The Ins and Outs of Dog Imports:
USDA Animal Care

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It was the summer of 1965... when Pepper disappeared...

... forever?
Top Ports of Entry for Dog Imports – FY19
Dogs imported into the United States for the purpose of resale or adoption must be:

1. At least six months of age
2. Vaccinated for:
   - Rabies
   - Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, Parvovirus, and Parainfluenza virus (DHLPP)
3. In good health (i.e., no infectious disease, parasites, diarrhea, and etc.)
Definition of “Resale”

- Defined by Congress
- Transfer of ownership or control
- Includes adoptions, rescues, wholesales, retail sales
- Personal import of pet: no AC permit required
eAuth ➔ Application ➔ AC Process ➔ PDF Permit
Requirements to import a dog for resale or adoption into the United States:

(1) Import Permit issued by APHIS AC
(2) Documents, in English, signed by a veterinarian licensed in the country of origin
   • Rabies Vaccination Certificate
   • Health Certificate
1-816-737-4223

Or

ac.dogimport.mailbox@usda.gov
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Requirements

• Our rules are different from VS, CDC, CBP.
• We always refer individuals to VS, CDC, CBP, and the state for additional guidance.
Questions?

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