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ALABAMA		
Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI).	Exempted from CVI requirement if imported for not more than 21 days.	Rabies (3+ months)
State info: https://agi.alabama.gov/animalindustries/animal-health/imports-requirements/.		
ALASKA		
CVI issued within 30 days of import.		Rabies (12+ weeks)
State info: https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/vet/import/.		
ARIZONA		
CVI issued within 30 days of import.		Rabies (3+ months) Titers not accepted.
State info: https://agriculture.az.gov/animal-services/state-veterinarians-office/animal-species-specific-information/cats-dogs.		
ARKANSAS		
CVI.		Rabies (4+ months) not more than 12 months prior to entry into AR.
State info: https://codeofarrules.arkansas.gov/Rules/Rule?levelType=section&titleID=2&chapterID=3&subChapterID=10&partID=221&subPartID=9394&sectionID=63217.		
CALIFORNIA		
CVI not required for privately-owned dogs entering state. Dogs imported into state for sale or transfer must be accompanied by CVI dated no more than 10 days prior to importation.		Rabies (4+ months)
State info: https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/PetDogandCatImportationandExportation.aspx		

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COLORADO		
CVI issued within 30 days of import.		Rabies (3+ months)
State info: https://ag.colorado.gov/small-animal.		
CONNECTICUT		
Health cert. issued within 30 days of import. Must state that dog is free from clinical signs of infectious, contagious, or communicable disease and is not from an area under rabies quarantine.	Any person from another state may import any licensed dog with collar and tag and keep it in CT for not more than 30 days without also licensing the dog with a town in Connecticut.	Rabies (3+ months)
State info: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/doag/state-vet/2024/ctimportrequirementsrevised2024.pdf.		
DELAWARE		
Health Cert.		Rabies (4+ months)
State contact: Dr. Karen Lopez, State Veterinarian: karen.lopez@delaware.gov; Lexus Butler, Administrative Specialist II: lexus.butler@delaware.gov.		
FLORIDA		
CVI issued within 30 days of import.	Exempted from CVI requirements if imported into FL for not longer than six months.	Rabies (3+ months)
State info: https://www.fdacs.gov/Consumer-Resources/Animals/Animal-Movement/Dog-and-Cat-Movement-Requirements		
GEORGIA		
CVI for dogs flying in from another state (not those arriving by car). Dogs imported into state for sale or transfer must be accompanied by health cert. issued within 30 days of import. Companion animals traveling by commercial carrier require a CVI issued within 10 days of shipment, showing proof of required vaccinations.		Rabies (3+ months)
State info: https://www.agr.georgia.gov/bringing-animals-georgia.		

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HAWAI'I		
NOTE: Hawai'i's interstate dog import requirements are extensive. Please review the requirements carefully. Failure to comply with requirements and the compliance timeline may result in dogs being quarantined for up to 120 days upon arrival. Health cert. must be accompanied by a dog import form, two rabies vaccination certificates and pre-payment no less than 10 days prior to arrival in order to qualify for the *5-Day-or-Less Quarantine Program* or *Direct Airport Release Program*. Dogs meeting the requirements qualify for *the 5-Day-or-Less Program* with a provision for direct release at the Honolulu Airport after inspection. Dogs not meeting the requirements may be quarantined for up to 120 days upon arrival. Puppies and kittens unable to meet the requirements of the 5-Day-or-Less Program will be quarantined for 120 days.		
State info: https://dab.hawaii.gov/ai/aqs/aqs-info/.		
IDAHO		
CVI.		Rabies (3+ months)
State info: https://agri.idaho.gov/animals/imports-exports/household-pet-imports/.		
ILLINOIS		
CVI issued within 30 days of import. **NOTE: As of 1/1/27, IL will require electronic CVIs.**		Rabies (4+ months)
State info: https://agr.illinois.gov/animals/animalhealth/animal-import.html#%3A%7E%3Atext%3DDogs%2Cname%20and%20address%20within%20Illinois.		

