



INFORMATION

ALL PETS TRAVELING OUT OF THE STATE REQUIRE CERTIFICATION

Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) are now required for each and every dog, cat, fish, and exotic pet coming and leaving the state of Michigan. The United States Department of Agriculture has implemented a mandatory regulation for certification to trace animals potentially exposed to disease and to prevent disease outbreak for exposed animals and people.

The CVI must be signed by a U.S. Department of Agriculture accredited veterinarian issued within the previous 30 days of travel to prove the animal has been inspected by a veterinarian. A copy of this CVI is delivered to the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) where it is kept on file in the event of an emergency.

This certification requires a visit to a veterinarian's office and a physical exam ensuring your pet is healthy before traveling to another state. This law applies to all companion animals traveling either by car or plane.

The certificate is the issuing veterinarian's responsibility to ensure that all import and export requirements are met and that the documents are filled out completely and correctly. The CVI requires the pet owner's address, address for intended destination, the pet's description, and veterinary signatures. In Michigan, dogs more than 12 weeks of age are required to have been vaccinated for Rabies before they enter this state. If you are traveling to another state, it is the responsibility of the accredited veterinarian to review the destination state's requirements because many states have not only mandatory vaccination protocols, but also age restrictions for travel of companion pets.

At Richland Animal Hospital, Dr. Gilbert is a licensed, accredited veterinarian who is prepared to fill out these necessary documents for travel. Please call our office and make an appointment within 30 days of travel. Our office will require information in advance of the appointment, so be prepared to have proof of vaccination and information regarding the place of your destination.



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