



NIPOMO DOG & CAT HOSPITAL

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Health Certificates & Traveling With Your Pet

Dear Client:

Since we have issued a health certificate for your pet, we assume your pet will be traveling soon.

Regulations for traveling with pets change frequently – especially for international travel. **Please be advised that it is the pet owner’s responsibility to verify travel and document requirements.**

Well in advance of travel, we encourage all clients to verify that they have the correct travel documents and all the information necessary is included on your health certificate. Different governing authorities may require various documents in addition to a health certificate.

Here are some of the items you should verify:

- Time Constraints – Is your pet within the correct time limits with the health certificate, rabies vaccination, etc?
- Vaccinations – What are the vaccination requirements for your pet? What documentation is needed?
- Number of Copies of Documents – Some countries require several copies of documents.
- Types of Documents Needed – We complete vaccination certificates for vaccines we’ve given at our clinic and complete the USDA APHIS Form 7001. If additional forms or certificates are needed, we advise the client to have this form completed by a professional pet transportation company. Some countries require completion of their own certificate in their native language.

The United States Department of Agriculture is a good place for initial research. The address of the specific website is below. The California office can be reached at 916-854-3900.

<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals/>

The California Veterinary Medical Association also has a great deal of information available on their website at:

<http://www.cvma.net> (enter TRAVEL in the search field)

There are also a number of pet transportation companies. An example is Air Animal and they consistently get good reviews. They complete most of the paperwork and can also help with travel arrangements. They may be reached at 800-635-3448. (We also have their brochures at the clinic).

<http://www.airanimal.com/>

If you are traveling by airline, you should check their website and/or call to verify you have the necessary documents and to see if there are additional requirements or restrictions.

We hope this information is helpful and prevents any problems while traveling with your pet!

I have received a copy of this document:

Client Name (print) _____ Signature _____ Date _____