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## US Virgin Islands Pet Passport & Import Regulations



US Virgin Islands does not quarantine cats and dogs that meet the following requirements. All requirements also apply to service and emotional support animals.

### Pet Microchip

1.



A microchip is not required to enter the US Virgin Islands, but it is recommended that you microchip your pet and register your contact information prior to traveling as a means of identification should your pet be lost or separated from you.

If your pet does not have a registered microchip, make sure your pets are

wearing tags that identify them and have information for the owner.



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### Vaccinations

2.



All dogs and cats entering the Virgin Islands shall be accompanied by an official health certificate stating that your pet did not originate from an area quarantined for rabies. All dogs and cats must have been vaccinated for rabies within 12 months prior to the date of shipment except those dogs and cats less than 12 weeks old. (see step #9) The certificate of vaccination for rabies must be attached to the official health certificate.



### Rabies Titer Test

3.

A rabies titer test is not required to enter the US Virgin Islands from any country.



#### **Screwworm Inspection - Dogs Only**

4.



Before your dog can enter the US Virgin Islands from the following countries, it must be inspected for certain screwworms

between one and five days prior to entering the country and noted on the health certificate. Your veterinarian must verify that your pet has been inspected for screwworm, and the results are negative. [Screwworm Countries](#)

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5.

#### **Health Certificate**

A licensed veterinarian will complete a [Health Certificate for US Virgin Islands](#) prior to entering the country. USDA



endorsement is not required  
entering from the United States

### Import Permit

6.



An import permit from the Office of the Commissioner of Agriculture is only required when entering US Virgin Islands with an animal that is not a dog or cat.

### Ticks and Tapeworm Treatment

7.



A ticks and tapeworm treatment is not required prior to entering the US Virgin Islands.

### Entering US Virgin Islands by Air

8.



Cyril E. King Airport in Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas is one approved entry point to the US Virgin Islands. Henry E. Rohlsen Airport in St. Croix is also an approved entry point. Pets can enter in the cabin, as checked baggage or air cargo.

Whenever you travel to a foreign country like the US Virgin Islands, it is always advisable to carry some form of identification indicating ownership of your pet.

All domestic dogs and cats must be free of evidence of disease communicable to

humans when examined at the entry airport. If a dog or cat is not in apparent good health, examination by a licensed veterinarian may be required at your expense.

### **Puppies and Kittens**

9.



Puppies and Kittens under 12 weeks of age can enter the US Virgin Islands with a current health certificate.

### **Other Animals**

10.



Monkeys, snakes and other exotic pets are not permitted to enter the US Virgin Islands. Birds, invertebrates, tropical fish, reptiles, amphibia, mammals such as rodents and rabbits are not subject to requirements of rabies vaccination, but may have to meet other requirements and should have a health certificate and import permit to enter the US Virgin Islands. Pet owners are strongly advised to seek further information from the relevant authority of their country and/or that of the country of destination.

### **CITES**

11.



If your pet is not a dog, cat or ferret, and especially if it is a turtle or parrot, you should verify that it is not protected under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). You will need

to apply for additional permits if this is the case. Over 180 countries participate and enforce regulations. .

- 👉 [Search CITES database.](#)
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12.



### Need More Assistance?

To the best of our ability, we ensure that recommendations given on [PetTravel.com](#) reflect the current regulations.

We cannot predict how a given country may enforce these regulations. Noncompliance may result in the need to make arrangements to put your pet into quarantine at your expense, return your pet to the country of origin, or euthanize your pet. We suggest that you minimize the disruptions that may occur by following the rules of the country you are visiting.

Further detail on import permits, costs, tests and procedures are available at minimal cost at [PetTravelStore.com](#). We also stock all the equipment and accessories you will need for traveling with your pet. Same day shipping Monday through Friday until 4:00 PM EST.

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**RoseAnne Maria DeSantes**

Several years ago we traveled to St. Thomas with our Emoti Support Pug. We encountered no problems and our dog was everywhere we went. We even took a ferry to St. John with c he was not only welcomed on the ferry but at the Westin wh stayed as well. Only one nosey woman told us she thought it disgusting that our dog was permitted to be with us on our tr especially upset that our dog was permitted to stay at our ho she was also staying. She spewed vehemently about how c filthy animals that belonged tied up in a backyard and never a restaurant, a hotel or any other public space. Other than th woman, we had zero problems taking our dog anywhere. Wi proper documentation and a well-behaved dog, there shouldn' problems traveling to this country.

