

How to Review a US-issued Rabies Vaccination Certificate (RVC)

This job aid provides airlines with guidance in how to review a US-issued Rabies Vaccination Certificate.

The [temporary suspension](#) continues for dogs imported from countries that CDC considers [high risk for dog rabies](#), 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 [high-risk countries](#) 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 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.

Steps to Review a US-issued RVC

- Ensure rabies certificate is in English** or accompanied by a **certified English translation**.
 - A *certified* translation is a signed statement on professional letterhead issued by a licensed translator declaring that the translation is an accurate and true representation of the original document.
 - The translation must include the name, address, and contact information of the translator and have a signatory stamp or elevated seal with the translator's license number included.

- Ensure the certificate includes the following required information:**

Owner's information

- Name and address

Description of pet

- Breed
- Sex
- Date of birth (approximate age if date of birth unknown)
- Color
- Markings
- IMPORTANT: Dog's microchip number**

Vaccination and product information

- Date of rabies vaccination
- Date the vaccination expires (date the next vaccination is due)
- Vaccine product name/manufacturer of product
- Vaccine product lot number
- Vaccine product expiration date

Administering veterinarian's information

- Name, license number (or official stamp), and address
- Signature

To re-enter the United States, a dog with a US-issued rabies vaccination certificate **MUST**:

- Appear healthy on arrival.
- Be at least 6 months old.
- Have a microchip with numbers listed on their rabies vaccination certificate.
- Arrive at one of 18 airports with a CDC Quarantine Station.*
- Provide proof of a valid US-issued rabies vaccination certificate upon arrival.

Expired US-issued rabies vaccines will not be accepted. If the US-issued rabies vaccine has expired, the importer must plan ahead to enter through Option B or C.

Contact Your Local CDC Quarantine Station If You Believe Dog Does Not Meet CDC Entry Requirements

Find contact information here: www.cdc.gov/quarantine/quarantinestationcontactlistfull.html

*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).



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