

**1721.0500 IMPORTATION OF DOGS, CATS, OR FERRETS.**

Subpart 1. **Requirement for a certificate of veterinary inspection.** A dog, cat, or ferret imported into the state must be accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection, except:

- A. dogs or cats for research at educational and scientific institutions;
- B. dogs, cats, or ferrets entering a veterinary facility for treatment, surgery, or diagnostic procedures;
- C. dogs, cats, or ferrets temporarily entering the state if there is no change of ownership and if the animal will be leaving the state within 30 days; and
- D. dogs and cats originating from an adjacent state and entering a kennel licensed by the board if the following conditions are met:

- (1) the kennel has a written contract with the city from which the dog or cat originated that specifies the terms under which the kennel accepts and houses stray, abandoned, or impounded animals for the city;

- (2) dogs and cats are held in a nonpublic area until they can be examined by a licensed veterinarian;

- (3) a licensed veterinarian examines the dog or cat within 48 hours of entry into the state and records the date and results of the examination in the kennel records;

- (4) a dog or cat that shows signs of infectious, contagious, or communicable disease is returned to the state of origin, held in a nonpublic area until released by the veterinarian, or euthanized; and

- (5) a dog or cat three months of age or older originating outside the state must be currently vaccinated for rabies before being discharged from the facility.

Subp. 2. **Requirement for rabies vaccination.** A dog, cat, or ferret three months of age or older imported into the state must be currently vaccinated for rabies unless they meet all conditions of subpart 1, item D, or are exempted by the board based on the written recommendations of a licensed veterinarian who has examined the animal and who has determined that vaccination is contraindicated due to a medical condition.

Subp. 3. **Contents of certificate of veterinary inspection.** The certificate of veterinary inspection must state that any dog, cat, or ferret three months of age or older is currently vaccinated for rabies and must list the name of the vaccine and the date it was given.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 35.03*

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