



# Travelling with dogs and cats

When you bring a dog or a cat into Sweden, there are certain rules that you must follow. Here is an overview of these rules. The rules differ slightly depending on where the animal is arriving from.

Please note that these rules do NOT apply to commercial import or when the animal arrives unaccompanied as a trade animal. Also note that different rules apply if you travel with more than 5 pets. For more information on importing dogs and cats, please see the Swedish Board of Agriculture's website, [jordbruksverket.se](http://jordbruksverket.se).

## Notifying Swedish Customs

You must always notify Swedish Customs of any import and export of animals when travelling within the EU. You can notify Customs by visiting the 'Red Point' when you pass through the customs area, and speak to a customs officer in person. At unstaffed customs areas you will find a notice with a phone number on which you can contact Customs.

## Dog or cat from another EU country

Before the dog or cat arrives in Sweden from another EU country, it must:

- be identity marked;
- have a valid vaccination against rabies;
- have an EU pet passport.

When crossing the border, you must be able to present the pet passport to Customs.

## Entry notification over the Internet

If you live in Denmark and have a dog or a cat and are going to travel through Sweden between Denmark and Bornholm, you can notify Swedish Customs of your entry on our website, [tullverket.se](http://tullverket.se).

As previously, dogs and cats from Norway can be freely brought to Sweden.

## Import of young dogs and cats from a rabies-free country

In special cases the Swedish Board of Agriculture can grant an exemption for import of pets younger than three months from a rabies-free country. Read more at their website, [jordbruksverket.se](http://jordbruksverket.se)

## Dogs or cats from listed non-EU countries

When you bring a dog or a cat into Sweden from a listed non-EU country\*, it must:

- be identity marked;
- have a valid vaccination against rabies;
- have a special veterinary health certificate issued by an official vet in the country of departure. The certificate form can be ordered from the Swedish Board of Agriculture's website. If you have a pet passport and are travelling with your animal from a listed country, you do not need the veterinary health certificate;
- arrive in Sweden at Stockholm/Arlanda or Göteborg/Landvetter. Exceptions apply for pets from Andorra, Croatia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, San Marino, Switzerland and Vatican City, from where pets can arrive in Sweden via any customs location;
- be reported to Swedish Customs when crossing the border. Animals arriving via another EU country must pass the border inspection in the

\* Listed countries are countries outside the EU with an effective rabies control system. The Swedish Board of Agriculture provides a list of these countries at their website, [www.jordbruksverket.se](http://www.jordbruksverket.se).

first EU country they arrive in. They can then be brought into Sweden via any customs location. You are allowed to bring a maximum of five animals per inward journey.

### **Dogs or cats from unlisted non-EU countries**

If you are arriving with a dog or a cat from an unlisted non-EU country\*\*, the animal must:

- be identity marked;
- have a valid vaccination against rabies;
- show a satisfactory level of antibodies in a blood sample taken at least 30 days after the vaccination and at least 90 days before the animal is brought into the EU. The analysis must be carried out by an approved laboratory;

- have a veterinary health certificate issued by an official or authorised vet;
- arrive in Sweden either directly via Stockholm/Arlanda or Göteborg/Landvetter, or via a border inspection post in another EU country. Animals accompanied by a veterinary entry document from a border inspection post in another EU country can be brought into Sweden at any customs location.

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\*\* Unlisted countries are all countries outside the EU that are not found among the listed countries.

