

Non-commercial Import of Cats and Dogs into Ukraine

Clinically healthy cats and dogs moved for non-commercial purposes can enter Ukraine if accompanied by an owner or an authorized person. On November 24th, 2019 Ukraine will implement the following import requirements for these domestic animals:

Each pet arriving to Ukraine must have an original, properly updated veterinary health certificate issued by a state veterinarian. The certificate must contain all immunization records.

1) If the number of animals in transit exceeds five, the following requirements must be met:

- the animals must be six months or older;
- An owner and/or an authorized person must provide a written statement for animals brought to take part in competitions, exhibitions, sporting events or for training for such events. The statement should contain confirmation of registration for such events or registration with an association organizing such events;

2) Cats and dogs that are younger than 12 weeks must not be vaccinated against rabies;

3) Cats and dogs that are 12 weeks or older:

- Must be vaccinated against rabies (vaccination should be performed in accordance with the requirements of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE)): the vaccination's period of validity starts 21 days after the completion of the vaccination protocol for the primary vaccination, and any subsequent vaccination must be carried out within the period of validity of the preceding vaccination;
- The pet animal (cat or dog) must undergo a rabies antibody titration test. The test must be carried out between 12 and three months before the date of movement. The test must measure a level of neutralizing antibody to rabies virus in serum equal to or greater than 0,5 IU/ml.

4) Cats and dogs mentioned in paragraph 2 and cats and dogs of 12 to 16 weeks of age that are vaccinated against rabies but with less than 21 days having passed after vaccination must meet the following requirements:

- From the moment of birth and until the moment of non-commercial movement, cats and dogs must not have contact with wild animals susceptible to rabies; or
- Their mothers, from which they are not separated, were vaccinated against rabies according to OIE requirements before giving birth;

Cats and dogs must be identified using a microchip (transponder) or a clear tattoo provided that the tattoo is applied prior to July 3, 2011. The microchip (transponder) must meet the requirements of ISO 11784: 1996 (DSTU ISO 11784: 2012) and be readable using read-only technologies that meet the requirements of ISO 11785: 1996 (DSTU ISO 11785: 2012).

Most Ukrainian rabies vaccines are valid for 12 months. In cases when imported pets have rabies immunization valid for 3 years, please request your veterinarian to mark it in the pet immunization records and/or in the vet certificate. A clear vaccination validity date/next vaccination due date should appear in the official records.

If you will be transiting through EU countries, please carefully review the [EU entry requirements](#).

Non-commercial exports of Dogs or Cats

Each pet departing Ukraine must be current in all immunizations. Rabies immunization while the pet is in Ukraine must be completed and documented every 12 month. Rabies shot must be given no less than 30 days prior to departure from Ukraine. Please review your country of destination import requirements to insure

smooth travel. U.S. entry requirements can be obtained from USDA's [Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service](#).

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Within five days prior to departure from Ukraine, the pet owner or authorized person should obtain Form #1 – a veterinary health certificate form from the state veterinary office. The pet along with all vaccination and health records must be presented to the office. There is a small charge associated with the visit. When passing through border control, the pet owner will be directed to the state veterinary office where Form #1 will be exchanged for an international travel certificate. Non-diplomat travelers will face another small charge for international travel certificate.