo **male**

Color **cream**

Raza **Mini French Bulldog**

PRIMOVACUNACIÓN

La primovacunación necesita una o varias dosis dependiendo del tipo de vacunación utilizada, de los riesgos epidemiológicos locales, la legislación vigente y el criterio del médico veterinario.

Fecha _____ Etiqueta _____ Firma _____

REVACUNACIONES

Caninos	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fecha	<input type="text"/>
Moquillo	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Hepatitis	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Leptospirosis	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Parvovirus	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Rabia	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Parainfluenza	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Corona	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Felinos	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Rabia	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Calicivirus	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Rinotraqueitis	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Panleucopenia Felina	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Leucemia Viral Felina	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Señales particulares _____

Criador _____

Dirección _____

Teléfono _____

Propietario _____

Dirección _____

Teléfono _____

Propietario _____

Dirección _____

Teléfono _____

Propietario _____

Dirección _____

Teléfono _____

- No owner or veterinarian information
- Dog's name in darker ink, possibly written in on a photocopy of an original document

RABIES VACCINATION CERTIFICATE

- No owner address
- Veterinarian did not administer the vaccine

IV. ВАКЦИНАЦІЯ ПРОТИ СКАЗУ / VACCINATION AGAINST RABIES

<p>Виробник, назва вакцини та серійний номер / Manufacturer, name of vaccine and batch number</p>	<p>1. Дата вакцинації / Vaccination date</p> <p>2. Дійсна до / Valid until</p>	<p>Уповноважений ветеринарний лікар / Authorized Veterinarian</p>
<p>Біоган R</p> <p>Скажіть, назва вакцини та серійний номер / Manufacturer, name of vaccine and batch number</p> <p>885526A</p> <p>09.05.2021</p>	<p>20.05.2020</p> <p>15.05.2021</p>	<p>Тел. [redacted]</p> <p>Тимчасово: [redacted]</p>

DATE VACCINATED

05/20/2020

Month / Day / Year

05/15/2021

NEXT VACCINATION DUE BY:

Month / Day / Year

Product Name:

Biogan R

Manufacturer:

Bioveta

885526A

Vaccine Serial (lot) Number

License number: [redacted]

Veterinarian's Signature: [redacted]

Address: **UKRAINE**

[redacted]

Inadequately Vaccinated Dogs

Illegal puppy imports common. Designer breeds command high prices



4.5-6 month old English bulldog



5-8 week old French bulldog



6-8 week old Lavender French bulldog



www.cdc.gov/importation/bringing-an-animal-into-the-united-states/operation-dog-catcher.html

Photo credits – CDC quarantine stations

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South Korean Puppy Dead on Arrival



Photo credit: CDC quarantine stations

Sick Dogs Held for Medical Evaluation



Photo credit: CDC quarantine stations

Diseases of Concern

Disease Risk in Imported Pets

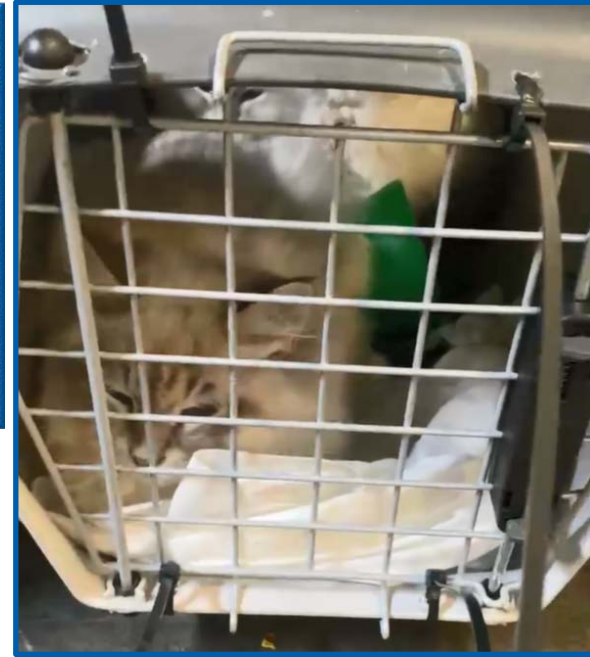


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Diseases of Concern

Rabies

Nearly 100% fatal in mammals without vaccine

Dog rabies causes 99% of human rabies deaths

Over 100 countries are high-risk for dog rabies

Virus spread through saliva from bite or scratch of infected animal

Preventable with vaccine in animals and with post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) in people



Diseases of Concern

Brucellosis

Leishmaniasis

Leptospirosis

Campylobacter

Canine Influenza

Internal and external parasites
(screwworm)

Fomites for livestock diseases:
Foot and Mouth Disease
African Swine Fever



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**Protecting staff and your facility when
importing pets**

Protecting your facility when importing pets

Where to rescue or acquire animals – consider country's disease risks

Fully vet and quarantine the animals in country of origin **before** importation (3-6 months in rabies high-risk countries)

Upon arrival, dispose of or sanitize crates and bedding

Separate imported animals in your facility, time in quarantine based on disease risks



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Protecting Staff

Avoid contact with animals during transport

Practice good hand-hygiene

Use appropriate PPE

Follow your company's reporting procedures if a bite/scratch/exposure occurs

Routine diagnostic labs often do not have tools to detect foreign animal diseases

Report sick imported animals to your state veterinarian



Resources

- CDC Importation Requirements
www.cdc.gov/importation/index.html
- CDC Recommendations for Traveling with Pets
www.cdc.gov/importation/traveling-with-pets.html
- High-risk Countries for Dog Rabies:
www.cdc.gov/importation/bringing-an-animal-into-the-united-states/rabies-vaccine.html
- CDC Healthy Pets, Healthy People
www.cdc.gov/healthypets/
- USDA Importation Requirements
www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/pet-travel/bring-pet-into-the-united-states
- United States Department of Labor (PPE)
www.osha.gov/personal-protective-equipment
- Kansas State Veterinarian Contact Info
<https://agriculture.ks.gov/divisions-programs/division-of-animal-health/contacts>



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