

<b>HEALTH CERTIFICATES</b>	<b>A dog, cat, nonhuman primate, or marine mammal</b> delivered for transportation in commerce by a research facility, including a Federal research facility, must be accompanied by a health certificate. [2.38, 3.112, Policy #18]
<b>Species Specific</b>	<p><b>Dogs and Cats</b></p> <p>A health certificate is required when a research facility, including a Federal research facility: [2.38(h)(1)]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• delivers a dog or cat to a carrier or intermediate handler</li> <li>• transports a dog or cat across a state line</li> </ul> <p>NOTE: A dog/cat transported <b>within</b> the State and in the research facility's private vehicle does not require a health certificate. [Policy #18]</p> <p>The health certificate must: [2.38(h)(1)]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be issued by a licensed veterinarian</li> <li>• state that the animal was inspected on a specific date NOTE: This date must be within 10 days prior to delivery of the animal for transport.</li> <li>• state that the animal appeared to be free of any infectious disease or physical abnormality that would endanger the animal, other animals or the general public</li> </ul> <p>NOTE: If a health certificate contains a stamped veterinarian's signature, a copy should be forwarded to the Regional Office. The stamped signature may be a violation of a State law.</p> <p>The U.S. Interstate and International Certificate of Health Examination for Small Animals (APHIS Form 7001) may be used for the health certification (see page 13.4.4). [2.38(h)(3)]</p> <p><b>Nonhuman Primates</b></p> <p>A health certificate is required when a research facility, including a Federal research facility: [2.38(h)(1)]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• delivers a nonhuman primate to a carrier or intermediate handler</li> <li>• transports a nonhuman primate across a state line</li> </ul>

NOTE: A nonhuman primate transported **within** the State and in the research facility's private vehicle does not require a health certificate. [Policy #18]

The health certificate must: [2.38(h)(1)]

- be issued by a licensed veterinarian
- state that the animal was inspected on a specific date  
NOTE: This date must be within 10 days prior to delivery of the animal for transport.
- state that the animal appeared to be free of any infectious disease or physical abnormality that would endanger the animal, other animals or the general public

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#### **Marine Mammals**

A health certificate is required when a research facility, including a Federal research facility, delivers a marine mammal to a carrier or intermediate handler. [3.112(a)]

The health certificate must: [3.112(a)]

- be signed by the attending veterinarian
- state that the animal was examined within the prior 10 days
- state that the animal was found to be in acceptable health for transport

NOTE: If a health certificate contains a stamped veterinarian's signature, a copy should be forwarded to the Regional Office. The stamped signature may be a violation of a State law.

#### **Exemption**

##### **Dogs, Cats and Nonhuman Primates**

The Secretary of Agriculture may provide an exemption to the health certificate requirement on an individual basis for a **dog/cat or**

**nonhuman primate** shipped to a research facility when the research facility requires an animal not eligible for a health certificate. [2.38(h)(2)]

Requests for an exemption must:

- be in writing
- contain the reason/justification for the exemption
- be sent to:

USDA, APHIS, AC  
4700 River Road, Unit 84  
Riverdale, MD 20737-1234