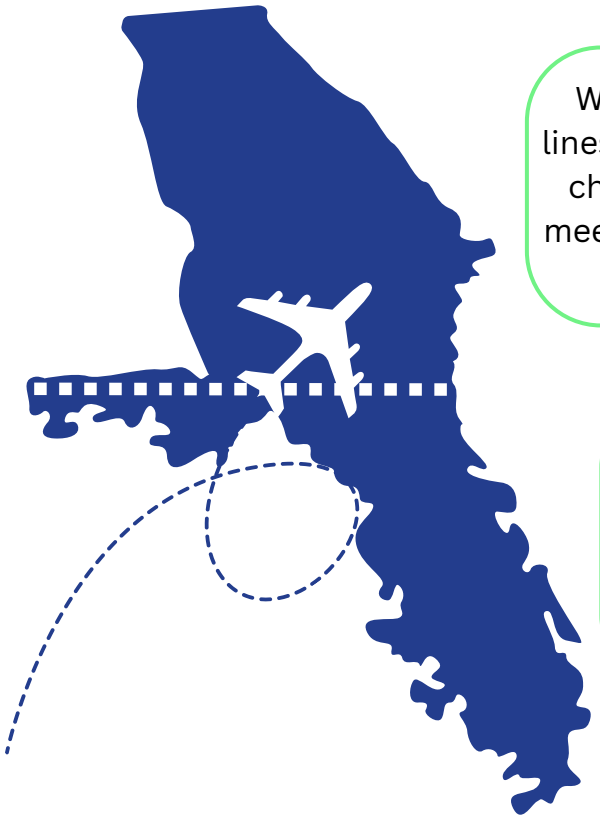
KNOWING INTERSTATE DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS HELPS OWNERS AVOID ENFORCEMENT TROUBLES

For owners and handlers, the to-do list before traveling to events is always long: getting the dogs bathed and groomed, preparing the vehicle, packing equipment for the dogs, packing clothes for us...the list goes on. Getting the list completed is usually exhausting, and that's before hitting the road.



When our travels take us across state lines, there's something else that must be checked off the list: Ensuring our dogs meet the veterinary care requirements of the states we're traveling to.

There is a lot of variation among states' requirements. Failing to provide evidence requirements are met can bring about more serious consequences, including removal from event sites, confiscation and quarantine, and fines. For your convenience, use the above QR code for a summary of states' requirements.

Regardless of whether you and your dogs travel by car, plane, or a combination of both, the AKC always encourages owners to know and comply with all laws and regulations that apply to them, including interstate travel requirements.

USDA also provides information about travelling with pets and about where to find an accredited veterinarian who can provide you with a certificate of veterinary inspection. Go to https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/pet-travel.

Need help identifying the appropriate state agency to contact for additional information? AKC Government Relations is happy to help! Email doglaw@akc.org.

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