



Guidelines for the import of dogs to the Faroe Islands

Control

Heilsufrøðiliga starvsstovan has the control over importation of animals. Heilsufrøðiliga starvsstovan can reject importation of the dog 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 dog, 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 dogs imported to the Faroe Islands. Heilsufrøðiliga starvsstovan charges a fee for the document control according to the rules in departmental order: [kunngerð nr. 6 frá 26. januar 2009 um gjøld fyri veterinerar og heilsufrøðiligar kanningar og eftirlit, sum seinast broytt við kunngerð 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 dogs to the Faroe Islands if the owner has permanent address in the Faroe Islands or is moving to the Faroe Islands to live.

Dogs are not permitted for stays shorter than 3 months or to transit through Faroe Islands to another country.

It is prohibited to import dogbreeds listed on the list of prohibited dogbreeds.

Vaccinations and treatments

No earlier than 1 year and no later than 4 weeks before arrival to the Faroe Islands, the dog must be vaccinated against the following diseases:

- Rabies (lyssa virus)
- Canine distemper (paramyxovirus, CDV)
- Infectious canine hepatitis (adeno virus CAV-I)
- Canine parainfluenza virus infection (parainfluenzavirus)
- Parvovirus infection (parvo virus, CPV)
- Leptospirosis

The dog 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 dog 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.

- Puppies must be treated against the same ecto- and endoparasites as the fully grown dog.
- Puppies must be accompanied by the same veterinary certificates as the fully grown dog.

Veterinary certificates

The dog 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 dog.
- 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 dog 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.

Legislation

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

Puppies

Puppies must be:

- Vaccinated against the same diseases as the fully grown dog, but the puppy has to be 12 weeks old, before it is vaccinated and then has to wait 4 weeks before entering the Faroe Islands.
- If the puppy is only vaccinated once before entering the Faroe Islands, it must be vaccinated again at arrival.