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Shipping Recommendations

Veterinarian:

Make an appointment & have your pet examined by your local veterinarian for all required paperwork:

*** See Additional Document: [Bhutan Import Rules & Requirements](#)**

Pet Preparation: Make sure your pet's toenails are clipped. You don't want them to get hooked on the carrier door or other openings.

Purchase a sturdy collar for your pet with two identification tags. On one tag, write your pet's name, your name, home address and home phone number. On the other tag, write your destination address and phone number. Make sure the collar and tags cannot get hooked on metal grates or other parts of the kennel during flight. Veterinarians recommend breakaway collars for cats.

Travel Crate: **This is the most important step in the process!** One of the most important steps you can take to ease the stress of travel for your pet is to make sure it becomes familiar with its crate. Purchase the crate as far in advance as possible. Veterinarians recommend leaving the crate door open in the house with an old sock or familiar object inside so that your pet may spend time near the crate and perhaps venture inside on its own.

Since it is important that your pet be as relaxed as possible during the flight, familiarization with the kennel is essential.

Type/Size of Crate: The kennel must be sturdy, properly ventilated, and, most importantly, must be large enough for the animal to freely sit and stand with its head erect, turn around, and lie down in a normal posture.

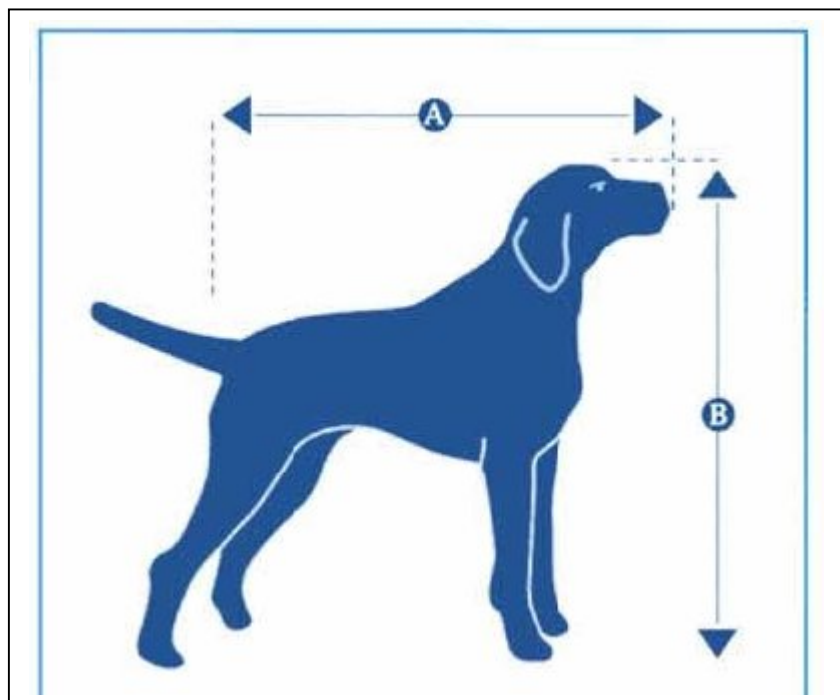
All Wire & Collapsible Kennels are not acceptable. Only those made of hard sturdy plastic.

TRAVEL CRATES MUST HAVE VENTILATION ON ALL FOUR SIDES! IF BACK OF CRATE DOES NOT HAVE HOLES< THEY MUST BE DRILLED. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF THIS IS THE CASE SO WE CAN INSTRUCT YOU ON DRILLING PROCEDURES.

Pet & Crate Measurements: The size of your pet's travel crate - particularly by air, is governed by legislation and it is critical to ensure your container is of the correct minimum dimensions and has the necessary and adequate ventilation required. The internal crate measurement has to be greater than the length of your pet, by at least 2 inches - allowing enough space for your pet to stand up, turnaround and lie down with legs out.

