



Dear Valued Clients,

Are you planning on travelling into or through Canada with your dog any time after 8/1/24?

Please be advised that the CDC has recently changed the requirements for ALL dogs entering the United States, including dogs that are originally from the United States but have left the country for any reason.

Some of the details are still vague, but most importantly, if your pet DOES NOT have a 15-digit ISO microchip already in place, then any prior Rabies vaccinations will not be considered valid for re-entry into the United States. Not all previous Rabies vaccinations will be considered valid for travel, depending on the record keeping of the veterinary practice. **NO DOG** will be allowed re-entry into the United States until 28 days have passed after a valid vaccination (or booster vaccination if the previous vaccination has expired).

In addition, no dogs under the age of 6 months will be allowed re-entry into the United States if they leave the country, regardless of vaccination or microchip status.

For more information, please see the CDC's website:

<https://www.cdc.gov/importation/bringing-an-animal-into-the-united-states/dogs.html>

These changes will take effect on **August 1, 2024**. In order for us to help ensure that your dog will be able to travel with you, as of July 1, 2024, we will be requiring a pre-health certificate appointment for **all dogs that will be driving through Canada 30-90 days prior to travel**. It will take TIME (potentially over a month) for us to help you get the necessary paperwork (including Rabies certificate endorsement by the USDA, guidance for applying for the import permit, etc), so please plan accordingly.

These rules do not apply to cats, nor do they apply to dogs flying from Alaska to the lower 48 (those pets will still need the standard Health Certificate for travel). **Service dogs will NOT be exempt from this requirement.**

If you have additional questions about whether your dog(s) will comply with these new rules, as well as which paperwork, permits, etc need to be done, please **contact us via email** at info@auroraanimal.com and give us your planned travel dates as well as destination.

Please keep in mind that we did not make these rules, the CDC did. We're just trying to do our part to help you and your pets be prepared to travel safely and avoid getting denied re-entry into the United States.

With Warm Regards,

You Aurora Animal Hospital Team