

May 30, 2024

Dear Sir or Madam.

Re: CDC change in regulations regarding dogs coming into the U.S. from Canada

I wish to make my opposition known to these arbitrary changes for the following reasons:

Canada is listed as a “low risk or no risk” country on the CDC website for rabies.

As it is, all dogs need to be vaccinated against rabies at age 4 months in Canada, ergo dogs entering the U.S. at that age are already vaccinated. The same applies for U.S. dogs entering Canada. Yet, the CDC changes this to 6 months of age. But, the unreasonable change is:

- 1) Pups now must be 6 months of age before entering the U.S. This is very, very bad for young dogs. Pups must go to new owners before 12 weeks of age, in order to make the adjustment and grow into healthy, socially well adjusted dogs.
- 2) All dogs from Canada must now be micro-chipped (all CKC registered dogs either have an individual tattoo number or a micro chip already, ergo they are identified).
- 3) A certificate from the local veterinarian in Canada is required, but also one for the Federal (CFIA) veterinarian. Many Canadians do not have access to a CFIA veterinarian.
- 4) Photo’s must be taken of the individual dog.
- 5) A form must be completed (as of today not available on the CDC website).

All of the above must be uploaded 10 days prior to arrival into the U.S., including place and date of arrival.

Ostensibly this is done to control rabies: The border between our 2 countries is very long and open. Does a raccoon, skunk, fox, coyote or wolf know where the border is? Obviously not.

For more than 150 years, genetics have flowed back & forth across the border between dog breeders. We purchase and we breed to each other’s dogs. We attend each other’ shows, exhibitions, obedience competitions, field trials and more. This will stop. It will impact the local communities in terms of economics where the events are being held, less Hotel bookings, meals and other purchases.

Dog breeding will stop because there is no way to predict 10 days ahead when a female is ready for breeding. Clearly the CDC has no clue of this, at all.

I, the undersigned respectfully ask you advocate for the retraction of these unreasonable, unnecessary rule changes, and EXEMPT Canada from this immediately. There is NO problem between our 2 countries.

Canada and the United States have had a longstanding, special relationship. This is not it.

Yours truly,
