

# Traveling with your pet to Mexico

## Requirements and procedures for traveling to Mexico with your pet

Avoid mishaps!

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### Don't wait in line!

If you travel frequently to Mexico, register your pet in the Pet Frequent Traveler Program (PMVF, by its Spanish acronym).



### General Information

- The carrier or container in which your pet will enter must be clean and at the time of inspection, it will receive a preventive treatment by spraying by official personnel.
- The entry of bedding, implements, accessories, toys, treats or prizes made with ingredients of ruminant origin is not allowed. If present, they will be removed and destroyed.
- Your pet may enter with its collar and leash.
- If you wish to bring food with your pet, please check the [specifications here](#).
- If your pet is undergoing medical treatment, please check the [specifications here](#).
- If you are sending your pet checked as cargo, verify the requirements with the airline and consider the services of a Foreign Trade Agent for the clearance before the customs authority.



## **Requirements to enter Mexico**

### **Origin Mexico, USA or Canada, and coming from USA or Canada.**

If you visit Mexico, upon arrival your pet will be subject to a physical inspection to verify that there are no health risks. It is not necessary to present a Certificate of Good Health and vaccination card\*.

\*It is the same procedure if you enter through the border strip or on a cruise ship and you only stay for the duration of the ship's trip.

### **Coming from other countries**

At your point of entry into the country, you must contact the official Senasica personnel who will carry out a documentary and physical review, for this you must present a Certificate of Good Health with a maximum validity of 15 days of having been issued, in original and simple copy, with the following elements:

- Issued by an official Veterinarian of the competent authority or if private, on letterhead, with the professional license number printed or photocopy of the same (or its equivalent).
- Name and address of the exporter (in country of origin or origin) and importer (destination address in Mexico).
- Date of application of the rabies vaccine and its validity (animals under 3 months of age are exempted).
- That the animal(s) were found to be clinically healthy in the inspection prior to their trip.
- That the animal or animals have been internally and externally dewormed within the previous six months and are free of ectoparasites.



If you do not have the Certificate of Good Health or vaccination card, you must request the services of a private Veterinarian of your choice in Mexico, who must apply the corresponding treatments and issue the Certificate of Good Health.

The official personnel or Authorized Third Party Specialist (TEA, by its Spanish acronym) can, after an evaluation, certify the good health status.



### **Considerations during the physical inspection**

- If ectoparasites are detected, you should contact a veterinarian of your choice, at your expense, for treatment.
- If ticks are detected, the staff will send a sample to an official laboratory.
- The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Offices (OISA, by its Spanish acronym) will keep your pet until the laboratory result is obtained to rule out that they are exotic specimens for Mexico or under Campaign.
- When it represents a risk, Senasica will determine the measures to be applied. You will be responsible for any expenses incurred.



**[If you are traveling to Mexico with an animal other than a dog or cat, please consult the information here.](#)**