

Import of Dogs, Cats and Tame Polecats/Ferrets from countries not free from rabies (4 months quarantine)

Animal Disease Control Division

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RABIESFREE COUNTRIES

are for the present Norway, Iceland, United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, Mauritius and the State of Hawaii.

OTHER COUNTRIES

Dogs, cats and tame polecats/ferrets from countries **other than above mentioned** rabiesfree countries, must be kept in official Swedish quarantine during a period of at least four months (120 days). Transport from the country of export must not commence before confirmation has been received that a **quarantine place is available and import licence is issued**.

The quarantine place is to be booked by the importer. Quarantine facilities usually have waiting lists, so bookings must be made in good time. Information about the services and charges involved etc., can be obtained from the respective quarantine. *The Swedish Board of Agriculture admits of no exceptions from the condition of four months quarantine.*

IMPORT LICENCE

The application for an import licence, which must be sent or faxed to the Swedish Board of Agriculture **at the latest 30 days** before the estimated date of departure, must always state name, address and telephone number of the applicant/company, and **identity number**, breed, age and sex of the animal, country of export and the name of the quarantine facility at which place has been booked. The permit's cost is 400 Swedish Crowns (SEK), and the fee is paid via SWIFT or Eurogiro to the account number 95 57 99-2 (SWIFT address: PGSI SESS). The receipt (or a copy) of the paid fee, shall be attached to the application. If the receipt is not enclosed, the application will be returned to the applicant.

IMPORT CONDITIONS (*Import conditions in detail appears from the import licence*)

Identity marking: **Dog and cat** shall be **identity marked** by means of a permanent, clear and readable tattoo, or have a microchip identification system implanted. The ID-number shall be stated in the application when sent to the Board of Agriculture, and also in the certificate mentioned below.

Health certificate: **Dog, cat and polecat/ferret** shall be accompanied by a **health certificate**, issued within ten (10) days prior to import, by an authorized veterinarian in the country of export. The certificate must certify that the animal is healthy and shows no signs of contagious animal disease.

Vaccination: **Dogs** must be vaccinated against leptospirosis. **Please note that the dog must be identity marked at the vaccination occasion.** The vaccination may not be older than 410 days (i.e. one year and 45 days) at the time of import. Upon the first vaccination or upon delayed revaccination, the dog may only be brought into Sweden at the earliest 30 days after performed vaccination. Other vaccinations for dog, cat or polecat/ferret are not required.

QUARANTINE FACILITIES are available at the following places:

Storskogens Karantän (cats and dogs)

Storskogen, Skeda

585 97 Linköping, Sweden

Tel: +46-13 503 36, Fax: +46-13 504 36

E-mail: storskogens.karantan@telia.com

Manlötens Hundkarantän AB (dogs)

Manlötens gård

186 40 Vallentuna, Sweden

Tel: +46-8 511 786 39, Fax: +46-8 511 786 75

E-mail: manloten@delta.telenordia.se

POST-QUARANTINE ISOLATION

Once the quarantine period is over, the animal must by the owner's care be kept isolated from other animals during a period of two months. The animal must always be kept on a leash outdoors and is not permitted to take part in exhibitions, any kind of work test or competition, and must not be used for breeding by means of natural mating.

TRANSPORT TO SWEDEN

N.B. Alternative import regulations are available when dogs/cats are to be imported from following countries:

Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Lichtenstein, Luxemburg, The Netherlands, Portugal, Spain and Switzerland.

Postal address	Street address	Tel	Fax	Internet	Postal giro number
551 82 JÖNKÖPING Sweden	Vallgatan 8	+46 36-155000	+46 36-155005 +46 36-150818	www.sjv.se	95 57 99-2

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Since all European countries have their own import regulations, various problems may arise if, in a EU member state, an intermediate landing or a transit of the animal is made. The animal owner may for instance be required to apply for an import permit to the country concerned, there may be requests for rabies vaccination or other vaccinations. If an intermediate landing cannot be avoided, the veterinary authorities of the country concerned should be contacted, in order to find out what is required to be allowed intermediate landing in/transit through this country. The Swedish Board of Agriculture cannot provide information on the regulations of other countries.