# Pet Health Certificates for Interstate & International Needs

Health certificates may be required for traveling with your pet, selling a pet, or to attend companion animal events such as shows or competitions. Poco West Veterinary Clinic offers certified health certificates for our patients’ needs.

## Pet Health Certificates

Your PWVC veterinarians can perform an exam and issue a health certificate called a [Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/library/forms/pdf/APHIS7001.pdf), to verify your pet is free from infectious diseases and current on all vaccinations.

If your pet is travelling across state lines, be aware of entry regulations for each state and request a CVI from your veterinarian along with signed copies. When using a commercial transport service, ground or air, USDA regulations require a health certificate issued within 10 days of shipment accompanying companion animals.

## International Health Certificates

Poco West Veterinary Clinic is able to fulfill pet import and export requirements regarding pet inspection and issuing of International Health Certificates. Obtaining an International Health Certificate is a process that can take months of planning. If you know you may be leaving the country, contact our clinic immediately to begin the process.

Whether you are military personnel or simply traveling abroad, the Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is one of three federal agencies that you encounter as you travel with your pet. International health certificates for the export of animals from the United States are completed by an APHIS-accredited veterinarian who certifies animal health status, conducts tests, and records test results for the individual animals being exported.

Completed and signed International Health Certificates for the export of animals from the United States must be endorsed by a veterinary services area office in order to be valid. To obtain the USDA endorsement of an international health certificate or any other documents relating to traveling with your pet, the documents must be completed by an appropriate APHIS-accredited veterinarian.

## Regulating Agencies

Visit the USDA website for [Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/animals/animal_exports_pets.shtml).

Taking pets to another country requires contacting that country’s consulate or embassy for requirements. A listing of consulates can be found at the [U.S. Department of State website](http://www.state.gov/s/cpr/rls/fco/)