

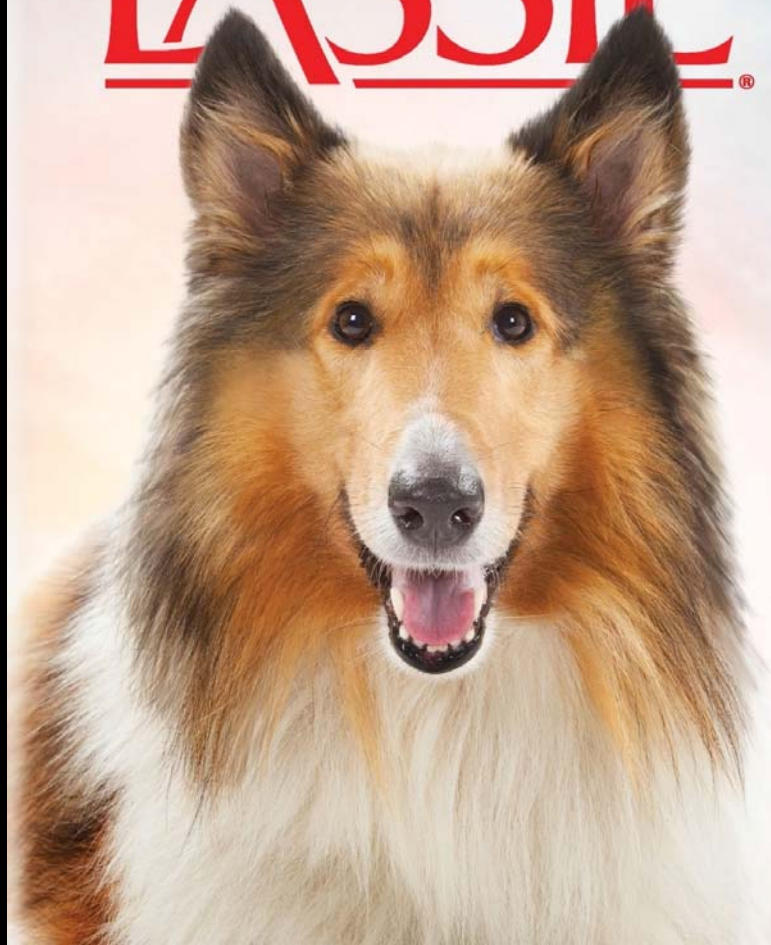


# **The Ins and Outs of Dog Imports: USDA Animal Care**

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**It was the summer of 1965...  
when Pepper disappeared...**



