



Import of cats

Instructions regarding the import of cats to the Faroe Islands from:

Belgium, Bulgaria, Estonia, France, Greece – including Greek Cyprus, Greenland, Italy, the Czech Republic, Croatia, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Svalbard, Switzerland, Germany, Hungary, and Austria.

Import permit

Bringing a cat to the Faroe Islands requires an import permit from the Faroese Food and Veterinary Authority (FFVA).

To receive an import permit, owners must:

1. Send an import permit application to the FFVA (at least **6 business days** before the cat's departure from the country of dispatch)
2. Pay the processing fee for the application and include the payment receipt in the import permit application
3. Send a health certificate to the FFVA, hfs@hfs.fo (**2 business days** before the departure from the country of dispatch)

1. Import permit application

The application form for import permits can be accessed on the FFVA website: www.hfs.fo. Owners must use the appropriate application form; sending a copy of the animal's passport is not sufficient.

Owners can apply for an import permit as soon as the cat has been **registered with an ID, vaccinated** and the **required rabies titre test** shows a satisfactory result.

The cat cannot come to the Faroe Islands until **12 weeks have passed since the blood sample for the rabies titre test was taken**. The application must be sent at least **6 business days** before the scheduled departure for the Faroe Islands.

Permanent residence in the Faroe Islands

Only people with permanent residence in the Faroe Islands, or people moving to the Faroe Islands, may import cats to the Faroe Islands.

Owners **without permanent residence** in the Faroe Islands **cannot** bring cats when travelling to the Faroe Islands.

Pet courier

If the owner cannot accompany the cat throughout the journey, a courier must be assigned to accompany the cat. The courier is then responsible for the cat until it can be handed over to the owner.

Restrictions

The following is prohibited:

- To bring cats when transiting through the Faroe Islands to other countries
- To import hybrid breeds (e.g. Bengal cats) regardless of the genetic percentage

Identification

The cat must be microchipped with an ID (ISO-standard 11784). The ID number must be registered in all required documentation.

Vaccinations

The cat must be vaccinated at least **4 weeks** prior to the arrival to the Faroe Islands, and the vaccinations must be no older than what is recommended by the producer.



The cat must be vaccinated against the following diseases:

- Rabies
- Feline panleukopenia
- Feline viral rhinotracheitis
- Feline calicivirus
- Feline leukaemia virus

If revaccinations are given on time, the cat can be imported immediately after the revaccination.

Kittens must be at least **12 weeks old** at the time of the vaccination.

Blood sample for the rabies titre test

At least **4 weeks** after the cat has been vaccinated against rabies; a **blood sample** must be taken for the rabies titre test. The blood sample must be sent to an EU-approved laboratory and the results of the test must show at least 0,5 IE/ml. If the test result is satisfactory, the cat can be imported to the Faroe Islands **12 weeks after** the blood sample was taken.

Where has the cat been the past 6 months?

If the cat has been in a country or area outside group A or B during the past 6 months, the import conditions for **non-listed countries** apply.

If the cat has been in a country in group A for a period of 6 full months prior to import, without entering an area outside this group, it can be imported according to the rules for countries in group A.

2. Fees

A fee will be charged for the import permit and inspection. **The minimum fee is 750 DKK**, which must be paid via bank transfer to account **6460-000.992.765.6** in Bank Nordik before the application processing can begin. A **payment receipt** must be included in the application form sent to the FFVA.

If the application processing lasts for more than an hour and a half, the owner will be charged an additional corresponding fee.

3. Health certificate

The health certificate is a certificate from a veterinarian confirming that the cat is healthy and has received all required treatments against parasites. The health certificate must not be older than **2 days** at the time of departure for the Faroe Islands.

Treatments

Cats must receive treatments for the following endoparasites and ectoparasites.

- Roundworm
- Tapeworm, including *Echinococcus granulosus* and *E. multilocularis*
- Scabies
- Lice
- Flees
- Ixodes ricinus

The treatments must not be older than what is recommended by the producer when the cat arrives in the Faroe Islands. Your veterinarian can offer guidance on this matter.

Days of departure

Because the FFVA must receive the health certificate **2 business days** before the departure from the country of dispatch, and because the certificate cannot be older than **2 days** at the time of departure, departures from the country of dispatch can only take place on the following days:

- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday
- Saturday

It is important to keep this in mind regarding festivals and bank holidays. 2 consecutive business days must precede the day of



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departure. Go to our website for more information.

Import permits

Cats must have import permits when arriving in the Faroe Islands.

Import permits are filled out and signed by an official veterinarian at the FFVA before being sent to applicants.

Please note: The courier must verify the import permit before the cat may board the transport vessel from the country of dispatch. If the cat does not have an import permit, the carrier will prohibit the cat from boarding.

Transport

The owner of the animal must ensure that the transportation of the animal is carried out in accordance with the regulations in the animal welfare act. This includes ensuring that cages, crates, etc. meet the requirements regarding air, size, fodder, water, etc.

Inspection

When the cat arrives in the Faroe Islands, the owner or courier must present the import permit to the customs authorities.

The customs authorities will verify the import permit and send a copy to the FFVA. The FFVA carries out inspections of documents of all imported cats.

The FFVA may also conduct ID- and/or physical inspections of imported cats.

Consequences when conditions are not met

The FFVA inspects the importation of cats and has the authority to reject any importation if there is cause to suspect infectious disease, lack of import permit, etc. In such cases, the FFVA decides whether the cat is to be:

- Examined, vaccinated, or treated in accordance with instructions from the FFVA
- Quarantined under the supervision of the FFVA and, if necessary, examined, vaccinated, and treated for parasites until the conditions for importation are met.
- Returned to the country of dispatch if the veterinary authority of the country of dispatch approves this.
- Euthanized.

If it is deemed acceptable in regard to health and safety, the owner's preferred options are taken into account.

Other expenses

The owner must pay for all expenses concerning the importation of the cat. This includes fees that have been charged due to the cat being returned to the country of dispatch or from having to euthanize the cat.

Parliamentary acts and executive orders

Parliamentary act on animal welfare:

[Løgtingdlóg nr. 49 frá 30. apríl 2018 um djóravælfærið \(djóravælfærlógin\), sum broytt við løgtingslóg nr. 91 frá 7. juni 2020.](#)

Executive order on the import of dogs, cats and reproductive material:

[Kunngerð nr. 82 frá 18. mai 2021 um at innflyta hundar, kettur og gitnaðarevni.](#)

Executive order on fees for veterinary and health examinations and inspections:

[Kunngerð nr. 6 frá 26. januar 2009 um gjöld fyri veterinerar og heilsufrøðiligar kanningar og eftirlit, sum seinast broytt við kunngerð nr. 74 frá 22. mai 2014.](#)