

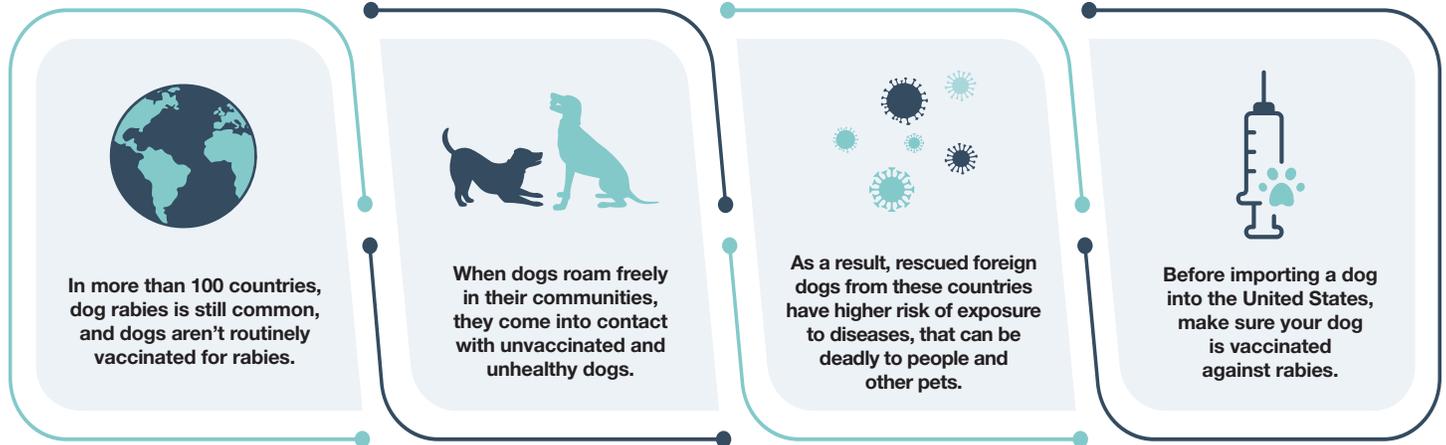


Put a “PAWS” on Rabies



Get the Facts Before Adopting a Dog Internationally

If you want to bring a dog into the United States, you will need to do your research and plan ahead. Dog importers aren't always honest about the dog's health or history. Dogs can be mistreated, unhealthy, or unprotected against rabies.



**For CDC's current importation requirements, please visit cdc.gov/importation.*

What are the risks of rabies?

Rabies kills **one person every 9 minutes** globally and most of these people get rabies from dogs. Nearly half of those who die from rabies are children.

Rabies is **nearly 100% fatal** if the exposure is not recognized, but rabies is preventable by vaccinating pets. The rabies vaccine for dogs is safe, inexpensive, and effective.



Take a “Paws”: Rules for Bringing a Dog into the US

When adopting a dog, make sure you know the rules and how to keep you and your dog safe:

- Ask about the dog's health **history and rabies vaccination**.
- Take the dog to **the vet as soon as it arrives** in the US.
- Dogs can be brought into the United States for adoption **only if they are from countries that are not at high risk** for rabies.
 - At this time, there is a **temporary suspension** for dogs imported for adoption from countries at high-risk for dog rabies.
 - CDC can issue a Dog Import Permit for US citizens and lawful residents relocating from **high-risk** countries to bring their pet into the U.S., but these permits will be issued on an **extremely limited basis**. This process has **many steps** and can take more than 3 months.

