

Making Hawaiian Pet Travel a Breeze: A Step-By-Step Guide

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Goals:

- Understand the basic requirements for dogs and cats to travel to Hawaii
- Understand how pet travel to Hawaii is more complicated than other interstate travel
- Share tips to help these Hawaii pet travel appointments go smoothly in your clinic
- Pet travel appointment workflow in practice, that actually works

Pet Travel Overview:

- Each U.S. State (or U.S. territory) mandates the requirements necessary for a pet to be granted entry upon arrival
 - Official Health Certificate (OHC = form 7001) vs Electronic Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)?
 - Age Requirements: generally 3 months (or older)
 - Current Rabies Vaccination
 - +/- Microchip?

Pet Travel Overview (con't):

- **24 states and 1 U.S. territory will currently accept the APHIS 7001 form:** (Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Iowa, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Oregon, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wyoming and *Puerto Rico)
 - Several states don't even require that!
 - A CVI will always be accepted in place of an OHC.
 - REMEMBER: even if the state does not require any travel documentation, the airline(s) typically do! Encourage pet owner to do their own research to what their airline will require.
- **22 states currently require a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI):** (Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Jersey, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Washington, and Wisconsin)
 - APHIS 7001 form is not sufficient or acceptable!
 - Date of issuance also a factor (10 vs 30 days prior to arrival)

Hawaii Travel Requirements:

- Microchip
- 2 Rabies vaccinations in their lifetime (minimum of 30 days apart)
- 30 days must pass between most recent rabies vaccination and arrival in Hawaii
- Passing FAVN titer (results must be within 30 days and 36 months prior to arrival to Hawaii)
- Tick Treatment within 14 days of arrival
- CVI issued within 14 days of arrival
- Other: Breed restrictions – any non-domestic dogs, cats or hybrids: such as wolf, wolf cross, Dingo, Bengal, Savannah, etc.

Hawaii Travel Requirements (con't):

- Owner must submit documents and pay all required fees:
 - Including the import form (AQS-279)
 - Two most recent rabies certificates
 - CVI completed within 14 days of arriving in Hawaii
 - Documents must be submitted to the Animal Quarantine Station in Honolulu according to their detailed rules so they are received more than 10 days before arrival.
 - *Owners wishing to fly their pet direct to the island of Hawaii, island of Maui or island of Kauai must send in documents in 30 days or more before arrival and request a Neighbor Island Inspection Permit.*
- Direct airport release requires pet owner to complete all of the above requirements AND arrive at the inspection station (after clearing Customs) during normal inspection hours (8am-4:30pm; pets arriving later will be held until the following day).

Hawaii Pet Travel Tips:

- START the process early!!!
 - Provide pet owner with good resources
 - Require a pre-travel consultation (for Hawaii & international travel) to discuss necessary requirements and potential timeline (often 4-6 months of planning)
 - FAVN titers are taking 6-8 weeks to process
- Offer health certificate services only for existing patients?
- Charge appropriately for your time
- Obtain travel detail information upon scheduling
- Set up a draft CVI or Pet TravelPass in GlobalVetLink
- Follow up with owner PRIOR to appointment if additional information is needed

Hawaii Pet Travel Tips (con't):

Information NEEDED prior to your pet's health certificate appointment!

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to me ▾

Hi John,

We have you and Dante scheduled to come in for an examination and health certificate for upcoming travel! There is quite a bit of paperwork typically involved in issuing the official health certificate. In order for us to prepare (and make your visit as efficient as possible), we'll need some additional information so we can begin preparation of the travel documents. As soon as you possibly can, please respond to this email with the following information:

Name(s):

Home address:

Phone Number:

Date of travel:

Destination address:

Port of entry (if travelling internationally):

Airline:

Flight #:

Is pet flying cargo or in the cabin?

Is this trip for pleasure or for permanent relocation?

Pet 1 Name:

Pet 2 Name:

We look forward to seeing you soon and thank you in advance for providing us with this important information!

Thank you,

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Hawaii Pet Travel Workflow:

- Client (and pet) have had pre-travel consultation (microchip is in place, vaccines are current, FAVN is performed and passing) THEN:
- Client schedules 30 minute health certificate appointment within 14 days of departure
- Appointment is appropriately coded in our PMS
- Email is sent to obtain client travel details (if not returned, we call and verbally acquire information PRIOR to their appointment!)
- A technician begins a draft CVI (or Pet TravelPass) in GVL:
 - Enter basic client, patient, travel, vaccine, testing information
 - Attach signed rabies certificates
 - Attach FAVN results
 - Follow up with client for any details that are missing (especially if completing the Hawaii Import Documents)
 - Create a “to do” list within appt:
 - Verify Microchip
 - Enter patient weight/temperature
 - Which tick prevention was used
- DVM performs exam, final information is entered
- PDF is printed and given to owner to review/confirm
- Hawaii Pet Travelpass is signed/finalized and copy printed (and shared) with the pet owner!

Resources:

- Domestic & International Requirements:
<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/pet-travel>
- Hawaii specific, pet travel information:
<https://hdoa.hawaii.gov/ai/aqs/aqs-info/>
- Importation Requirements:
<https://www.cdc.gov/importation/traveling-with-pets.html>
- For pet owners: <https://www.animalregs.com>

Thank you!

Additional questions? Email info@globalvetlink.com