

UTAH DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

Traveling with horses in Utah

In order to inform all horse owners of state law concerning the movement of horses, the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food offer the following reminders.

Traveling inside Utah

Anytime you transport a horse within the state of Utah, you must have proof of ownership[with you. This can be accomplished in a number of ways:

1. Retain and use your brand inspection certificate at the time you purchased your horse. (Whenever you buy or sell a horse, you will need a “change of ownership” inspection (\$10.00) which the buyer should furnish.
2. Retain and use your auction invoice or special sale invoice at the time you purchased your horse.
3. Obtain a yearly travel permit from your local brand inspector (\$15.00: expires on December 31st of that year).
4. Obtain a “Horse Permanent Travel Permit” (Lifetime - \$25.00: good for the like of the horse).
5. Use a breed “certificate of registration” paper showing your name as the owner. Does not count if only using a signed transfer.
6. Record a brand with the Utah Department of Agriculture & Food, brand your horse, carry your brand card in your wallet. (Best method to try to prevent theft).
7. If transporting horses belonging to some one else, carry written permission from owner.

No health inspections are required as long as you travel within Utah.

Leaving the State

Brand Inspections

1. Obtain a one-way inspection (\$10.00 – good for 72 hours) from local inspector. You will need to look up and inspector in the state you are going to in order for him to write you an inspection back to Utah.
2. Obtain a yearly travel permit (\$15.00 – expires December 31st of the year issued) from the local inspector. Will allow you to leave the state and return as many times as you like within a one year period
note: This annual permit is not accepted by Wyoming or Montana.
3. Obtain “Horse Permanent Travel Permit” (Lifetime - \$25.00, good for as long as you own the horse) from local inspector. This permit is honored throughout America and Canada.

Entering the State

Health Inspection

1. Have written proof of ownership.(Brand Inspection Certification, Lifetime Travel Permit or auction invoice from state of origin.
2. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (valid for 30 days) issued by your local veterinarian
3. Negative Coggins test (Equine Infectious Anemia Laboratory test) usually also done by your local vet who will pull blood, and send the test to a certified lab. This must be done within the past year.

Stopping at a “Port of Entry”

The “Vehicles with livestock must stop” sign at Ports of Entry applies not just too commercial haulers but to anyone transporting horses as well as cattle, sheep, pigs, wildlife or fish. You must first drive your truck and trailer across the scales then go into the Department of Transportation office to complete a “Livestock and Fish Movement Report”. Take your paperwork with you so you will have the certificate numbers.

Change of Ownership

A change of ownership takes place on a branded or no brand animals. The brand inspection fee is \$10.00

Summary

If you are going to transport a horse, remember – you are expected to know and comply with these regulations.

For any information to register a brand or contact your local Brand Inspector you can go online at [Utah Department of Agriculture & Food](#).