



**Application form 07/23 for a permit to import or re-import dogs, cats or ferrets from EU countries in the absence of a valid rabies vaccination (EDAV-Ht; Art. 12 para. 4)**

An authorisation from the FSVO for importation from EU Member Countries is only required for dogs, cats and ferrets which do not meet the requirements of a valid rabies vaccination. No exceptions can be granted in regard to other requirements (official EU pet passport and microchip). Please read the information on the following websites first:

- Travelling with pets: [Dogs, cats and ferrets \(admin.ch\)](#)
- In case of transfer of ownership: [Dogs, cats and ferrets \(commercial imports\)](#)
- Travel to the EU, Norway and Northern Ireland: [EU rules on travelling with pets and other animals in the EU - Your Europe \(europa.eu\)](#); EU Member States and websites: [EU countries' specific information](#). Derogations for animals under the age of 16 weeks: [Young Animals](#) ; for older animals exceptions must be applied for directly with the countries of destination and transit.

**Important** if you travel through **third countries** (outside the EU, Norway and Northern Ireland): please use the FSVO's online help: [Crossing the border with dogs, cats or ferrets \(admin.ch\)](#). Enter all countries you plan to visit and **prepare your animal for re-entering Switzerland**. Regarding import into these countries, please contact their local veterinary authorities or one of the [Foreign Representations in Switzerland](#).

**Required supplements to the application for an exception regarding a valid rabies vaccination:**

- **Colour scan / photos** of the following pages of the **Swiss pet passport** or the **EU pet passport**: I. Details of ownership, II. Description of animal, III. Marking of animal, IV. Issuing of the passport and V. Vaccination against rabies. The scans / photos have to be focussed.
- **Written confirmation by your veterinarian** that the animal cannot be vaccinated against rabies at the present time, with the medical reason and period for which the vaccination is not possible. The **chip number** of the animal must be mentioned. You will have to present this document together with the authorisation when crossing the border. It must not be older than 1 year.

**Fees: CHF 40.- to 100.-** according to the FSVO's Ordinance on Fees ([SR 916.472](#)). The invoice will follow by post. Please indicate any special instructions regarding the delivery of the invoice.

**When crossing the border**, animals must be presented **during the opening hours at a manned border crossing**. Please see the FOCBS' website: [Dogs, cats, domestic animals](#)

Please do **not** send an **application if the import has already taken place**. The FSVO does not grant authorisations after importation. If you have not notified the import of the animal at a manned border crossing, please use the notification form for retroactive customs clearance available on the FOCBS' website and send all required documents to the competence centre for pets [KoHe@bazg.admin.ch](mailto:KoHe@bazg.admin.ch).

**Cropped dogs:** importing cropped dogs (ears and/or tail) into Switzerland is forbidden. For any exceptions (short stays/holidays, relocation) please consult the information [Questions and answers on dogs with short tails or clipped ears](#). Applications for the import of docked dogs should be sent with the documents listed under point 5 to [info@blv.admin.ch](mailto:info@blv.admin.ch).

Please also note the cantonal requirements for keeping dogs (authorisation requirement or ban on keeping certain breeds).

Exception from rabies vaccination for young animals according to Regulation EU 576/2013 [Art.7: EU Declaration for young animals up to 16 weeks](#).

**Additional authorisations** may be required for importing **wild animals**:

- **1. Animal owner authorisation:** [address list of the cantonal veterinary offices](#)
- **2. CITES-authorisation** (with the present cantonal animal owner authorisation): [Imports of protected species of animals and plants](#)

Examples: **ferrets** require an animal owner authorisation, but not a CITES-authorisation. Wild animal hybrids according to [Art. 86 AniWO](#) (certain **Savannah cats, Bengal cats and wolf mixed offspring with a high proportion of wild animal**) require an animal owner authorisation and CITES-authorisation. For this see the [Animal welfare information on limitations for keeping and breeding wild animal hybrids of dogs and cats](#) (in French, PDF, 30.03.2016)



<b>Applicant (animal owner, contact for the authorisation and invoice):</b>		
Name:	Telephone*:	
Address:		
Post code/municipality:	<b>E-mail:</b>	
Country:	*(with prefix):	
Supplementary information for the delivery of the invoice (if required):		
<b>Planned date of entry:</b>	<b>Origin (country):</b>	<b>Entry through customs at:</b>
<b>Details of the animal: number of CH or EU pet passport:</b>		
Required supplements: photos/scan (see page 1)		
Species:	Gender:	Date of birth:
Breed:	Colour:	Country of birth:
<b>Microchip no./tattoo:</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> permanent import	<input type="checkbox"/> short stay	<input type="checkbox"/> re-import: <input type="checkbox"/> single / <input type="checkbox"/> multiple
<b>For dogs: is the animal cropped?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: <input type="checkbox"/> tail / <input type="checkbox"/> ears)
<b>Important:</b> the import of cropped dogs into Switzerland is forbidden (see page 1).		
<b>Address/designated location in Switzerland</b> (only if not identical with the above address):		
Name:	Telephone:	
Address:		
Post code/municipality:	E-mail:	
<b>Rabies vaccination status of the animal:</b> date of the last vaccination:		
Dates of previous rabies vaccinations:		
<b>Reason for the application:</b>		
Required supplement: written confirmation of the veterinarian (see page 1)		
Place, date and signature:		
With my signature I confirm that all information provided is complete and correct and that the animal has had no contact with domestic or wild animals that might pose a risk of rabies infection in the last six months before crossing the border.		

Send preferably by e-mail to: [trade@blv.admin.ch](mailto:trade@blv.admin.ch) or to the Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office (FSVO), Schwarzenburgstrasse 155, 3003 Bern.  
At least two working days are required to process the application.