

Instructions on how to complete the *CDC Dog Import Form* for dogs entering the United States from rabies-free or low-risk countries

This form should be completed by the person importing the dog into the United States (the importer, owner, or shipper). After you submit this form, a receipt will be sent to the email address you provided. Please check that the email address is correct before submitting the form.

If the dog is traveling by air, you must show the receipt to the airline before boarding.

You must also retain the receipt and be able to show the receipt to U.S. Customs and Border Protection when the dog arrives in the United States.

The receipt is valid for one dog to enter the United States multiple times within six months from the date of issuance. Complete another *CDC Dog Import Form* and obtain another receipt for additional dogs or future entries after six months.

Select the button indicating whether a dog has been in a country that is considered a high-risk country for dog rabies in the last 6 months. Please verify using the link [High-Risk Countries for Dog Rabies](#). The answer to this question will determine the remaining information you must enter in the form.

Section A- Person Importing the Animal

Enter information about the person bringing the dog to the United States.

This person may be:

- the dog owner,
- the shipper (consignor),
- a flight parent: a person transporting one or more dogs for the purpose of rescue, resale, or adoption on behalf of another person or an organization, or a person who is transporting one or more privately owned dogs on behalf of the owner
- any other person bringing a dog to the United States

That person's passport number or driver's license number, or the air waybill (AWB) number for the dog (provided by the airline) must be entered.

To enter the date of birth, click the calendar, select the month and year of birth and then click the day of birth.

Enter the email address where the receipt for this form should be sent. Ensure this email address is correct as this is where the *CDC Dog Import Form* receipt will be sent when you submit the form.

Enter the phone number of the person bringing the dog to the United States.

Section B- Animal Information

Enter the dog's name (required)

The following fields are optional:

Age of the dog in years or months.

Sex of the dog.

Breed of the dog. Select "mixed breed/other" if you cannot find the breed of the dog listed, or if you do not know the breed of the dog.

Color and markings of the dog.

Select the importation purpose (required).

Select "Personal Pet" if the dog is a personal pet or emotional support animal.

Select "Commercial" if the dog is being adopted from another country, sold to a person in the United States, or being brought to the United States by or on behalf of a rescue organization or a business.

Select "Service animal" **only** for a dog that meets the definition of a service animal used in federal regulations (14 CFR 382.3), which states a service animal is "a dog, regardless of breed or type, that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of a qualified individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. Animal species other than dogs, emotional support animals, comfort animals, companionship animals, and service animals in training are not service animals for the purposes of this part." If "Service animal" is selected, the dog must be traveling with the person with a disability whom it is trained to assist.

Select "Government-owned" if the dog is a working dog owned by a U.S. federal, state, territorial, or local government agency or a foreign government agency and the purpose of bringing it to the United States is to serve as part of its official duties.

Select "Education, Exhibition, or Research" if the dog is being imported for one of the following reasons:

- teaching of a defined educational program at the university level or equivalent;
- as part of a public display open to the general public during routinely scheduled hours for entertainment in which the dog is trained to perform some behavior or action; or
- for research following a defined protocol and other standards for research projects as normally conducted at the university level.

Section C- Travel Information

Travel Type: Select how the dog will be traveling to the United States (air, land, or sea).

Country of departure: Select the country from which the dog is departing for the United States. Note that only rabies-free and low-risk countries are listed. If the dog is arriving from a dog rabies high-risk country, please return to the top of the page, select "Yes" to the question "Has the dog been in a country that is considered a high-risk country for dog rabies in the last six months?"

Arrival date: Select the date on which the dog will arrive in the United States.


Section D- Signature

Read the statements in this section carefully. You are making attestations and statements of understanding that may subject you to penalties, including criminal penalties.

Check the box indicating you have read the statements and understand that typing your name constitutes a legal signature.

Type your name: first (given) name, middle initial if you have one, and last name (surname) into the text box. The date will be entered for you by the system and cannot be edited.





Once you are finished entering information and have checked that it is accurate, click the blue box on the lower right that says **“Submit.”**

You should receive an email in the next 15 minutes with your receipt. That email will come from DGMQAdminSupport@cdc.gov and you may need to check your spam folder.

Please retain a copy of your *CDC Dog Import Form* receipt. You must present the receipt to airline if the dog is traveling by air and U.S. Customs and Border Protection on arrival in the U.S.

