# International Pet Travel：Plan Ahead and Take the Right Steps 

## Before making plans to travel internationally with your pet，visit our new Web site at https：／／www．aphis．usda．gov／aphis／pettravel for up－to－date information on what＇s required．

The U．S．Department of Agriculture＇s（USDA）Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service（APHIS）has launched a new Web site devoted to international pet travel．Pets are often considered part of the family，but traveling with your pet isn＇t as simple as just booking a flight or driving across the border．There may be very specific steps you and your veterinarian need to follow，as well as pet vaccinations，treatments， and／or testing that your veterinarian must document．

We know this process can be stressful．That＇s why we designed a new Web site to help guide you and your veterinarian through each step．Some countries have pre－travel requirements that take advanced planning and time to complete，so it＇s important to start the process early．

On our pet travel Web site，you＇ll find detailed information about taking your pet from the United States to another country（export） and bringing your pet into the United States from another country （import）．The site covers the export and import of certain types of pets，including：
－Dogs
－Cats
－Birds
－Ferrets
－Rabbits
－Rodents
－Hedgehogs and tenrecs
－Reptiles
－Amphibians
－Detailed documents on sending pets to select countries，and
－A link to find APHIS＇closest Veterinary Services office for assistance．

## Bringing Your Pet Into the United States

APHIS＇mission is to protect the health and value of American agricul－ ture and natural resources．To prevent the entry and spread of foreign animal diseases into our country，pets entering the United States from other countries may need to meet specific APHIS requirements．You can find information about these requirements on the new site．And for pet bird owners，the site provides a list of APHIS－approved ports of entry and contact information for our animal import centers．

Other Federal agencies also have rules for bringing pets into the United States．Our new Web site includes links to those agencies＇sites to help meet all your pet travel needs．

