

NORWAY

Remember that other countries may have import regulations that defer from these. Contact the applicable country's embassy before embarking upon international travel with your pet. Dogs and cats imported to Norway must fulfil requirements as described in one of six categories.

Category1: Importation from Sweden and reindeer herd dogs from Finland used in accordance with the reindeer grazing agreement.

Category2: Importation of Norwegian and Swedish animals after transit through Finland.

Category3: Importation from rabies free EU/EFTA-countries.

Category4: Importation from rabies infected EU/EFTA-countries and the Norwegian territories of Svalbard and Jan Mayen.

Category5: Importation from rabies free non-EU/EFTA-countries.

Category6: Importation from rabies infected non-EU/EFTA-countries.

General information Dogs and cats imported to Norway under categories 3 - 6 must present upon border control to Norway a Veterinary Certificate approved by The Norwegian Animal Health Authority - Central Unit. The Veterinary Certificate is twofold. It consists of part I, a Health Certificate and part II, a Vaccination Certificate. The certificate is available from Regional and District Veterinary Officers in The Norwegian Animal Health Authority or through your local veterinarian. The Veterinary Certificate must ascertain that the import requirements are fulfilled and must be signed by an authorised veterinarian. The import requirements vary according to the importation category.

The Veterinary Certificate presented upon border control must be an original certificate (not a fax copy or copy). The Health Certificate may not be issued more than 10 days prior to arrival,

while the Vaccination Certificate is valid according to the animals vaccination or blood test status.

The person who has the animal in his/her keeping upon arrival at the Norwegian border post is responsible for presenting the required documents and the animal to the customs authorities. The Veterinary Certificate must be kept for at least 1 year or in case of a shorter stay as long as the animal is in Norway. If requirements for importation are not fulfilled the Norwegian Animal Health Authority - District veterinarian may pass a decision to expel, isolate or euthanise the animal. Any expenditure incurred in connection with the importation is not a public authority concern.

NOTE: For dogs and cats that do not fulfil requirements in any of the categories 1 through 6, an application for an import permit must be sent to the Norwegian Animal Health Authority - Regional Veterinary Officer.

Security Clause The Norwegian Animal Health Authority - Central Unit, may upon short notice and without compensation to the importer prohibit importation of dogs and cats if circumstances in the country of despatch or other require such action.

The following is detailed information on the conditions for importation of dogs and cats to Norway. Import conditions must be in accordance with Norwegian regulations as laid down in the regulation of 3 September 1998 on Animal Health Conditions for Importation of Dogs and Cats to Norway. The regulation is effective from 1 October 1998 and is available (in Norwegian) from the Norwegian Animal Health Authority or on the Internet at: www.lovdata.no

ATTENTION! Importation to Norway of dogs of the following breeds

(pure-bred or crosses) is prohibited; Pit Bull Terrier, Fila Brasileiro, Tosa Inu and Dogo Argentino. For breeds that may be confused with any of the above mentioned breeds, e.g. American Staffordshire Terrier, it must be possible to document with an original pedigree certificate and ID-number that the animal is not an offspring of prohibited breeds.

Category 6:

Importation from rabies infected non-EU/EFTA-countries.

Category 6 applies to dogs and cats being imported from any other country/region than those mentioned in categories 1 - 5.

The following import conditions apply to animals in category 6:

IMPORTANT! Animals imported to Norway from rabies infected non-EU/EFTA countries must complete a quarantine period of minimum 4 months after arrival in Norway and must be registered with the District Veterinary Officer responsible for the quarantine facilities minimum 30 days prior to importation. Contact the Norwegian Animal Health Authority - District Veterinary Officer for Mysen and Spydeberg, P. O. Box 228, N-1851 Mysen. Phone: +47 69 89 36 10 Fax: +47 69 89 24 80

1. VETERINARY CERTIFICATE The animal must be accompanied by a Veterinary Certificate approved by the Norwegian Animal Health Authority - Central Unit. The Veterinary Certificate is twofold and consists of part I, the Health Certificate, and part II, the Vaccination Certificate. Both parts must be signed by an authorised veterinarian. The certificate shall confirm that the import requirements are fulfilled.

