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Dogs, Cats & Ferrets

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1. Apparently healthy and free from all contagious and infectious diseases and recent exposure thereto.
2. Did not originate within an area under quarantine for rabies, or exposed.

Dogs, cats, and ferrets accompanied by owner (not for purposes of exhibition, change of ownership, adoption etc.) are not required to have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

(Amended September ____, 2019)

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