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INDIANA		
CVI issued within 30 days of import.		Rabies (4+ months)
State info: https://www.in.gov/boah/species-information/companion-animals-dogs-cats/dogs-cats-and-ferrets-entry-requirements.		
IOWA		
CVI.	CVI not needed for dogs entering IA for exhibition or performance for a limited period of time.	Rabies (4+ months)
State info:https://iowaagriculture.gov/news/iowas-companion-animal-import-requirements.		
KANSAS		
CVI issued within 30 days of import.		Rabies (3+ months)
State info: https://www.agriculture.ks.gov/divisions-programs/division-of-animal-health/import-and-export-regulations.		
KENTUCKY		
CVI issued within 30 days of import (except service dogs). **NOTE: The KY State Veterinarian does not regulate the interstate movement of dogs, cats, ferrets, or other domesticated pets. Therefore, CVIs are recommended but not required.**		Rabies (4+ months)
State info: https://www.kyagr.com/statevet/import-cat-dog-ferret.html.		
LOUISIANA		
CVI issued within 30 days of import.		Rabies (3+ months) Must demonstrate rabies immunization within 12 months prior to entry.
State info: http://www.ldaf.state.la.us/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Title-7-2021.pdf. State contact: LDAF Veterinary Health Division: 225-925-3980.		

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MAINE		
CVI and entry permit (for resale/adoption only). For pets travelling with their owners, the only requirement for dogs and cats to enter Maine is documentation that the animal is current on their rabies vaccination.		Rabies (3+ months)
State info: https://www.maine.gov/dacf/ahw/animal_welfare/forms.shtml#import.		
MARYLAND		
CVI.	Exempted from CVI requirement.	Rabies (4+ months)
State info: https://mda.maryland.gov/AnimalHealth/Documents/import%20regulations.pdf.		
MASSACHUSETTS		
Health cert.	Exempted from health cert. requirement.	Rabies (6+ months)
State info: https://www.mass.gov/info-details/importing-and-exporting-pets#importing-and-exporting-dogs-and-cats - .		
MICHIGAN		
CVI completed by a USDA- accredited veterinarian in the animal's state of origin.		Rabies (3+ months)
State info: https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/animals/id-movement/dogs.		
MINNESOTA		
CVI issued within 30 days of import.	Exempted from CVI requirement in entering MN for not more than 30 days.	Rabies (3+ months)
State info: https://www.bah.state.mn.us/imports.		
MISSISSIPPI		
CVI		Rabies (3+ months)
State info: https://www.mbah.ms.gov/regulations/chapter-12/.		

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MISSOURI		
CVI issued within 30 days of import.		Rabies (4+ months)
State info: https://agriculture.mo.gov/animals/pdf/exhib-req-dogs-cats.pdf.		
MONTANA		
Generally, not required. Dogs under three months of age, imported for breeding or destined for a change of ownership must have a CVI, a current rabies vaccination (if the dog is old enough to meet vaccination eligibility), and an import permit.		Rabies (3+ months), though some counties may require at four or six months.
State info: https://liv.mt.gov/Animal-Health/Import-Requirements/index.		
NEBRASKA		
CVI issued within 30 days of import.		Rabies (3+ months)
State info: https://nda.nebraska.gov/animal/imports/dogs-cats.		
NEVADA		
CVI issued within 30 days of import.		Rabies (3+ months)
State info: https://agri.nv.gov/Animals/Animal_Disease/Import_Requirements/.		
NEW HAMPSHIRE		
CVI. Dogs brought into the state for resale shall be inoculated against common canine viral diseases within one year, but not less than seven days, before entry.		Rabies (3+ months)
State info: https://gc.nh.gov/rules/state_agencies/agr2100.html.		

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NEW JERSEY		
CVI issued within 30 days of import.	Exceptions from CVI requirements for dogs in transfer for exhibition or breeding purposes.	Rabies (7+ months)
State info: https://www.nj.gov/health/vph/documents/requirements_importation_aug2017.pdf.		
NEW MEXICO		
Official Health Certificate (OHC) issued within 30 days of import.		Rabies (3+ months)
State contact: State Veterinarian Dr. Ralph Zimmerman: ralph.zimmerman@state.nm.us.		
NEW YORK		
CVI or health certificate issued within 30 days of import.	Exception from CVI/health cert. requirement for dogs brought into state for temporary residence (less than 30 days) or exhibition as long as they are properly restrained at all times and under immediate control of the owner/custodian and with proof of rabies vaccination.	Rabies (3+ months)
State info: https://agriculture.ny.gov/companion-animal-import-and-export.		
NORTH CAROLINA		
A CVI is not required for privately-owned animals entering NC.		Rabies (4+ months)
State Info: https://epi.dph.ncdhhs.gov/cd/diseases/importexport.html.		
NORTH DAKOTA		
CVI issued within 30 days of import.	Exception for dogs entering state for less than 30 days.	Rabies (3+ months)
State info: https://www.ndda.nd.gov/divisions/animal-health/animal-movement-and-importation-requirements/dogs-cats-ferrets.		

