



Guidelines for the import of cats to the Faroe Islands

Control

Heilsufrøðiliga starvsstovan has the control over importation of animals. Heilsufrøðiliga starvsstovan can reject importation of a cat depending on the disease situation in the country of origin, if the veterinary certificate is lacking or if the veterinary certificate is incomplete.

Fee

The owner is responsible for all expenses in connection with the import. Any costs connected to a possible rejection of a cat, shipment back to the country of origin or euthanasia is also carries by the owner.

At arrival to the Faroe Islands, the customs check the veterinary certificate and send a copy to Heilsufrøðiliga starvsstovan, which makes a document control of all cats imported to the Faroe Islands. Heilsufrøðiliga starvsstovan charges a fee for the document control according to the rules in departmental order: [kunnngerð nr. 6 frá 26. januar 2009 um gjøld fyri veterinerar og heilsufrøðiligar kanningar og eftirlit, sum seinast broytt við kunnngerð nr. 74 frá 22. mai.](#)

- The fee is 345 DKK and corresponds to 1 hour.

Terms of import

Permanent address

It is only allowed to import cats to the Faroe Islands if the owner has permanent address in the Faroe Islands or is 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.

Vaccinations and treatments

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 be treated against the below mentioned ecto - and endoparasites:

- Castor bean tick (*Ixodes ricinus*), in force from 09.07.2018
- Roundworm
- Tapeworm
- *Echinococcus granulosus* and *E. multilocularis*
- Mange mites
- Lice and fleas

The treatment against parasites must not be finished earlier than 1 week before the arrival to the Faroe Islands.

The cat must have an id-number in the form of a tattoo or a microchip. The microchip must meet the recommendations in ISO-standard 11784 or annex in ISO-standard 11785.



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 the owner in the Faroe Island
- The veterinary certificate must contain 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.

Kittens

Kittens must be:

- Vaccinated against the same diseases as the fully grown cat, but the kitten has to be 12 weeks old, 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.
- Kittens must be treated against the same ecto- and endoparasites as the fully grown cat.
- Kittens must be accompanied by the same veterinary certificates 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

In the case of rejection of the cat, 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.

Legislation

[Kunngerð nr. 15 frá 7. apríl 2004 um innflutning av hundum, kettum og øðrum kelidýrum.](#)