The Health Certificate must be signed by an authorised

veterinarian within 10 days prior to importation to Norway. The Health Certificate is a certification that the animal does not show clinical signs of any contagious or infectious disease and that treatment against *Echinococcus multilocularis* (tapeworm) has been completed. During the first 7 days after arrival in Norway the animal must be retreated by an authorised veterinarian.

The Vaccination Certificate must be filled in and signed by an authorised veterinarian based upon information given in original vaccination and laboratory certificates. The Vaccination Certificate is valid as long as the vaccination status of the animal or the blood test is valid.

The following vaccines and/or blood tests must be documented on the Vaccination Certificate:

A. Leptospirosis (applies only to dogs)

The dog must be vaccinated with an approved vaccine within 365 days prior to importation to Norway. Alternatively, the dog may be tested serologically with a microscopic agglutination test (MAT) for leptospirosis. The blood sample must be drawn within 21 days prior to importation. The result of the test must show less than 50% agglutination at a dilution of 1:30 for an unvaccinated dog, or less than 50% agglutination at a dilution of 1:300 for a previously vaccinated dog.

B. Canine Distemper (applies only to dogs)

The dog must be vaccinated with an approved vaccine within 730 days prior to importation to Norway. Note for points 1A and 1B: After basic immunisation or after exceeded re-vaccination interval the dog must wait 30 days before importation to Norway. If the dog receives two or more vaccine shots upon basic immunisation, the 30 day limit applies to the first vaccination date. The 30 day limit does not apply to dogs that have been re-vaccinated against

leptospirosis within 365 days and against canine distemper within 730 days after the last vaccination.

C. Brucellosis (applies only to dogs)

Dogs must be tested serologically for brucellosis (*Brucella canis*) with a negative result prior to importation. The blood sample must be drawn within 21 days prior to importation.

D. Rabies

Rabies vaccination is not required for animals that must complete a period of quarantine in Norway. Animals vaccinated against rabies may not be imported before a minimum of 30 days has passed since vaccination. The animal must not have been vaccinated with a live vaccine during 24 months prior to importation.

2. IDENTIFICATION The animal must be identified with a readable tattoo or microchip implant. The identification number must be referred to on all vaccination certificates or vaccination book and on laboratory certificates. The identification number must also be referred to on the approved Veterinary Certificate. If the microchip is not of FECAVA or ISO standard, the animal owner must provide a compatible reader.

3. BORDER CONTROL

Upon arrival at the border control post the animal and the required documents will be examined by a District Veterinary Officer. The importer must give 48 hours prior notice about time and place of arrival to the District Veterinary Officer responsible for the border control post.

4. QUARANTINE

Animals imported to Norway from rabies infected non-EU/EFTA regions must complete a period of minimum 4 months quarantine

at a quarantine facility approved by the Norwegian Animal Health Authority - Central Unit. After release from quarantine the animal will be required to be held isolated at home for another 2 months.

Exception: Norwegian service dogs in active service and guide dogs in active service for a blind person are exempt from the quarantine requirement. These dogs must alternatively fulfil the rabies vaccine and blood test requirement that animals from rabies infected EU/EFTA countries must fulfil (see category 4).

The importer must minimum 30 days prior to planned import date register the animal with the District Veterinary Officer responsible for the quarantine facilities (see address and telephone above). The importer must also minimum 30 days prior to planned import reserve place at the quarantine facility directly with the owner of the quarantine.

There is only one approved quarantine facility in Norway for dogs and cats. Vestberg Quarantine Station, Nordre Linderudsvei 45, N-1816 Skiptvet, Norway. Phone: 47 69 80 85 80 Fax: 47 69 80 85 90.

It is located in Østfold county appr. 70 km from Oslo. The Quarantine Station requires that dogs are vaccinated against Kennel cough and canine parvovirus infection and cats are vaccinated against feline viral rhinotracheitis and feline calicivirus infection a minimum of 3 weeks before they arrive at the quarantine station.