

International Health Certificates

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Most international health certificates must be completed in **ten days or less** prior to your travel date. This handout is meant to help aid you through this process. Please use the resources below to help guide you through this process. To have your pet's health certificate endorsed, you have the option of mailing the documents, dropping off documents and picking up next day, or scheduling an appointment (*information below*).

Microchip Implantation -We offer Homeagain Microchips (ISO compatible) for international travel.

European Microchip Requirements -International microchips *must be implanted prior to Rabies vaccination*. If a microchip has been implanted for the first time, then **21 days must have elapsed** after the Rabies vaccine, before the health certificate can be issued - *Regardless of whether the animal was up-to-date on its Rabies vaccine previously*.

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) **The USDA is expected to have the most current information for the requirements of each country.*

USDA Website <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/pettravel> You can also easily access their site via our website <http://www.coconutgroveanimalclinic.com/>

Local USDA Office

6300 NW 36th St, Miami, FL 33122

305-876-2200/305-876-2201 (fax)

Hrs: Mon-Fri, 7:30am – 12:30pm

NO PETS & NO CASH

To make an appointment email: contactmiami@aphis.usda.gov

To Mail in Documents:

If you use the **Post Office** send documents to:

USDA, APHIS, Veterinary Services

P.O. Box 660657 Miami, FL 33266

If you use **FedEx or UPS-overnight only**:

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