

Michigan Pet Health Certificate Instructions

1. Pet health certificates must be provided to a customer whenever a pet shop is selling or otherwise placing a dog, cat or ferret. A copy of the health certificate should be kept for the pet shop's records.
2. Pet health certificates must also be provided to a customer when a large-scale breeding kennel (more than 15 breeding females) sells or otherwise places a dog. A copy of the health certificate should be kept for the kennel's records.
3. Pet health certificates must be issued by a veterinarian.
4. The veterinarian is responsible for ensuring all fields are completed. If a section does not apply, please note "N/A" in the section.
5. The following information must be completed on the pet health certificate: species, age, sex, breed and physical description of the animal.
6. Vaccinations and treatments received by the animal while at the pet shop or large-scale dog breeding kennel must be recorded on the pet health certificate.
7. Any medical condition the animal may have must be noted on the pet health certificate by the veterinarian.
8. If an animal is examined and found to be displaying signs of infectious disease, a pet health certificate is not to be issued until the animal is healthy.
9. Pet health certificates are valid for 30 days from the date of examination. If an animal is not sold within that 30 day timeframe, a new certificate must be issued to sell or otherwise place the animal.

Reminder: The pet health certificate is different from a certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI), which allow animals to move between states. A CVI cannot serve as a pet health certificate.