

- Apply for an import permit to the Icelandic Food and Veterinary Authority.
  - The animal must be marked with a microchip that complies with FECAVA or ISO standards before s/he is examined for health purposes, vaccinated, has samples taken from, or is treated.
- Pay the importation surveillance fee up on receipt of the notification (33.392,- ISK)
- Contact your veterinarian and make sure you understand the requirements regarding vaccinations, blood tests etc., and especially the time limits (f. ex. a certain number of days has to pass from the vaccinations until the dog/cat is allowed to enter Iceland)
- Check the pet's date of birth.
  - The pet must be at least **5 months** old when it is imported to Iceland. **NB!** this only applies to rabies-free countries. Pets exported from countries with rabies cannot be younger than **7 months** old if they are vaccinated against rabies at the age of three months. (See the list on page 2 *Vaccinations, examinations and treatments for importation for details*)
- Make a reservation for the pet at a quarantine station. – Animals arrive at the quarantine stations once a month i.e. one group for each station. These dates are predetermined. Animals cannot be imported to Iceland on other dates. Usually accepted into the stations on a 3 day period, in each station. After that the quarantine station is closed and will not accept other animals until the group has graduated. Information regarding dates can be obtained from the quarantine stations staff (Einangrunarstöðin ehf, Quarantine station in Reykjanesbær [www.einangrun.is](http://www.einangrun.is) and Hvatastaðir ehf, The pet quarantine station in Hrísey, [www.hvatastadir.is](http://www.hvatastadir.is))
- Book a flight.
  - Keflavik Airport is the only approved airport of entry for pets.
- Have the pet vaccinated against rabies (if the country of export is not rabies-free).
- Have the pet blood tested and the rabies antibody titer measured
  - At least 30 days after the pet was vaccinated (if the country of export is not rabies-free).
- Check vaccination status
  - 30 days must pass from the date of the last vaccination until the pet is imported (applies to all vaccinations except rabies – See the list on page 2 *Vaccinations, examinations and treatments for importation for details*).
- Examinations must be completed within the last 30 days before importation (NB! it may take a few days/weeks to get the test results so plan the necessary examinations with your veterinarian).
- Certificate of Health and Origin
  - Health examination and treatment for parasites must be completed within the last 10 days before importation. The blank form for the **Certificate of Health and Origin, issued by the Icelandic Food and Veterinary Authority, is the only certificate that will be accepted.**
- Get a hold of a transport kennel.
  - The kennel must be large enough so that the pet is able to stand up, lie down and turn around in it; it must be made of durable material that is easy to wash and disinfect and must have openings for ventilation and for the pet to be able to see outside. Wooden cages are not allowed.
- **At least five (5) working days prior to the estimated arrival date of the pet to Iceland,** fax or e-mail all required certificates to the Icelandic Food and Veterinary Authority for approval (fax no. +354 530 4801, e-mail: [mast@mast.is](mailto:mast@mast.is)). Make sure that the certificates are correctly completed. **Do not forget the date and time of arrival and flight number!** It is also important that the phone number and e-mail address of the importer or of an representative of the importer are correct.
- Originals of the following documents must arrive with the pet to Iceland:
  - Import Permit
  - Certificate of Health and Origin and other related documents (Examination results and/or laboratory certificates, if applicable)
  - Invoice where the purchase price of the pet appears.

It is important that the aforementioned documents are packed in waterproof packaging and firmly attached to the transport kennel.

### Vaccinations, examinations and treatments for importation

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<b>Dogs</b>	Vaccinations	When?	Importation is permitted..	NB!
	Rabies	Within the last 365 days prior to import	120 days after vaccination*	<i>Antibody titer test!!</i> No earlier than 30 days after vaccination a blood sample shall be tested and shall show that the rabies neutralizing antibody titre was at least 0.5 IU/ml.
	Leptospirosis	Within the last 180 days prior to import	30 days after vaccination	
	Canine distemper	Within the last 730 days prior to import	30 days after vaccination	
	Canine contagious hepatitis	Within the last 365 days prior to import	30 days after vaccination	
	Parvovirus	Within the last 365 days prior to import	30 days after vaccination	
	Examinations	When?	Test results	
	Brucellosis - blood sample	Within the last 30 days prior to import	Must be negative	
	Salmonellosis - feces sample	Within the last 30 days prior to import	Negative - if result is positive a risk assessment will be performed	
	Treatment	When?		
Tapeworm	Within the last 10 days prior to import			
External parasites	Within the last 10 days prior to import			
<b>Cats</b>	Vaccinations	When?	Importation is permitted..	NB!
	Rabies	Within the last 365 days prior to import	120 days after vaccination*	<i>Antibody titer test!!</i> No earlier than 30 days after vaccination a blood sample shall be tested and shall show that the rabies neutralizing antibody titre was at least 0.5 IU/ml.
	Panleucopenia	Within the last 365 days prior to import	30 days after vaccination	
	Feline rhinotracheitis virus	Within the last 365 days prior to import	30 days after vaccination	
	Calicivirus	Within the last 365 days prior to import	30 days after vaccination	
	Examinations	When?	Test results	
	FIV - blood sample	Within the last 30 days prior to import	Must be negative	
	FeLV - blood sample	Within the last 30 days prior to import	Must be negative	
	Salmonellosis - feces sample	Within the last 30 days prior to import	Negative - if result is positive a risk assessment will be performed	
	Treatment	When?		
Tapeworm	Within the last 10 days prior to import			
External parasites	Within the last 10 days prior to import			
*The pet can be imported into Iceland 120 days after the first vaccination but if the pet has been revaccinated, it can be imported 30 days after the last revaccination.				

#### Rabies-free countries:

- Australia
- Faroe Islands
- Finland, Great Britain
- Hawaii, Ireland
- Japan, New-Zealand
- Norway (Svalbard not included)
- Sweden.