



## RULES FOR ADOPTING PETS FROM OUT OF STATE

- Travel and vaccination documents are required, including a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection or similar.
- Proof of current rabies vaccination are also required, except for dogs and cats younger than 3 months - they do not need rabies vaccinations.
- Dogs and cats from areas under quarantine for rabies are prohibited.
- Dogs 6 months and older must test negative for heartworm.
- Cats need a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, but do not require heartworm testing.



## RABIES VACCINATION MUST BE CURRENT

Make sure the certificate is complete and valid. Rabies certificates should include:

- Date of rabies vaccination.
- Expiration date of vaccine.
- Veterinarian's signature.
- Pet's description, including breed, sex, age, color, and markings.



## BEWARE OF FORGERIES

- Be sure documents list where the animal is coming from and where it is going.
- Check documents for the veterinarian's name, signature, and National Accreditation Number.
- Research pet rescue organizations to verify they have an operation permit if required.
- Penalties of up to \$1,000 can be assessed for forged documents or transporting animals into Washington without valid paperwork.

