



## Traveling with Pets to Spain: A Checklist

- ☐ **Figure Out Your Travel Plans**
  - ☐ Airlines, flights, cabins that will take pets
  - ☐ Approved pet travel carrier
- ☐ **Prepare for the Certificate Process**
  - ☐ Find a vet who does international certificates
    - ☐ If you have to switch vets, make sure they don't require a "joining the practice" visit prior to your actual certificate visit.
  - ☐ Microchip and vaccinate your pets (must happen *at least* 21 days before you *arrive* in Spain)
  - ☐ Book a visit to get the certificate
    - ☐ In some cases, this can be 30 days before your landing date (with the endorsement by the US Department of Agriculture later)
    - ☐ Other vets prefer to do this on the same day they send the certificate to be endorsed (so 10 days before you land)
  - ☐ Get the certificate endorsed by the US Department of Agriculture (must be 10 days before you land)
- ☐ **Before and During the Visit**
  - ☐ What information does the vet need you to bring? (stool sample, vaccination records, older examination records)
  - ☐ You will need a self-addressed priority Fedex label printed out
  - ☐ Talk with the vet about travel times and get their advice on what to bring on the flight
- ☐ **On the Day of Travel**
  - ☐ Bring their rabies vaccine documents, their proof of microchipping, and all of the USDA documents
  - ☐ Have a plan for accidents (a few puppy pads would be wise)
  - ☐ Have a plan for food and water (our cats wanted neither)
  - ☐ Have a plan for food and water at the hotel (bring at least a few weeks worth of familiar food)
  - ☐ Be prepared for unhappy pets
- ☐ **On arrival**
  - ☐ Take your luggage and your pets to a special pets area to clear before you leave the secure area
  - ☐ Show all of your documents, they will want to make sure that the microchip numbers on the documents match those on the scanner they use for each pet

