

## General entrance requirements for guests travelling with pets

WestJet accepts small pets in the cabin and as checked baggage on most international flights. Dogs and cats are not accepted on flights to, from or through Barbados, Hawaii, Ireland, Jamaica or the United Kingdom in carry-on or checked baggage. Although WestJet accepts pets other than [cats and dogs](#), other animal types (species) may not be permitted or may have additional entrance requirements for other countries. Please contact the veterinary services or government agency for the specific destination country. A list has been provided below.

### Canada

- Cats and dogs may enter Canada if they are accompanied by a rabies vaccination certificate. A complete list of animal acceptance requirements for dogs, cats and other pet types (species) can be found on the [Canadian Food Inspection agency website](#).

### United States

The requirements for the entry of pet cats and dogs into the United States (excluding Hawaii) are:

- Most dogs travelling to the U.S. will require a valid rabies certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian that indicates that the dog has had their rabies vaccination no less than one month before arrival. The certificate must include the date of the vaccination and expiration (if no expiration date is stated then the vaccination must be no more than 12 months before arrival). A health certificate or Certificate of veterinary inspection (OCV) may also be required for entry into some U.S. states. Complete information on vaccinations and importing dogs, cats and other pet types (species) to the United States can be found on the Centers for Disease Control and prevention website, and for specific state requirements on the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service website.
- Puppies must be older than four months of age to be imported to the United States and must be vaccinated against rabies no less than one month before arrival. Puppies less than three months of age cannot be vaccinated against rabies and cannot be imported into the United States. Dogs more than 15 months old that have already received a rabies vaccination given no earlier than 3 months of age and that has since expired may be imported immediately following booster vaccination, without the need to wait for one month.
- Dogs are subject to inspection at ports of entry and may be denied entry into the United States if they have evidence of an infectious disease that can be transmitted to humans.
- If a dog appears to be ill, further examination by a licensed veterinarian at the owner's expense might be required at the port of entry.
- There is no vaccination regulation for cats; however some states may have different requirements. It is recommended to check with state and local health authorities at your final destination prior to travel.

Complete information on vaccinations and importing dogs, cats and other pet types (species) to the United States can be found on the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website](#). Specific state requirements for dogs and cats can be found on the [Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection website](#).

**Hawaii**

Due to restrictive entrance requirements, we do not accept pets on flights with the exception of cats and dogs as emotional support animals and dogs as service animals. Complete requirements for entry can be found on the State of Hawaii Department of Agriculture website.

If travelling to Hawaii with an emotional support animal, please be aware that the Honolulu Airport Animal Quarantine Holding Facility is open for inspections until 1700 daily. If you arrive at the facility after 1630, your animal may be kept overnight at the office until your animal can be inspected and approved for release the following day. Service Animals can arrive at any time into Honolulu if Rabies Quarantine Branch is notified at least 7 days in advance of departure.

If you are traveling to Kona (Hawaii), Kahului (Maui) or Lihue (Kauai) Airport (instead of Honolulu), you must apply for a Neighbor Island Inspection Permit from the Department of Agriculture for both emotional and service animals. The permit must be presented at check in with WestJet and also to the inspector upon arrival in Hawaii. Permits may take approximately 2 months to process and receive prior to your departure date. Please contact the Rabies Quarantine Branch for more details at (808) 483-7151 or by email at [rabiesfree@hawaii.gov](mailto:rabiesfree@hawaii.gov).

**Antigua and Barbuda**

Entry requirements for pet cats and dogs are very restrictive. An import permit, rabies inoculation, health certificate, micro/identification chip, rabies antibody testing, medical and vaccination history, treatment for parasites, and notification of date and time of arrival must be completed before travel. Complete information regarding entry, as well as a list of prohibited animal breeds and other pet types (species), can be found by contacting the Antigua Veterinary and Livestock Division at 1-268-460-1759, or by [email](#).

For additional reference, you may refer to the [Antigua and Barbuda government website](#).

**Aruba**

To enter Aruba a dog or cat must have a veterinary health certificate. A rabies inoculation certificate and a micro/identification chip are also required for entry. Specific information regarding entry, including restrictions on country of origin and residence, and other pet types (species) are available by contacting the Veterinary Service in Aruba at 011-297-585-0400 or by [email](#).

For added reference, please visit [VisitAruba.com](http://VisitAruba.com).

**Bahamas**

Cats and dogs are required to have an import permit completed before travel. The permit is available from the Ministry of Agriculture, Trade and Industry (Nassau). A vaccination certificate and a veterinary health certificate must also be provided. Complete information on additional requirements for cats, dogs and other pet types (species) can be found by contacting the Department of Agriculture at 242-325-7502 or by email.

For added reference, you may also refer to [the Government of Bahamas website](#).

**Barbados**

Due to the strict requirements on the transportation of live animals mandated by the local government, we do not accept pets on flights to Barbados.

**Bermuda**

Cats and dogs are required to have an import permit completed before travel. The permit is available from the Department of Environmental Protection. A vaccination certificate and a veterinary health certificate, an identity microchip, and a rabies vaccination history must also be provided. Full details of all requirements for cats, dogs and other pet types (species) can be found by contacting the authorities at 441-236-4201 or by [email](#).

For added reference, please visit the [Government of Bermuda Environmental Protection website](#).

