



## Mountainview Animal Hospital

### SUMMER NEWSLETTER

#### **The Bottom Line**

*Tips:*

- *Plan ahead*
- *There are documents to be filled out by your veterinarian*
- *Your dog must have a Microchip*
- *Rabies vaccination must be current and done after microchip implantation*
- *You will need 6 months of Veterinary Medical Records and a Receipt*
- *The situation is still changing, keep abreast of the latest information.*

*There are many variants of the rabies virus, affecting many species. While any mammal can get rabies, in North America it is seen most commonly in bats, raccoons, skunks and foxes. The canine variant of rabies is uncommon in North America, thanks to our vaccine policies.*

#### **UPDATE: TRAVELING WITH YOUR DOG TO THE USA HAS CHANGED**

This update may not be of interest to many, but for those of you who travel across the border to the United States, pay close attention; changes are coming.

As of August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has increased the requirement for dogs traveling across the border.

Dogs now entering the U.S. must:

- Be at least six months of age.
- Have an International Organization for Standardization-compliant microchip.
- Appear healthy upon arrival.
- Have a [CDC Dog Import Form](#) receipt. This form must be submitted by the dog owner through the CDC website.
- Have an export document issued and signed by a Canadian licensed veterinarian (Authorized Veterinarian):
  - all dogs entering the U.S. from Canada will also need to be accompanied by additional documentation which varies depending on where the dog was vaccinated against rabies and where the dog has been in the past 6 months before entering the U.S.
  - This requirement has been temporarily put on a nine-month delay to give everyone time to get organized

To help clients understand the requirements and their responsibilities, we have provided links to the [CDC website](#) and the [Canadian Food Inspection Agency website](#). For more information, you can also visit Dr. Scott Weese's Worms and Germs Blog. Dr. Weese gives the best and simplest summary: <https://www.wormsandgermsblog.com/tags/importation/>  
<https://www.wormsandgermsblog.com/2024/07/articles/animals/dogs/updated-rules-for-movement-of-dogs-from-canada-to-the-us/>

There are different requirements for entry to the USA depending on the origin of the dog and its travel history in the past 6 months. This is based on the Dog-mediated Rabies Virus Variant status of those countries. Because of our mandatory rabies vaccine laws, Canada is considered a low-risk country.

The Canadian Veterinary Association has been working with the CDC to sort out some of the challenges of the new laws. The situation is still fluid and the rules constantly changing; stay tuned.

#### **How Can We Help?**

If you are planning on traveling to the USA with your dog, we can help ensure your dog is current on his/her Rabies vaccine, we can scan or microchip your dog and we can fill out the necessary CDC required documents.