

- Apply for an [import permit](#) to the Icelandic Food and Veterinary Authority (MAST). The animal must be microchipped.
- Pay the surveillance fee. Once the application has been approved, MAST will send information on the amount and payment details. When paying, please send a copy of the receipt to [mast@mast.is](mailto:mast@mast.is). When MAST receives confirmation of payment, the **IMPORT PERMIT** will be issued. The permit is valid for one year from the date of issue.
- Contact a practising veterinarian in the country of export, to complete the [Certificate of Health and Origin](#). Please study the requirements regarding vaccinations and laboratory tests, and note the **time limits** that must be upheld. Also note that if the animal has, during the previous 6 months, travelled to a rabies country, it will need to be vaccinated against rabies.
- Take note of the animal's birth date. The minimum import age for dogs and cats coming from **rabies-free countries is 5 months**. Dogs and cats coming from **rabies countries must not be younger than 7 months** on the day of import.
- Have the animal vaccinated against rabies (if the animal has in the previous 6 months been in a rabies country).
- Have a rabies serology test done on the animal if a rabies vaccination was required. This can be done **no sooner than 30 days** after the rabies vaccination.
- Make a reservation for the animal at a quarantine facility. Pets imported into Iceland are required to stay in quarantine for 4 weeks. There are two quarantine stations in Iceland, and each station admits animals for one three-day period each month. Dogs and cats cannot be imported outside of these preset dates, as the stations run on an „all in - all out“ principle. Please note that in the case of irregularities (e.g. disease in one or more animals) the whole group might be detained for longer than 4 weeks. For further information on admission dates, fees and other practical matters, please contact the quarantine stations ([www.einangrun.is](http://www.einangrun.is) or [www.kelahus.is](http://www.kelahus.is)). Please make your reservation well in advance.
- Book a flight. Note that Keflavik Airport is the **only approved port** of entry for pets. If pets arrive outside of office hours, they will stay in temporary facilities at the airport until they can be examined by a Veterinary Officer the following day. It is therefore advisable to bring animals into the country during office hours.
- Make sure that vaccinations are up to date and that, on the date of import, at least 30 days will have passed from the date of vaccination (this goes for all vaccinations apart from rabies vaccination (see [Import Requirements for pets: Vaccinations, Laboratory Tests and Treatments](#))).
- Have laboratory tests done. These tests should be done during the last 30 days before import, in such a way that results arrive well in advance of the date of import.
- Complete the Certificate of Health and Origin. In the last 10 days before import, a practising veterinarian should complete the certificate, by carrying out a health examination and parasite treatment. **The certificate should be in the form issued by the Icelandic Food and Veterinary Authority, [available here](#).**
- Provide a transport crate for the animal. The crate should be big enough so that the animal can stand, lie and turn around. The crate should be of a material easy to clean and disinfect, and should not be made of wood. Soft carrier bags are **not acceptable**.
- Send a copy of the certificate to the Icelandic Food and Veterinary Authority. This should be done **at least 5 working days** before the import date. Send a copy by fax: +354 530 4801, or email: [mast@mast.is](mailto:mast@mast.is)). Make sure that the certificate is fully completed, and that the flight information is clearly stated. It is imperative that a correct phone number and email are included on the certificate.
- The following **Originals** should accompany the animal to Iceland:
  - Import permit
  - Certificate of Health and Origin
  - Original of rabies serology report.

The papers should be attached securely on the transport crate

Please note that a customs fee is payable on animals bought within the previous 12 months. For further information on customs fees, please contact Directorate of Customs at [upplysingar@tollur.is](mailto:upplysingar@tollur.is) or tel: +354 569 1750.

- If there are last minute changes to the arrival time of a pet, the Icelandic Food and Veterinary Authority and/or the Reykjavík District Veterinary Officer should be notified.