**Cayman Islands**

Entry requirements for pet cats and dogs are very restrictive. An import permit or Cayman Islands pet passport are required in addition to a rabies inoculation, health certificate, micro/identification chip and certificate, a rabies antibody test, tick and tapeworm treatment. All requirements must be completed before travel. Complete information regarding entry, and a list of prohibited pet breeds and pet types (species), can be found by contacting the Veterinary Services - Cayman Islands Department of Agriculture at 345-947-3090 or by [email](#).

**Costa Rica**

Cats and dogs must have a veterinary health certificate, a rabies vaccination certificate, parasite and tick treatment, vaccination history and notification of date and time of arrival. Complete information regarding entry for cats, dogs and other pet types (species), can be found by calling the National Animal Health Service (SENASA) at 506-2587-16-00 or 506-2260-83-00 or by [email](#).

For added reference, please visit the Embassy of Costa Rica in Canada website.

**Cuba**

Cats and dogs are required to have a veterinary health certificate and vaccination certificate. We recommend that you ensure your accommodation allows pets on their premises as many hotels do not. Complete information regarding entry for cats, dogs and other pet types (species) can be found by calling the Cuban Tourist Board at 416-362-0700.

**Curacao**

Cats and dogs are required to have an official international health certificate, rabies vaccination, identification microchip, and parasite treatment before entry. Complete information regarding entry for cats, dogs and other pet types (species) can be found by contacting the authorities at 5999-461-4000 or by [email](#).

**Dominican Republic**

Cats and dogs are required to have a veterinary health certificate and a rabies vaccination certificate. We recommended that you have the documents translated into Spanish and legalized by a Dominican embassy. Complete information regarding entry on cats, dogs and other pet types (species) can be found by contacting the Embassy of the Dominican Republic at 613-569-9893 or the General Directorate of Livestock at 809-535-9689.

**Ireland**

Due to the strict requirements on the transportation of live animals mandated by the local government, we do not accept pets on flights to Ireland with the exception of [service and emotional support dogs](#). Please visit [assistive animals](#) for information on travelling with a service or emotional support dog.

**Jamaica**

Due to the strict requirements on the transportation of live animals mandated by the local government, we do not accept pets on flights to/from Jamaica. Please visit [assistive animals](#) for information on travelling with a service dog.

**Mexico**

Your cat(s) or dog(s) – if departing from Canada or the United States - are required to have a health certificate issued within 10 days before your arrival in Mexico. You must also present a vaccination certificate or card showing rabies vaccination date and application.

You must have a declaration/documentation that your cat(s) or dog(s) have been dewormed - internally and externally – within the past six (6) months, and that your cat(s) or dog(s) are ectoparasite-free.

If your animal does not meet the above requirements, you will be responsible for contacting, and paying a local veterinarian to treat your animal, and issue a new health certificate. WestJet will not provide compensation and cannot assist with meeting these requirements.

Complete information for cats, dogs and other pet types (species) can be found on [the Servicio Nacional de Sanidad Inocuidad y Calidad Agroalimentaria \(SENASICA\)](#) website or by contacting the Government of Mexico by [email](#).

**Puerto Rico**

Cats and dogs are required to have a veterinary health certificate, a rabies vaccination certificate and identification tags. Complete information on all entry requirements for cats, dogs and other pet types (species) can be found by calling Veterinary Services at 787-796-1650.

**St. Lucia**

Entry requirements for cats and dogs are very restrictive. An import permit, rabies inoculation, health certificate, micro/identification chip, rabies antibody test, tick, tapeworm and parasite treatment, common disease vaccinations, heartworm test and notification of flight, date and time of arrival need to be completed before travel. Complete information regarding entry, as well as a list of prohibited animal breeds and other pet types (species) can be found by calling the Veterinary and Livestock Services Division at 758-454-3470 or 758-454-6254 or by fax at 758-454-5932.

**St. Maarten**

Cats and dogs are required to have a veterinary health certificate, a rabies vaccination certificate. Complete information regarding entry for cats, dogs and other pet types (species) can be found by calling the St. Maarten Tourist Bureau at 0590-87-57-21.

**Trinidad and Tobago**

Entry requirements for pet cats and dogs are very restrictive. An import permit, rabies vaccination, health certificate, a micro/identity chip, rabies antibody test, parasite treatment, notification of date and time of arrival and any additional tests requested need to be completed before travel. Complete information regarding entry, as well as a list of prohibited animal breeds and pet types (species) can be found by calling the Animal Production and Health Division at 868-625-5997 or 868-625-1473 or by [email](#).

For added reference, please visit the [Ministry of Food Production Trinidad and Tobago website](#).

**Turks and Caicos**

Entry requirements for cats and dogs are very restrictive. Animal Health Services requires an import permit or pet passport, as well as a rabies vaccination and antibody test, an international health certificate, a micro/identity chip or tattoo, vaccinations for common diseases including Lyme disease (for dogs), tick and tapeworm parasite treatment, and verification that the pet has been spayed or neutered. Further, Animal Health Services must be notified before travel of the airline, scheduled flight, date and time of arrival and the port of entry. Complete information regarding entry for cats and dogs, as well as a list of prohibited animal breeds and pet types (species), can be found by calling Animal Health Services at 649-946-5801 or by [email](#).

For added reference, you may also refer to the Government of the Turks and Caicos Islands website.

**United Kingdom**

Due to the strict requirements on the transportation of live animals mandated by the local government, we do not accept pets on flights to Glasgow and London Gatwick with the exception of [service dogs](#). Please visit [assistive animals](#) for information on travelling with a service dog.