



Cats and dogs from Ukraine not meeting Swiss import requirements: Guidance for owners and veterinarians

Dear pet owner

Thank you very much for contacting the veterinary service and welcome to Switzerland. You receive this document because your dog/cat does not fulfill Swiss import requirements. Please follow the instructions below to protect humans and animals in Switzerland from rabies. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please go immediately to a veterinarian and show him this document. Further guidance for veterinarians can be found on the bottom of the page.

Please follow these rules for at least 120 days after entry into the EU or Switzerland:

- 1. Dogs must always be kept on a short leash outside**
- 2. Cats must be kept indoors**
- 3. Animals must not have any contact with humans or animals other than those living in the same household**
- 4. Do not leave your animal unobserved**
- 5. Call the local veterinary service* immediately, if your animal escapes, acts aggressively, bites or becomes sick**
- 6. Report any changes of your address to the local veterinary service***

If your animal bites a person/animal, even if the injury is minor, inform the bite victim/owner that your dog or cat comes from a rabies risk country. Any person who is bitten must wash and disinfect the wound, seek medical care immediately and mention that there is a risk of rabies.

Guidance for veterinarians:

- Carry out a clinical examination of the animal
- Check the microchip or set one if no chip can be found
- Vaccinate against rabies if the animal is unvaccinated or the validity period has expired. Vaccinate in case of doubt.
- Do not issue a Swiss pet passport
- Register the vaccination in the existing or a new vaccination booklet (yellow). No Swiss pet passports may be issued.
- Do not register the animal in AMICUS
- Report to the local veterinary service* the Microchip number, the outcome of the clinical examination, breed and if the dog is docked

This examination including the planned measures (identification, rabies vaccination, notification to the veterinary service) will not be charged to the animal owner.