**... forever?**

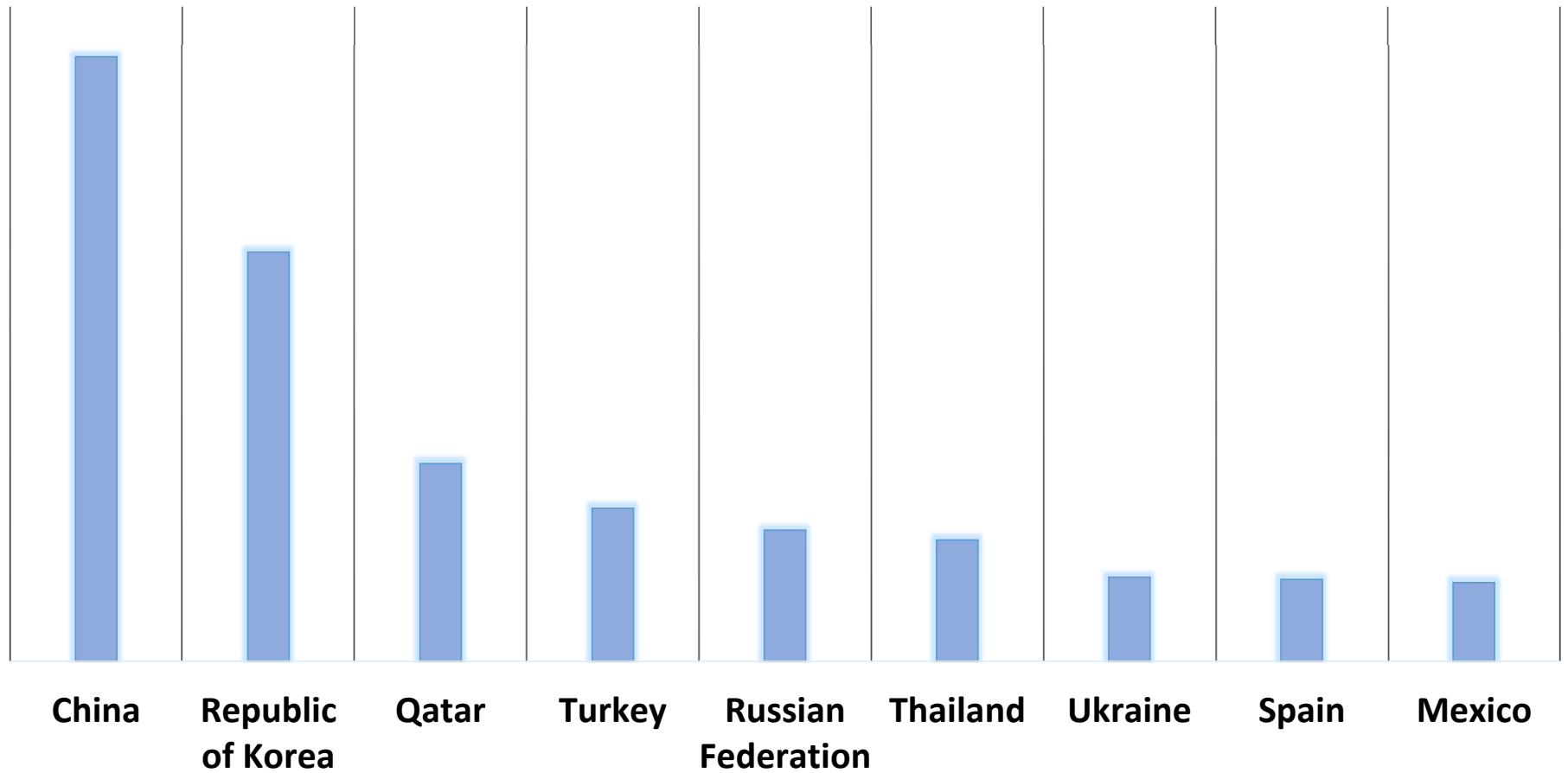




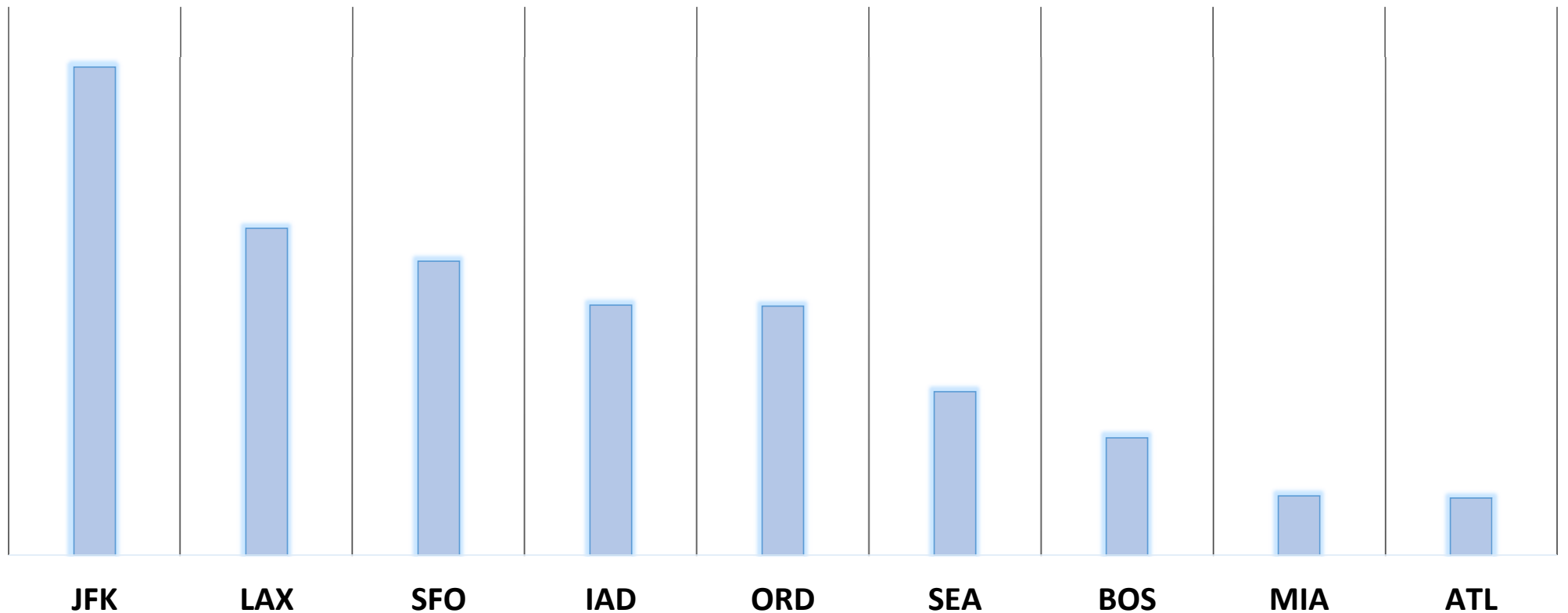




# Import Permit Requests – FY 2019



# Top Ports of Entry for Dog Imports – FY19









# Dogs imported into the United States for the purpose of resale or adoption must be:

(1) At least six months of age

(2) Vaccinated for:

- Rabies
- Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, Parvovirus, and Parainfluenza virus (DHLPP)

(3) In good health (i.e., no infectious disease, parasites, diarrhea, and etc.)

## Definition of “Resale”

- **Defined by Congress**
- **Transfer of ownership or control**
- **Includes adoptions, rescues, wholesales, retail sales**
- **Personal import of pet: no AC permit required**

**eAuth** → **Application** →

**eFile** → **AC Process** →

**PDF Permit**

# Requirements to import a dog for resale or adoption into the United States:

- (1) Import Permit issued by APHIS AC
- (2) Documents, in English, signed by a veterinarian licensed in the country of origin
  - Rabies Vaccination Certificate
  - Health Certificate



**1-816-737-4223**

**Or**

**[ac.dogimport.mailbox@usda.gov](mailto:ac.dogimport.mailbox@usda.gov)**



## Requirements

- **Our rules are different from VS, CDC, CBP.**
- **We always refer individuals to VS, CDC, CBP, and the state for additional guidance.**







# Questions?

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