



## Common Causes for Rejected Animal Health Certificates

Below is a list of common discrepancies in small animal certificates.

- Rabies requirements:
  - Most states require a dog or cat be vaccinated for rabies. Some states may require vaccination at three months of age and others at four months of age.
  - Some states require rabies vaccine information such as date of vaccination, vaccination manufacturer and type of vaccination (one year vs three year), serial number, etc.
  - Some states require specific statements regarding rabies exposure.
- Other vaccine or parasite control requirements:
  - Many states require additional vaccinations such as distemper, parvovirus, leptospirosis and adenovirus.
  - Some states may require specific dewormers be given prior to entry.
- Disease statements/testing:
  - Some states may require certain dogs to be tested for canine brucellosis prior to entry.
  - Some states do not allow dogs with heartworm disease to enter until treated or without a permit.
- Permit requirements:
  - Illinois requires a permit for dogs entering the state for resale.
  - Some states may require treatment or a permit for dogs with any contagious or communicable disease.

Below is a list of common discrepancies in large animal certificates.

- Many states require a feeder cattle or swine statement on the health certificate.
- Arkansas requires a temperature be included on the health certificate for horses.
- Some states require exotic animals to be permitted to enter.
- Some states do not allow certain exotic animals or wildlife to enter.
- Some states require a separate health certificate for each species.