

# Caribbean Pet Travel Checklist

Use this high-level checklist to prepare for safe, compliant, and stress-free pet travel to the Caribbean.

- Confirm destination island requirements (each island has different rules)
- Check microchip compliance (ISO standard recommended)
- Ensure rabies vaccination is up-to-date and within valid timeframe
- Obtain additional required vaccinations (varies by island)
- Complete health certificate with USDA-accredited veterinarian
- Schedule USDA endorsement if required
- Apply for import permit (if applicable for destination island)
- Review parasite treatment requirements (ticks, tapeworm, etc.)
- Book pet-friendly flight or private yacht arrangements
- Confirm airline or vessel pet policies and crate requirements
- Purchase IATA-compliant travel crate
- Acclimate your pet to crate before travel
- Prepare copies of all documents (digital and printed)
- Plan arrival logistics (customs clearance, inspection, fees)
- Arrange on-island transportation for your pet
- Prepare food, water, and comfort items for travel
- Identify emergency veterinary contacts at destination
- Confirm re-entry requirements for returning home

*Pro Tip: Start planning at least 30–90 days in advance depending on the destination.*