

Shipping BIRDS from a Registrar Point of View

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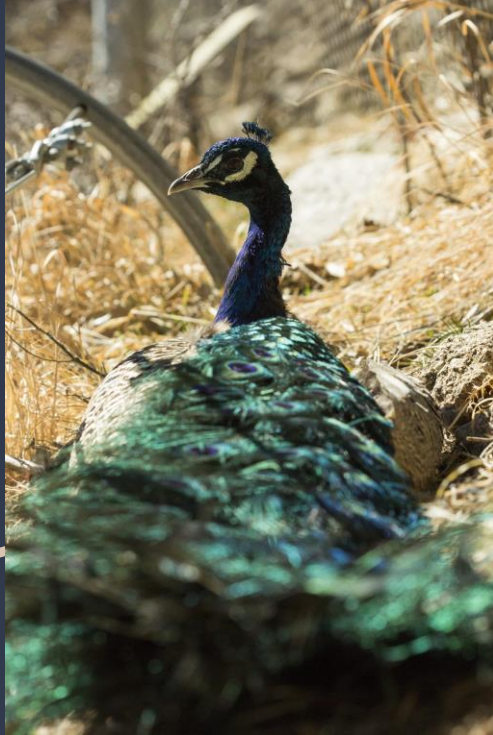
As a registrar at a small/medium sized zoo, I often AM the one who not only handles the transaction paperwork and permitting requirements, but also the logistics of the shipment itself. From scheduling flights, to driving the bird all the way to its final destination, to crate design, I have had experience with a variety of species throughout this entire process. Ducks, budgies, cranes, storks, vultures; each one is different, and I have had shipments go smoothly, and also almost anything that could go wrong did (including being turned away at the airport due to misunderstandings that occurred during booking that I was unaware of!). Working with different entities along the way, from state authorities, TSA, airlines staff, and other zoo personnel, I have picked up tips and tricks along the way and have learned a lot that I would love to share with the group.

Receiving from USPS



- Chicks
- Eggs

Regulations with Avian Transports



- Each state has their own requirements!
- Regardless of “zoo-to-zoo” transfers, state veterinarians may still require certain testing to be done within a particular time-frame.
- The health certificate must be signed within 30 days for land transport and 10 days for air transport. (typically)

Forms

Colorado Department of Agriculture
Animal Health Division
300 Innovation Parkway
Boulder, CO 80521
(303) 850-8100

COLORADO CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION Certificate Number: #B491101#
Contact State of Colorado for Movement Requirements and Certificate Validity
FOR FOREIGN SHIPMENTS: Colorado United States or Leaving United States USE FEDERAL FORM
OFFICIAL USE ONLY: The Veterinarian issuing this certificate is accredited and has been authorized to inspect animals and issue certificates.

ENTRY PERMIT #

INSPECTION DATE: []		SHIPMENT DATE: []		<input type="checkbox"/> Large Animal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small Animal	
CONSIGNEE - Contact Person at Origin		CONSIGNEE - Contact Person at Destination		CARRIER (Transporter)	
First Name: [] Last Name: []		First Name: [] Last Name: []		Business Name: []	
ADDRESS: [] [] [] AND/OR []		ADDRESS: [] [] [] AND/OR []		CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN ZOO	
Business Name: []		Business Name: []		Physical Address: []	
CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN ZOO		BEDFORD COUNTY ZOO		3450 CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN ZOO RD	
Physical Address of Animals: []		Physical Address of Animals: []		City: [] State: [] Zip Code: [] Phone Number: []	
3450 CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN ZOO RD		6555 W ZOO BLVD		COLUMBIA SPINE CO CO [] State: [] (781) 634-2788	
City: [] State: [] Zip Code: [] County: []		City: [] State: [] Zip Code: [] County: []		Transport Method: [] Purpose of Movement: []	
COLUMBIA SPINE CO CO [] State: [] (781) 634-2788		NEVADA [] State: [] (702) 266-8220		CAR [] [] PRECLOSING []	
Phone Number: [] Location USE []		Phone Number: [] Location USE []		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intestate <input type="checkbox"/> Interstate	
Consignor's Address (if different): []		Consignor's Address (if different): []		First Name: [] Last Name: []	

