



Traveling with your Horse?

“Health Certificate” = Certificate of Veterinary Inspection

Although sometimes called "Health Certificate," the official name of the document needed to transport your horse across state lines is "Certificate of Veterinary Inspection," a more formal and more accurate term. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) is an official document, issued and signed by a licensed, accredited, and deputized veterinarian. The CVI provides documentation that an animal or a group of animals was *apparently healthy and showed no signs of contagious or communicable diseases on the date the inspection took place.*

In order to prepare the CVI we need:

- ✓ **The destination of the horse- an address and phone number**
- ✓ **The shipper/carrier of the horse- name and phone number**
- ✓ **Date of departure**

The CVI/Health Certificate is good for one month from the date of inspection. In the event of a disease outbreak, investigators use CVIs to track the disease back to its source, and forward to potentially exposed animals or people. Correct documentation on CVI/Health Certificates has become increasingly important as animals and disease move more freely and in greater numbers.

All horses receive a brief exam, with results recorded in the patient's medical records. The cost of the exam is \$20/per horse.

You may provide a current Coggin's report, or Sierra Equine will submit a blood sample to the lab for a Coggin's. The cost is \$40.00 for a standard lab when we provide the Coggin's.

The preparation of the CVI/Health Certificate is done once there has been an exam and a negative Coggin's report. Often we must secure an entry permit number. The cost for preparing the CVI/Health Certificate is \$30.00. A single CVI may be issued for several horses, provided all horses have been examined by a Sierra Equine veterinarian and there is one owner or trainer.

Payment for the above is required upon issuance of your CVI.