

TRUE NORTH ROTTWEILER KLUB INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITOR GUIDE

United States – Canada (Travel by Land)

This guide is intended for exhibitors traveling with dogs between the United States and Canada for temporary purposes such as dog shows and club events.

This is not considered importation, but all border regulations still apply.

Entry into Canada (From the United States)

Dogs entering Canada for dog shows are considered temporary entry.

Required Documents

1- Vaccination Certificate

- Must be valid at the time of entry
- Must be issued and signed by a licensed veterinarian
- Must include:
 - identification of the dog (breed, age or date of birth, description)
 - date of vaccination
 - validity period

Border Inspection

No veterinary health certificate is generally required for entry by land

Border officers may perform a visual inspection

The dog must appear healthy and free of contagious disease

Purpose of Travel

Handlers may be asked to confirm that the dog is entering

Canada temporarily for an event (dog show, trial, seminar, etc.) Have your entries confirmations ready

Return to the United States (From Canada)

Dogs returning to the United States are subject to regulations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

Required Documents

- Rabies Vaccination Certificate Must be valid at the time of re-entry
- CDC Dog Import Form (Required) (Must be completed prior to arrival at the border)
- The form is submitted online and is free
- Proof of submission must be available (digital or printed)
- Online CDC form : <https://survey.1cdp.cdc.gov/?form=556bcb90-1bca-4b01-8094-ad22a7169c32>

👉 **This requirement applies even for temporary travel such as dog shows.**

Important Note

Canada is classified as a low-risk rabies country, which simplifies entry requirements.

No quarantine or special permits are required for short-term travel.

Strongly Recommended Documents

While not always mandatory, exhibitors are strongly advised to carry:

- Dog registration (CKC, AKC or equivalent)
- Pedigree
- Microchip information (if applicable)
- Event entry confirmation
- Recent veterinary health certificate

These documents may assist in facilitating border crossing and verifying the purpose of travel.

General Travel Recommendations

- Carry all documents in both printed and digital format
- Ensure rabies vaccination remains valid for the entire trip
- Keep dogs under control at all times during travel
- Allow extra time at the border

Important Disclaimer

Border regulations may change and may be interpreted at the discretion of border officials.

The True North Rottweiler Klub strongly recommends that all exhibitors verify current requirements with:

Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)

United States Centers for Disease Control (CDC)

prior to travel.