

**IMPORTANT NEW INFORMATION ON
DEPARTING TURKEY WITH A PET**

Below are the steps that need to be followed when taking a pet out of Turkey:

Step 1: Check your pet's shot records. Your pet must have had a rabies vaccination at least 30 days before your departure date (required by U.S. authorities), but not more than one year. Apart from rabies vaccination, pets should also have anti-parasite medication (done within three months).

Step 2: Go to your municipality's veterinarian service to get originality paper "Menşe kagidi" for 25 YTL for each pet.

Step 3: 48 hours before departure, go to the Ankara Veterinarian Customs Office (Tarım İl Müdürlüğü, Hayvan Sağlığı Şubesi), İstanbul Yolu, No 208, Yenimahalle, Ankara to obtain a "Veterinary Certificate on the Origin and State of Health of Animals." This health certificate is required by Turkish Customs when departing Turkey and is also used as an International Health Certificate when entering the U.S. or other countries. You should leave Turkey on the date that you told while getting this certificate. Otherwise, the certificate will expire and you will need to take a new one. The telephone number of the office is 315-7620, ext. 126. It is not necessary to make an appointment. Office hours are Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed for 12-1:00 p.m. for lunch). If you will be departing on a Monday, you can get the required certification the previous Friday.

You will need to bring the following with you to the Ankara Veterinarian Customs Office:

- 1) Your pet(s),
- 2) Your pet's original vaccination card and a copy of the card
- 3) Statement of origin (menşe şahadetname)

Some officials in this office speak English. The entire process at Ankara Veterinarian Customs should take 10 to 15 minutes.

*Permission from the Ministry of Agriculture needs to be taken for Ankara and Van cats and Kangal dogs.

** If you are going to a European Union country, your pet needs to have a microchip and have blood tests done.