

Tips for an Easy Border Crossing With Horses Enroute to Foshay International

****Only take the Houlton, Maine crossing! All others may appear faster with GPS, but the roads are rough on horses and not as direct.****

➤ **Be courteous**

- Border agents are doing their job. Many don't know how the papers apply to horses, so answer questions with a smile and be patient. When entering with temporary status, it is unlikely you will see a vet.

➤ **Plan accordingly for time**

- Just like all government agencies, there can be traffic waits and occasionally, they do search vehicles at the border. You do not need to stop at the US side of the border to get paperwork stamped, simply follow signs for vehicles with trailers to the Canadian side. Again, be patient and courteous. This is their job.

➤ **Be organized**

- Have all paperwork for your horses and passports for humans ready to go and neatly organized. If you are bringing any canine companions, be sure they are up to date on required vaccines and all paperwork for them is also organized. A folder for each horse or a binder that has plastic sleeves and is easily accessible is best. Canadian border patrol will need to make copies of your health papers and will most likely stamp your coggins and health papers with the date of entry.
 - ***Do NOT bring Firearms, Fireworks, or any illegal drugs across the border- even if you have a concealed carry permit. Failure to leave contraband at home can result in arrest.***

****What do papers do you need?***

- Negative Coggins within 180 days/ 6 months
- Canadian Health Certificate within 30 days stamped by USDA
 - Correct port of entry- Houlton, Maine
 - Type of admission: TEMPORARY
- US Health Cert within 30 days depending on what states you are traveling through and the requirements for health papers as per state.