As of July 14, 2021, there is a temporary suspension for dogs imported from countries that CDC considers high risk for dog rabies. This includes dogs arriving from countries NOT at high risk if the dogs have been in any high-risk country during the previous 6 months. Dogs from high-risk countries may be imported only with:

- A valid-US-issued rabies vaccination certificate (dog must be healthy, microchipped, at least 6 months of age, and arrive at an approved POE*). OR
- A valid CDC Dog Import Permit (must be eligible to apply and dog must be healthy, microchipped, at least 6 months of age, and arrive at an approved POE*). See “How to Review a CDC Dog Import Permit” job aid.


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
☐ 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 an approved port of entry*
- 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 apply for a CDC Dog Import Permit, if eligible.

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

Additional Resources

- High-Risk Dog Suspension Federal Register Notice
- FAQs: Dogs from High-Risk Countries
- High-Risk Countries for Dog Rabies
- What is a Valid Rabies Vaccination Certificate?
- Bringing a Dog into the United States

*Approved POEs include all 18 airports with a CDC quarantine station. These will serve as approved POEs throughout the entire suspension.