

APHIS Launches New Website Devoted to International Pet Travel

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The Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service launched a new website in July dedicated to international pet travel and helping travelers and accredited veterinarians easily determine country-specific requirements.

The previous APHIS site was designed for accredited veterinarians and other animal health professionals who are familiar with interpreting technical regulatory language. Therefore, hundreds of people called APHIS each month seeking information on pet travel. The new site is designed to be easy for anyone to use.

"We know pets are members of the family, and our goal is to ensure pets meet the requirements to relocate with their families internationally – whether temporarily or permanently." Stated Dr. Jack Shere, deputy administrator for APHIS Veterinary Services, in an announcement about the new site. He said the department recognizes each country has different entry requirements, and the new website makes it easy to understand and meet those requirements so travelers can avoid last-minute problems.

The site provides information about taking pets from the United States to other countries and bringing pets into the United States, applying to the following pets: dogs, cats, birds, ferrets, rabbits, rodents, hedgehogs and tenrecs, reptiles, and amphibians. The address is www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/pet-travel