

General Pet Information

A. Pet Quarantine Information.

The following websites contain useful information on pet quarantine:

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/pet-travel> or <https://www.cdc.gov/ncezid/>

B. U.S. Fish and Wildlife (FWS) Service Requirements.

A traveler transporting an exotic pet is required by law to have a FWS certification before transporting the pet to/from foreign locations. Contact and permit information may be found below:

1. Returning to the U.S. with an Exotic Pet. A traveler who has questions regarding returning to the U.S. with an exotic pet should contact the FWS prior to transporting the pet(s) at, 1-800-358-2104 or (703) 358-2104.

2. Obtaining Permits through the FWS. See <https://fwsepermits.servicenow.com/fwsepermits> for obtaining permits through the FWS.

3. Traveling Abroad with A Bird. A fact sheet for traveling abroad with your bird is found at: <https://www.fws.gov/sites/default/files/documents/OLE%20Personal%20Wildlife%20Shipments%20-%20Travel%20pet%20bird.pdf>.

4. Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES). Applications for travel with pet birds and other CITES listed species is found at <https://www.fws.gov/>.

C. Related Restrictions.

1. TLE or TLA – lodging expense incurred for the Service member’s pet, (e.g., a second hotel room (pars. 5434 and 9150-A)). Adopted from [GSBCA 15843-RELO, 24 July 2002](#).

2. Kennel/boarding fees (e.g., traveler pays a fee to board a pet at an animal hospital while the carrier prepares the HHG for shipment at the traveler’s residence). Adopted from [GSBCA 16104-RELO, 19 June 2003](#).

3. Non-transportation and handling pet related expenses (e.g., boarding fees, immunizations/inoculations, country entry fees, micro-chipping, and examination costs which are necessary to bring a pet to the new PDS). Adopted from [GSBCA 16827-RELO, 14 April 2006](#).