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OHIO		
CVI issued within 30 days of import.		Rabies (3+ months)
State info: https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/rule-901:1-17-05 .		
OKLAHOMA		
CVI issued within 30 days of import.		Rabies (3+ months)
State info: https://ag.ok.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/Animal-Import-Requirements.pdf.		
OREGON		
CVI or health certificate issued within 30 days of import.		Rabies (4+ months)
State info: https://www.oregon.gov/oda/animal-health-feeds-livestock-id/traveling-with-animals/Pages/import-requirements.aspx.		
PENNSYLVANIA		
CVI or health certificate issued within 30 days of import.	Exception for show dogs in state for not more than 30 days.	Rabies (3+ months)
State info: https://www.pa.gov/agencies/pda/animals/bureau-of-animal-health-and-diagnostic-services-bahds/animal-exhibition-and-movement-rules/domestic-animal-import-requirements.		

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RHODE ISLAND		
CVI.	Dogs may only be imported for the purpose of fair, show, or exhibition if the importation is for less than ten consecutive days. CVIs are required, unless the responsible party overseeing the management of the exhibition demonstrates that all requirements are met, including maintaining a list of all animals imported for the event and a RI-licensed vet is available at event site.	Rabies (3+ months)
State info: https://risos-apa-production-public.s3.amazonaws.com/DEM/7105.pdf. State info: https://rules.sos.ri.gov/regulations/part/250-40-05-1.		
SOUTH CAROLINA		
CVI or health certificate issued within 30 days of import.		Rabies (3+ months)
State info: https://www.clemson.edu/public/lph/ahp/import/canine-feline-ferret.html.		
SOUTH DAKOTA		
CVI or health certificate issued within 30 days of import.	Exempt from CVI requirements if staying in state less than 30 days.	Rabies (3+ months)
State info: https://aib.sd.gov/Dogs%20&%20Cats%20Import%20Requirements.pdf.		
TENNESSEE		
CVI or health certificate issued within 30 days of import.	Exempt from CVI requirements if staying in TN less than 15 days.	Rabies (3+ months)
State info: https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/animals/animal-movement-requirements/import-requirements1.html.		

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TEXAS		
CVI not required for privately-owned dogs entering TX. If coming into the state via airline, owner must comply with any health certificate requirements provided by the airline.		Rabies (3+ months)
State info: https://www.dshs.texas.gov/notifiable-conditions/zoonosis-control/laws/animal-import-export-requirements.		
UTAH		
CVI or health certificate for dogs over three months of age.		Rabies (3+ months)
State info: https://ag.utah.gov/animal-industry/animal-health-program/animal-import-requirements/.		
VERMONT		
Official Health Certificate (or similar certificate) required for dogs imported for sale, resale, exchange, or donation.		Rabies (3+ months)
State info: https://agriculture.vermont.gov/animal-health/animal-health-regulations/movement-companion-animals.		
VIRGINIA		
CVI issued within 10 days of import.	Exempt from CVI requirement for dogs brought into state for less than 10 days for hunting or legal exhibition purposes.	Rabies (4+ months)
State info: https://law.lis.virginia.gov/admincode/title2/agency5/chapter141/section80/.		
WASHINGTON		
Pets traveling with their owners and that have been owned by the same owner for more than one month prior to entering WA, and are not going to be sold or have a change in ownership, are exempt from CVI and heartworm testing requirements.		Rabies (3+ months)
State info: https://agr.wa.gov/departments/animals-livestock-and-pets/animal-health/import-requirements/small-animal-import.		

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WEST VIRGINIA		
CVI issued within 30 days of import.		Rabies (6+ months)
State info: https://agriculture.wv.gov/wp-content/uploads/West-Virginia-Import-Requirements.pdf.		
WISCONSIN		
CVI. Additional requirements may apply.		Rabies (5+ months)
State info: https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/PetMovement.aspx#dogs.		
WYOMING		
CVI.		Rabies (3+ months)
State info: https://wlsb.state.wy.us/editable-page/animal-health/downloadFile?filename=Chapter%208%20Import%20Strike%20%26%20Score%20.pdf.		

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