

Travelling with your dog, cat or ferret

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If you are entering Norway from the EU/EEA or from a listed country with a dog, cat or ferret, you should prepare for the following rules:

From 1 January 2012, the rules for importing pet dogs, cats and ferrets into Norway has changed. This will affect pet owners entering Norway from the EU/EEA or from a listed country (see attachment below).

EU/EEA countries:

Austria - Belgium - Bulgaria - Cyprus - Czech Republic - Denmark - Estonia - Finland - France - Germany - Greece - Hungary - Ireland - Italy - Latvia - Lithuania - Luxembourg - Malta - Netherlands - Poland - Portugal - Romania - Slovakia - Slovenia - Spain - Sweden - UK.

The new rules are:

When bringing pets into Norway from the EU/EEA and from Svalbard and Jan Mayen, it is your responsibility to present your pets and necessary documentation to Norwegian Customs and Excise for control.

When bringing pets into Norway from a listed country, the animal must be inspected at the border by the Norwegian Food Safety Authority. Pet owners must notify the local Norwegian Food Safety Authority office at least 48 hours in advance of the time and place of arrival. (PS! when bringing pets into Norway from Andorra, Switzerland, Croatia, Island, Liechtenstein, Monaco, San Marino or the Vatican state, the animal og necessary documents must be inspected by Norwegian customs at the border, during opening hours. You do not have to alert the Norwegian Food Safety Authority)

The basic requirements for documentation, passport and border control are unchanged.

Information about the pet owner's name, the animal's proof of identity, rabies vaccination and tapeworm treatment must be documented by a veterinary certificate, signed by an official vet in the country of origin (in the case of listed countries) or an EU-approved passport (in the case of the EU/EEA).

Proof of identity: Only microchips are valid for animals tagged after 3 July 2011. Tattooing is now only valid if it is easily legible and was performed before 3 July 2011.

The animal must be vaccinated against rabies in accordance with the vaccine manufacturer's recommendation (usually after it is three months old) and the animal can be imported 21 days after vaccination. Note that the requirement for rabies vaccination also applies when importing pets from rabies-free countries such as the UK and Ireland, but not from Sweden.

Dogs and cats must be treated for tapeworm – Echinococcus multilocularis – using an approved medicine (for example praziquantel or epsiprantel) during the 10 days before arrival. This treatment must be repeated during the first seven days after arrival in Norway. The requirement for treatment for Echinococcus does not apply to ferrets. Note that treatment

times may change in 2012. This treatment must be performed and documented by a vet in all countries except Sweden ([link above right](#)).

It will not be permitted to bring more than a total of five animals per arrival if you want to take advantage of the simplified control procedures that the regulations on non-commercial imports of pets allow for.

There is no change in the import requirements for unvaccinated cats and dogs less than three months old.

If your pet arrives in Norway without a rabies vaccine, the animal must be vaccinated and quarantined for 21 days before being allowed into Norway.

If your pet has been vaccinated and waited 21 days and also meets all the other requirements, it is allowed into Norway.

Don't forget the de-worming treatment! Does not apply to ferrets or dogs and cats from Finland