

- **What are the entry requirements for dogs traveling from the United States to Mexico?**
 1. **Health Certificate (Mandatory):** Dogs must travel with a [*New World Screwworm \(NWS\) Inspection Certificate for Pet Dogs Moving \(Exporting\) from the United States to Mexico*](#). The certificate must be issued and signed by a USDA-accredited veterinarian within ***five (5) days*** of arrival in Mexico.
 2. **SENASICA Check-In (Mandatory):** Upon entering Mexico with your dog in a clean carrier, proceed to the Agricultural and Livestock Health Inspection Office (OISA) to contact a SENASICA (Mexican agricultural authorities) official or assisting personnel, who will verify:
 - That the dog shows no signs of infectious or contagious diseases;
 - That the dog is free of ectoparasites;
 - That the dog has no fresh wounds or wounds in the process of healing; and
 - That the dog has traveled with an *NWS Inspection Certificate for Pet Dogs Moving (Exporting) from the United States to Mexico*. (See item 1 above.)
 3. **Rabies Vaccination (Recommended):** Dogs should have a valid rabies vaccination certificate or titer documentation.
 4. **Ownership Documentation (Recommended):** Exhibitors should have proof of ownership on hand, such as official registration papers or a pedigree from a recognized registry. Dated, pre-travel photographs may also be supportive.
 5. **Deworming & Parasite Treatment (Recommended):** Dogs should be dewormed internally and externally within the past six (6) months and be free of ectoparasites.
 6. **For more information, please visit the official Mexican government websites:**
 - [Traveling with Your Pet – PDF Guide](#)
 - [SENASICA – If You Are Traveling with Your Pet](#)
 - [Embassy Guidance – Traveling to Mexico with Pets](#)
- **What are the re-entry requirements for dogs traveling from Mexico back to the United States?**
 1. **CDC Dog Import Form (Mandatory):** Complete the online CDC dog import form before traveling. [CDC Online Import Form](#)
 2. **Screwworm Certification (Mandatory):** Obtain a screwworm freedom certificate issued within ***five (5) days*** of travel by a government-approved veterinarian, confirming the dog is free of screwworm. **NOTE:** SENASICA-authorized veterinarians from the FCM veterinary school will be available on site throughout the duration of the show to examine dogs and issue the required screwworm freedom certification for re-entry into the United States.

3. **Age and Microchip (Mandatory):** Dogs must be at least six (6) months old and have a microchip detectable by a universal scanner. Dogs that do not meet these requirements may be denied re-entry.
 4. **Ownership Documentation (Recommended):** Exhibitors should have proof of ownership on hand, such as official registration papers or a pedigree from a recognized registry. Dated, pre-travel photographs may also be supportive.
 5. **Health Documentation (Recommended):** It is recommended that dogs have a valid health certificate issued by a USDA-accredited veterinarian.
 6. **Rabies Vaccination (Recommended):** Dogs should have a valid rabies vaccination certificate or titer documentation.
 7. **For more information, please visit these websites:**
 - [CDC Dog Import FAQs](#)
 - [CDC Rabies-Free & Low-Risk Countries](#)
 - [USDA APHIS – Pet Travel: US to Mexico](#)
- **What are the screwworm requirements for returning to the United States?**
 1. Since November 2024, USDA has classified Mexico as a screwworm-affected country. All dogs returning to the United States from Mexico must meet USDA APHIS screwworm freedom requirements at the U.S. border or port of entry. A screwworm freedom certificate, signed by a government-approved veterinarian (or a veterinarian authorized to sign on behalf of the official government veterinarian), is required. The certificate must state that the dog (1) has been inspected for screwworm within five (5) days before shipment to the United States, and (2) is either free from screwworm **or** was infested with screwworm, held in quarantine, and treated until free of screwworm before leaving the region.
 2. SENASICA-authorized veterinarians from the FCM veterinary school will be available on site throughout the duration of the show to examine dogs and issue the required screwworm freedom certification for re-entry into the United States.

As of early June 2026, screwworm cases have been identified in the United States. To support containment and eradication efforts, the USDA and state departments of agriculture have implemented additional requirements for the interstate movement of animals, including dogs. These requirements vary by state. Consult www.screwworm.gov and the agriculture department websites for your destination and any states you will travel through to ensure compliance.