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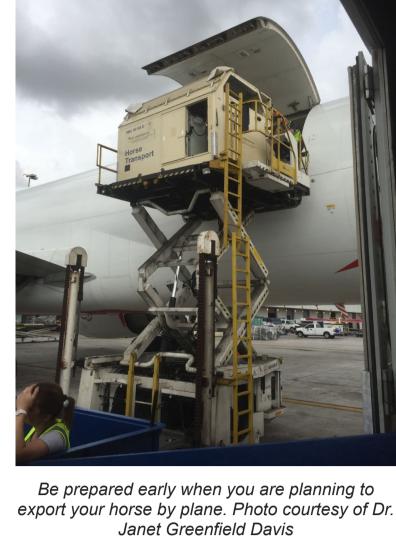
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United States involves much more than simply reserving a spot on the airplane. Each country has its own entry requirements for horses, so owners should visit

Unlike a human booking a trip abroad for a person, exporting a horse from the

the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) website to learn about what their horse will need for its destination. Fortunately, a USDA-licensed veterinarian and even a knowledgeable shipping company can help guide owners through this process. Palm Beach Equine Clinic's Dr. Janet Greenfield Davis shared her advice for owners preparing their horse for international travel: 1. Plan ahead: "Early planning is key to traveling properly," Dr. Greenfield Davis said, revealing that the biggest mistake



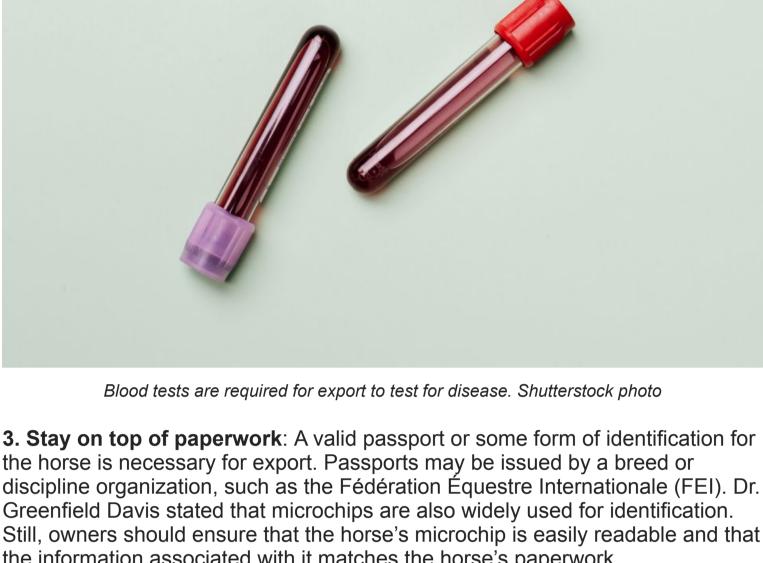
2. Understand the requirements: Each country has different tests for entry to ensure animals are free from diseases of concern. Most will require a negative Coggins test, often taken within a certain number of days before departure, but other tests will depend on the health outlook in the country at that time.

she sees owners make is leaving preparations until the last minute. Running blood tests, completing paperwork, and organizing travel with the shipping company all take time to coordinate, so reaching out to shippers and veterinarians well in advance is the best way to ensure the horse will meet all the requirements to fly. Dr. Greenfield Davis also recommended keeping horses current on vaccines to minimize the time needed to prepare the horse for travel.

The owner's veterinarian will draw blood and send the samples to a laboratory in the U.S. for testing, but some countries have stricter protocols than others. Dr. Greenfield Davis warned, "Many international competitions require blood work to be done at specific laboratories in the European Union. Owners need to make sure that they read the paperwork and know this ahead of time so they can make travel plans in advance." In this case, the horse would likely need to be

shipped to the European Union (EU) for testing before being cleared to continue

to their final destination.

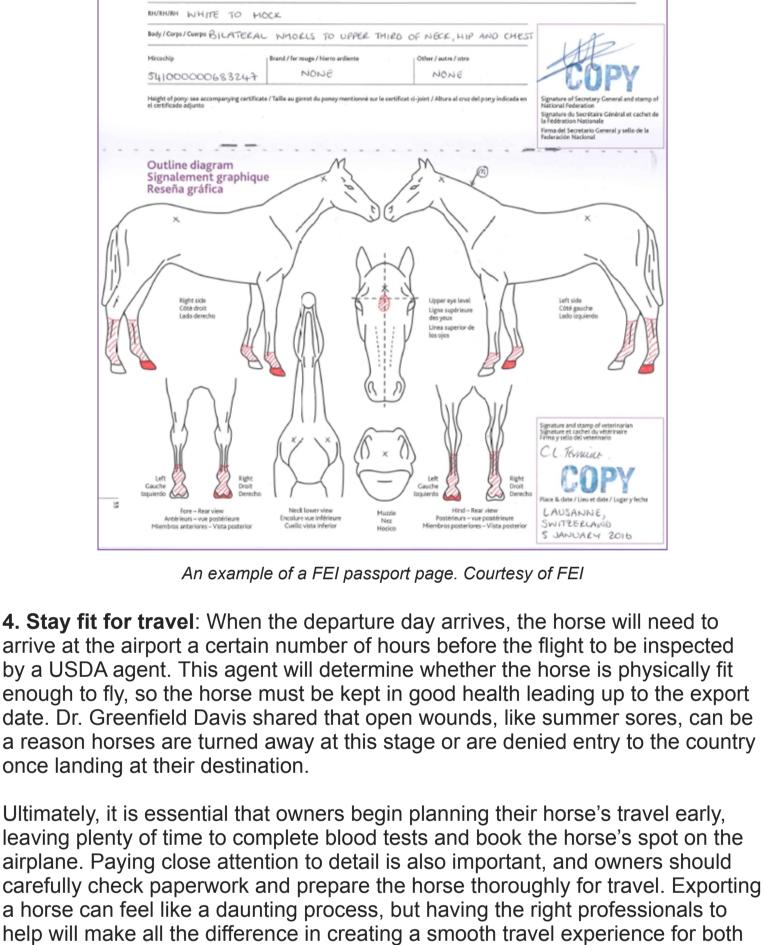


the information associated with it matches the horse's paperwork.

Additionally, the owner should factor in the time needed for the USDA to review the required veterinary paperwork and mail it back. When shipping to the EU, for example, all paperwork must be completed within 48 hours of travel, creating a short window of opportunity. "It's important to have a good team between the shipper and veterinarian that can be on the ball to get it done," Dr. Greenfield Davis asserted.

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