# For Airlines: How to Review a CDC Dog Import Permit Updated May 26, 2022

This job aid provides airlines with step-by-step guidance in how to review a CDC Import Dog Permit.

The <u>temporary suspension</u> continues for dogs imported from countries that CDC considers <u>high risk for dog rabies</u>, including dogs arriving from countries NOT at high risk if the dogs have been in any high-risk country during the previous 6 months. As of June 10, 2022, dogs from <u>high-risk countries</u> must appear healthy, be microchipped, and be at least 6 months of age. Dogs from high-risk countries may be imported **only with:** 

- Option A: A valid US-issued rabies vaccination certificate (RVC). Dog must enter at one of 18 airports with a CDC Quarantine Station.\*
- Option B: A valid CDC Dog Import Permit. Dog must enter at one of 18 airports with a CDC Quarantine Station.\*
- Option C: A reservation at a CDC-approved animal care facility (at either ATL-Atlanta, JFK-New York, LAX-Los Angeles, or MIA-Miami). The CDC-approved animal care facility will determine if the dog has a valid foreign-issued RVC and rabies serology titer result.
  - Dogs must have a valid RVC prior to arrival. Dogs without a valid RVC will be denied entry.
  - Dogs with a valid titer must be examined by a USDA-accredited veterinarian and re-vaccinated at a CDC-approved animal care facility at the importer's expense.
  - Dogs without a valid titer must be examined by a USDA-accredited veterinarian, re-vaccinated, and quarantined for 28 days at the CDC-approved animal care facility at the importer's expense.

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## **Steps to Review a Permit**

- 1. Ensure CDC logo, QR code<sup>†</sup>, and permit number are included.
- **2. Confirm the permit number has not expired** (ensure the permit is not presented after the valid period). Dates are formatted as MM/DD/YYYY. For example, June 10, 2022 is formatted as 06/10/2022.
- 3. Verify the dog presented to the airline agents matches the description on the permit.
- **4. Confirm arrival information.** The arrival date can be different than the flight date due to changes in travel plans. Simply confirm travel is occurring while the permit is valid.

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### **Permit Elements**

CDC Logo (Step 1)

**PHS Permit Number (Step 1)** 

QR code<sup>†</sup> (Step 1)

Period Permit is Valid (Step 2)

Dog Identification (Step 3)

#### **Arrival Information (Step 4)**

\*18 airports with a CDC Quarantine Station: Anchorage (ANC), Atlanta (ATL), Boston (BOS), Chicago (ORD), Dallas (DFW), Detroit (DTW), Honolulu (HNL), Houston (IAH), Los Angeles (LAX), Miami (MIA), Minneapolis (MSP), New York (JFK), Newark (EWR), Philadelphia (PHL), San Francisco (SFO), San Juan (SJU), Seattle (SEA), Washington DC (IAD).

†Airlines are not expected to scan the QR code.

Contact the CDC Quarantine Station with jurisdiction.



#### ermit to Conditionally Import a Dog into the United States - Single Entry

In accordance with 42 CFR	nport a Dog into the United States - Single Entry Section 71.51 of the Public Health Service Foreign Quarantine Regulations, permission is granted the dog (listed in item 3 below) into the specified port of entry under control of the United States.
refrermit Number	4701-21-145-0001  If QR code not visible, see email attachment.
Permit valid:	11/06/2021-12/06/2021
Applicant Name, Address, Contact Information	Name: Lilah Dyer Address: 150 Wag Ave Atlanta, GA 30333 Phone: (404) 123-4567 Email: lilah@cdc.gov Passport #: 1234567 United States
2. Authorized Permit Holder, Address, Contact Information	Name: Lilah Dyer Address: 150 Wag Ave Atlanta, GA 30333 Phone: (404) 123-4567 Email: lilah@cdc.gov Passport #: 1234567 United States
3. Identification of Dog	Date of Birth: 06/14/2020 Breed: Other/Mixed (please specify) Sex: Female Neutered Color: Apricot / White Microchip: 1234567891234568 Rabies Vaccination: 10/06/2021
4. Arrival Information	Country of Origin: Turkey US Port of Entry: Atlanta Mode of Entry: Air
5. Approved Confinement Location	150 Wag Ave Atlanta, GA 30333  Dog may not be moved from the approved confinement location (except to go to a veterinary facility for medical treatment or vaccination) until the conditions of issuance in item 6 below are satisfied.
6. Conditions of Issuance	Confinement until booster rabies vaccination at destination (within 10 days of entry into the United States).  The above restrictions are imposed under section 71.51 Title 42, Code of Federal Regulations, and compliance is necessary before the dog is released from confinement." Confinement" as used above, means restriction of an animal, by the owner or his/her agent, to a building or other enclosure isolated from people and other animals (except for contact necessary for its care); if the dog is allowed out of said enclosure, muzzle the dog and keep it on a leash.  NOTICE TO PERMITEE: Criminal penalties may be imposed for violating regulations enacted under 42 U.S.C. § 264. Under 42 U.S.C. § 271, as enhanced by 18 U.S.C. § 58559 & 3571, individuals violating a quarantine regulation may be sentenced to one year in jail and/or a maximum fine of \$100,000, if the

violation does not result in a death or \$250,000, if the violation results in a death. Violations by an organization are punishable by a maximum fine of up to \$200,000 per violation, if the violation doe

ot result in a death, or \$500,000 per violation, if the violation results in a death.