Disease Certification Statements: []

Fluck/Herd Accredited Free For: [] Head/Feet: []
 Tuberculosis Brucellosis Scrapie NPSP Brucellosis Tuberculosis
 John's PRV CWD Other agent: []

SPECIES	SEX	OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION	OTHER ID NUMBER OR DESCRIPTION	AGE	SEX	BREED	IB DATE	IB RESULT	IB TEST DATE	IB TEST RESULT	IB TEST DATE	IB TEST RESULT	IB TEST DATE	IB TEST RESULT	IB TEST DATE	IB TEST RESULT	IB TEST DATE	IB TEST RESULT	IB TEST DATE	IB TEST RESULT	
TOTAL																					

CONSIGNMENT STATEMENT: []
VETERINARY CERTIFICATION: []

DATE: [] [] []

SIGNATURE: []

not OFFICIAL

1. Health Certificate (call receiving state to check on entry permit regulations). Can be hard copy or eCVI
 - a. If eCVI you **must** have a veterinarian certified to sign them electronically!
 - b. Will require latest free version of Adobe Reader
 - c. Save a “master” copy; create copies for each shipment so there’s always an unaltered version saved.
 - d. “Large” vs “small” animal (alters appearance of form. Check with your state for their recommendation)
 - e. Once completed, email finished form to your state’s USDA Vet office.
2. (If flying) Acclimation letter for aircraft crew
*can be species specific
3. USDA 7020 (Can be used for tracking purposes, **not** required).
4. USFWS form 3-186 for migratory waterfowl.
5. Crate labels with species, quantity, shipper and receiver contact information.
6. Transport permit for entry into Florida.
7. Crate return request form.
8. Invoice.

Keeping it all straight!



Consider creating a checklist!

Documentation, documentation, documentation!

Set calendar reminders for important dates!

OUTGOING SHIPMENTS – DOMESTIC
Owner: _____

Animal/ZIMS #/ Transponder #/ Scientific Name _____

Receiving institutions (include contact person/ph#) _____

USDA# (for ATC) _____ Wt: _____ Age: _____
Terms: _____ /Crate info: _____ Proposed Ship Date _____
Medical Tests required by recipient: _____

1. ATC	TT: _____ Sent _____ Returned _____
2. Make Airline Reservation	2. _____
3. Send out shipping Notice	3. _____
4. Health Certificate	prep _____ to vet _____ returned _____
5. Crate Labels (2 per crate)	5. _____
6. ADTF and EDTF	to keeper _____ returned _____
7. APHIS 7020	7. _____
8. Specimen Report (s)	8. _____
9. Medical records in package or sent to recipient MEDARKS	9. _____
10. Permits Required (Federal, State, USDA, CDC, FDA etc.)	10. _____
Vet: _____ P/W: _____	
Permit # _____ Tests Req. _____	
11. Air Waybill _____	11. _____

Crate Preparation



1. Ensure crate is properly secured
 - a. If a lock is on the crate, make sure the receiver can find/already has the key!
2. Health Certificate should be easily accessible for aircrew staff to view/make a copy of
3. All labels should be completely filled out with appropriate contact information (both sender and receiver information!)
4. Include any necessary meds and/or food and clear instructions!
5. Crate should meet the IATA container requirement for that species (even if not traveling by air). This will include allowing for proper ventilation, have appropriate bedding, and be constructed in a manner that will keep the animal and the transporter safe.

Aircraft Specifications



Pro Tip: Check the aircraft door height and **triple check** the dimensions of your crate!

The average aircraft (not the commuter jets) have a max height clearance of 44". Anything over that requires a wide body traveling through a hub port.

Temperature checks: weather.gov; enter the airport code on the left hand side, and scroll to the bottom of the screen. Select "tabular" to see hour by hour temps for the actual airports-great tool to assess day-of travel!

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