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**Niko Qaddadeh**

When flying from the US mainland to St Thomas, never once a pet that was a carry on inspected upon arrival at STT. The certificate is only asked for at departure from some airlines c mainland, and not others. It is possible that a pet traveling as would be inspected. There is so much misinformation out the would be nice to have the truth.

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**Jonathan Perez Karlasantiago**

I tried traveling with my dog here but was denied AT THE AIF because he didn't have proper training! They required me to dog will be behaved and suggested an online training such a ►►► [www. TrainDogsOnline .org](http://www.TrainDogsOnline.org) - it has been such a wond in preparing him to travel... and in learning how to train my d ever leaving home! I'm somewhat thankful we were denied e because as a result, I learned so many great ways to teach r nearly every trick imaginable. Also, I can finally correct comn behavioral issues, anywhere from potty-training to barking ..

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**Babyg Robinson**

I trained my dog very easily! I found out about this online dog tool at





▶▶▶ www.TeachMyDog.org<sup>lllll</sup> - it has been such a wonderful learning how to train my dog without ever leaving home. I learned many great ways to teach my dog nearly every trick imaginable. Can finally correct common behavioral issues, anywhere from training to barking too much. It's an actual man who's a real trainer. He's on the street, a former soldier, and his mannerisms changes in his tone of voice... especially his body language. behaves PERFECTLY now and picked up on these methods. From what I understand, this will work on all dogs regardless of age. Best of luck to you and your dog! sorry for the way looks... you can't post links here apparently. So just type it in normal haha

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**Jay Clark**  
My wife and I and our two dogs (Boxer & Newfie) had to evacuate Atlanta in September, but are trying to plan our return in the or so. My wife is already back on St. Croix, but I am waiting 1 workplace to re-open before I return with our two dogs. That anticipated to happen in 30+ days.



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### Karen Pitale Woodbury

**Forum**  
My husband and I are looking to fly to ST Thomas in October 10 year old German Shepherd. We are willing to drive to any along the east coast. We would like to share a charter with o keep the cost down. Are there any opportunities out there?



Thank you,  
Karen  
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### Jody Casaroll

Hello I'm moving to St. Thomas and I am bring my 8 week old with me and they aren't able to get their rabbies shot that you get in trouble? And if so what do I need to not get in trouble?

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### Valeria Rogers

Take a copy of what STT USDA says about the impo kitten that young and vaccinations and keep it with y are NOT pet friendly by any means I'm finding out. I'm here trying to get my parrot from Michigan to St. Cro her permit expires. She is NOT cargo and I'm not ab her be "cargo!"

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### Chelsea Mahon

Hello. I'm traveling to the st.thomas and I will be bringing my therapy dog. He's up to date on all of his shots. rabies includ

was wondering what else is required in order to bring him. Was there for a few weeks and I just want to make sure I have all paperwork in order and ready to go

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**Diana Collins**

How did your trip go? I am traveling in March with my therapy dog as well. It will be his first time flying. How make out any suggestions? What hotel did you stay at you have any problems? I emailed my hotel and told them we were coming so I hope all goes well.

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**Valeria Rogers**

Dogs and cats are easy. I've seen them laying on the laps on American Airlines to St. Croix. Airlines make things easy. USVI welcomes dogs and cats as if you are traveling from state to state. Just need a health cert not a USI fly in cabin and proof of rabies shots. That's it unless the dog is oversized to fit under the seat.

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**Rachelle Sims**

Valeria Rogers I have 2 extra small yorkies. Can they fit in a carrier?

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**Maxine Kroll**

does my dog need a titre?

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**Valeria Rogers**

From USA to USVI no.

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**Earth Angels Sanctuary**

When travelling via plane from any airport on the USA mainland to USVI, there is no customs to pass through, nor one upon entering USVI. It is possible that pets travelling like cargo, are examined before being put on a plane, but those travelling as a carry on, are not. TSA when going through security, and no document inspection. Private, nothing is checked, so there is some confusion.

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