



## HEALTH CERTIFICATE

A valid Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (Health Certificate) is often required within 30 days of equine movements. Health certificates are legal documents stating that your animal appears to be healthy and should not be a risk of infection to other animals. You must have a valid Health Certificate if you are crossing state/country borders. Like Coggins, this help to decrease the spread of deadly and economically significant diseases. To obtain a health certificate, your animal must be examined by a veterinarian and prove to be healthy. Horses are also required to have a negative Coggins test before the health certificate can be issued.

***International Travel:*** If your horse is traveling internationally, additional time may be necessary to process the certificate, please contact Starwood for further details. For horses traveling to Canada, a Coggins must have been performed within the six months prior to shipment. Canadian Health certificates are good for 30 days after the exam. If the shipment is postponed, another exam and certificate will need to be issued, and additional charges will be incurred.

***Domestic Travel:*** Some states have begun requiring an additional entry permit be obtained in addition to the Health Certificate.

The following information must be provided to Starwood Equine Veterinary Services at least 7 days before a request for a health certificate can be processed:

- The name of shipper
- Physical address or location of the horse being shipped
- Name of receiver
- Physical address or location of the destination
- Number in shipment
- Purpose of movement (*show, change of ownership, clinic, etc.*)
- Shipper's Information
  - Name, address, number, route (*plane, truck, train, etc.*)

***Starwood will process urgent health certificates within 48 hours, for an additional fee if a valid Coggins is available.***

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