Below is an outline of how best to measure your pet:

- A) The Length of your pet when standing; Base of Tail to Tip of Nose
- B) The Height of your pet when standing: Floor to Top of Head or Ear



Industry Standard Crate Dimensions

Kennel #	Kennel Dimension	Kennel Weight
#100	21x16x15	9 lbs
#200	27x20x19	13 lbs
#300	32x22x23	20 lbs
#400	36x24x26	24 lbs
#500	40x27x30	32 lbs
#700	48x32x35	51 lbs

Remember to add 2 inches onto your pet's measurements when choosing the appropriate travel crate. They must be made of hard rigid plastic, metal door and securely fastened on all sides.

Food & Water Dishes: Include two empty dishes (one for food and one for water), accessible from the outside. Each dish needs to attach to the door for the pets safety.

Absorbent Material: The kennel must contain absorbent material or litter. (Black and white printed newspaper is a good choice. However, newspaper with colored ink or advertisements can be toxic to animals.) *Please note that the use of straw, hay or wood shavings is prohibited for international shipments.*

Exercise: Exercise your pet just before shipping so they will sleep better during the trip.

MICROCHIPPING PROCEDURES & SUGGETIONS

1. Scan the ISO Microchip before placing it in the animal.

* This is to make sure that the chip is active before it is implanted on the animal

2. Implant the ISO Microchip on the animal

3. Scan the animal to verify the ISO Microchip is correctly implanted and active once implanted on he animal

4. Place the microchip number on the Rabies vaccination certificate as well as the Rabies Vaccine Manufacturer name, Batch number and Vaccine Expiration date to confirm its validity.

5. All dates must be written in the ISO (International Standards): dd/mm/yyyy

ALL PAPERWORK MUST BE COMPLETED IN BLUE INK

POSSIBLE PAPERWORK DELAYS DOUBLE CHECK TO MAKE SURE!

Several problems with paperwork arise regularly with animals relocating Internationally.

The main problems are:

1) Signatures should be in **BLUE INK** to ensure they are original. Black ink, in particular, should not be used.

2) North American vets write dates confusingly, sometimes in two different formats on the same document.

The correct layout requested is: dd/mm/yyyy

3) Microchip numbers must be read from the chip in the animal, and not from other paperwork.

Errors are so frequent that the microchip itself must be read. Care must be taken to write down all the digits and not have any transpositions of digits.

4) North American vets frequently use slightly unacceptable tick and tapeworm treatments for most international countries, namely Stronghold and Cestex. We suggest tapeworm treatment that contains *praziquantel* be administered in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

5) Travel Crates: Make sure they allow enough room for the animal to stand and turn around in. If any parts of their head (ears) touch the top of the crate, it will be rejected for shipment.

All crates going to International Locations must have ventilation on all 4 sides. This includes the back.

No wood products in any form: Crate Material, Bedding (shavings, etc)



BHUTAN IMPORT RULES AND REQUIREMENTS

Before beginning the import procedures, make sure that your vet is approved by the Government Veterinarian Authority in the country of origin. For example, if an animal is departing the United States, the vet will need to be USDA Accredited.

Requirements in Summary

- 1. All animals need to be implanted with a microchip:** Compatible with international standards (ISO 11784/11785).
- 2. All animals need to have Full Vaccinations:**

Dogs: Distemper, Hepatitis, Parvo, Leptospirosis, (DHLPP) and Rabies within the last 12 months or a minimum of 4 weeks before arrival.

Cats: Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis, Calicivirus, Panleukopenia (FVRCP), and Rabies within the last 12 months or a minimum of 4 weeks before arrival.
- 3. Apply for the import permit:** Your PetRelocation.com Specialist will do this on your behalf. It is required that all **vaccine stickers** are shown in order to obtain the import permit. Copies will suffice for the purpose of obtaining the import permit, however the originals must arrive with the pet or the animal maybe sent back to the country of origin.
- 4. APHIS form 7001 issued within 10 days of departure:** Your vet should have these in stock. It's a good idea to call ahead and ask. This is an international health certificate that needs to be completed by your vet and sent to the USDA for the correct endorsement. Speak to your PetRelocation.com specialist regarding the USDA portion of this process as certain packages have this included.
- 5. All original documentation must travel with the pets.**