



Traveling to Mexico with your pet

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This document was made to help you understand the process of traveling with your pet, both with information from the government website [[SAGARPA](#)] and the help of an expert in the care of pets in the Mayan Riviera [[DOG HOLIDAY](#)].

We recommend you to review the information prior to your trip to keep up to date with the Mexican regulations.

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Traveling with your pet is an amazing experience! To make sure both you and your dog or cat are able to enjoy vacation, we would like to give you some tips and recommendations.

The first bit of information you should know is that **only dogs and cats are considered as pets**. Also, Dogs and cats that are three months old or less may not legally enter Mexico.

When you travel with your pet to Mexico, you'll be asked to show the required documents at the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Office (OISAS) located at international airports, border crossing points and seaports. Your pet will undergo a physical examination to rule out the presence of parasites, infections, tumors or skin cuts.

To keep in mind:

- If parasites are found, it is required that a veterinarian gives your pet the appropriate treatment; you must cover all generated expenses.
- Your pet will be rejected if it has any form of skin infection such as scabies, fungus and alopecia.
- All kennels must come clean and will be disinfected at arrival.
- Pet beds, food, treats or meat are not allowed.
- Only one balanced food portion for the day of arrival to Mexico is permitted.

Pets coming from the USA and Canada

Prior traveling to Mexico, make sure your pet has all current vaccines: Quintuple or sextuple, Rabies, and Kennel cough/bordatella is recommended. Also, your dog should get heart worm protection and a flea and tick preventive protection.

You need to present a Health Certificate (original and a copy) issued by an approved official veterinarian or by a private veterinarian from the country of origin.

The certificate must come in letterhead with the veterinarian license number printed on it. You will need to present this certificate at the Office of Animal and Plant Health Inspection (OISA) located at the port of entry.

Make sure the certificate contains:

- 1** *The importer / exporter name and address.*
- 2** *That the animal has been immunized for rabies (date and expiration of vaccination).
Animals under three months are exempt of this requirement.*
- 3** *That a previous checkup showed no signs of disease.*



If you choose to use the USDA Health Certificate official format, make sure it is signed and sealed by official USDA personnel to make it valid.



Once all requirements are met, the Health Certificate for Import will be issued. If you are traveling with three or less animals you are exempt of any fees. If you are traveling with four or more pets, you should make the required payment for the issuance of the certificate; you can make the payment either online or at the bank.

To see more information about this fee, visit the [official government website](#).

If you are traveling with four or more pets, they will be transferred to the cargo area and comply with the regulation for commercial imports.

You are allowed to bring in your pet's food but it must come in its original package, with the USDA/CFIA seal and no more than one portion for pet is permitted.



Pets must enter the country in a clean cage or kennel, with no bed or accessories.

If you're coming from another country, the requirements are basically the same.



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