



## Guideline for import of cats to the Faroe Islands

It is only allowed to import cats to the Faroe Islands if you have permanent address in the Faroe Islands or you are moving to the Faroe Islands to live. Cats are not permitted for stays shorter than 3 months or to transit through Faroe Islands to another country.

### Vaccination

- ❖ No earlier than 1 year and no later than 4 weeks before arrival to the Faroe Islands the cat must be vaccinated against the following diseases.
  - Rabies (lyssa virus)
  - Feline panleukopenia, (parvovirus)
  - Feline viral rhinotracheitis (herpesvirus)
  - Feline calicivirus (calicivirus).
- ❖ The cat must have an id-number. Tattoo or microchip. The microchip must meet the recommendations in ISO-standard 11785 or annex in ISO-standard 11785.

### Treatment against ecto- and endoparasites

- ❖ The cat must be treated against the below mentioned ecto- and endoparasites:
    - ❖ Roundworm
    - ❖ Tapeworm
    - ❖ Mange mites
    - ❖ Lice and fleas
    - ❖ If the exporting country is not declared free of Echinococcus the cat must be treated against Echinococcus granulosus and E. multilocularis.
- The treatment must not be finished earlier than 1 week before the arrival to the Faroe Islands.

### Veterinary certificates.

- ❖ The cat must be accompanied by a veterinary certificate or a standard passport according to Commission decision 2003/803/EF at the arrival in the Faroe Islands.
  - The veterinary certificate must contain name, address and phone number of owner in the Faroe Island and race, age, sex and id-number of the cat.
  - The veterinary certificate must be signed by an authorized veterinarian and a veterinary inspector of the country of origin.
  - The veterinary certificate certifies that the cat is healthy, has all the required vaccinations and has been treated against endo- and ectoparasites.
  - The veterinary certificate must not be issued earlier than 48 hours before the journey to the Faroe Islands starts.
  - You can apply for the veterinary certificate at Heilsufrøðiliga starvsstovan or on [www.hfs.fo](http://www.hfs.fo).

### Kitten:

- ❖ A kitten must be:
  - Vaccinated against the same diseases as the fully grown cat, but the kitten has to be 12 weeks or older, before it is vaccinated and then has to wait 4 weeks before entering the Faroe Islands.
  - If the kitten is only vaccinated once before entering the Faroe Islands, it must be vaccinated again at arrival.
  - Treated against the same ecto- and endoparasites as the fully grown cat.
- ❖ In special cases and on application Heilsufrøðiliga starvsstovan can allow unvaccinated kittens younger than 3 months to enter the Faroe Islands, for example if a cat with kittens has to enter the country.

### Further conditions

- ❖ At arrival to the Faroe Islands the customs check the veterinary certificate and send a copy to Heilsufrøðiliga starvsstovan.
- ❖ Heilsufrøðiliga starvsstovan has the control over importation of animals. Heilsufrøðiliga starvsstovan can refuse import of the cat depending on the disease situation in the country of origin, if the veterinary certificate is lacking or the veterinary certificate is incomplete. In these cases Heilsufrøðiliga starvsstovan makes an agreement with the owner whether the cat shall be:
  - Sent back to the country of origin, this needs an approval from the veterinary authorities in the country of origin.
  - Sent to quarantine, the length of the quarantine is to be decided by the veterinary officer at Heilsufrøðiliga starvsstovan.
  - Vaccinated or treated according to guidelines from Heilsufrøðiliga starvsstovan.
  - Put down.
- ❖ The owner is responsible for all expenses in connection with the import.