

Transport and Importation Regulations by State  
**SOS Goes Above and Beyond!**

Requirement	Mandated by:							
	SOS	RI	MA	NH	CT	VT	ME	NY
Quarantine/isolation – Pre-importation (14 days)	X <sup>1</sup>	X <sup>1</sup>						
Quarantine/isolation – Post-importation (2-5 days)	X <sup>1</sup>	X <sup>1</sup>	X					
Broad-spectrum prophylactic regular deworming	X							
Negative fecal for intestinal parasites (worms and coccidia)	X			X				
Negative Giardia test	X							
Testing for heartworm disease, ehrlichia, anaplasmosis, lyme	X						X	
Treated with regular heartworm preventatives	X							
Core vaccinations following AAHA Vaccine Guidelines	X						X	
Additional vaccinations (i.e., Leptospirosis)	X <sup>2</sup>						X <sup>2</sup>	
Rabies vaccination (if older than 12 weeks)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Treated with regular flea and tick preventatives	X							
Spayed/neutered	X	X	X				X	
Microchipped	X							
Valid health certificate	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Wellness exam pre-importation	X							
Wellness exam post-importation	X <sup>3</sup>		X	X	X			
Imported via USDA regulated transport	X <sup>4</sup>							
Regular recordkeeping of movement and health of animals	X	X						
Storage of vetting records for up to 3 years	X	X		X	X		X	
Advance notification of importation	X	X						

<sup>1</sup> RI: Mandated length of quarantine/isolation around importation is dependent on the class of license a rescue possesses. **(SOS is Class A in RI)**

Class A: 14-day quarantine/isolation before import/transport.

Class B: 5-day quarantine/isolation after import/transport.

All dogs not quarantined/isolated for 14 days prior to import, or that were on non-USDA import will be quarantined/isolated for 5 days, per RI regulations.

<sup>2</sup> ME requires the additional vaccination of leptospirosis for dogs imported into the state.

<sup>3</sup> Performed as needed to meet regulatory requirements and/or maintain quality of health.

<sup>4</sup> Closely monitored/state-approved private transports are used on occasion/for special events.