And at arrival to Portugal?

The animals are subject to veterinary checks in an approved Travellers' Point of Entry for compliance with the applicable rules.

If the check shows failure of these rules, the animals are sent back to their origin or, as last resort, the EU Legislation provides for their euthanasia.

Attention

It is mandatory to contact the Travellers' Point of Entry in writing, at least 48 hours before arrival

See Form on DGAV Website

Be aware that:

- When the non-commercial movement of pet animals, is not caused by the movement of the owner, regardless the numbers of pet animals the rules of commercial imports apply. See which in our Website.
- However, for logistical reasons, it is not always possible to keep the pet in the immediate vicinity of the owner. It is established that if the movement takes place in a period until 5 days before or after the circulation of the owner, the conditions of non-commercial movement also apply.
- **A passport issued in the EU prior to departure of the animal to a country outside the EU, where they recorded the animal health conditions laid down by the legislation, is valid on return to the EU in replacement to the health certificate, if there is no change of these health conditions (e. g. anti-rabies revaccination).**

Information on DGAV Website
You can also contact us to:
secretariadodim@dgav.pt



National Travellers' Points of Entry

See here the contact details of the Travellers' Points of Entry (e.g. airports).

You have to send certain documentation to the email address of that point of entry.

Documentation sent to other addresses may not be analysed in time.

Avoid obstacles to your pet's entry.



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Travelling to Portugal with Pets

Dogs, Cats and Ferrets

From Countries Outside the European Union (EU)



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Are you travelling with your pet dog, cat or ferret from countries outside the EU?

You can only enter in Portugal with these animals if:

- You are the owner or an authorized person on behalf of the owner that travels within 5 days before or after the owners' journey and the animals are not intended to sale or to transfer of ownership;
- They are no more than 5 animals in total;
- Have at least 12 weeks of age and at least 21 days have elapsed after the completion of the Protocol of the first vaccine against rabies;
- Are properly identified and protected against rabies;
- Have specific health documentation;
- **If your pets are travelling either 5 days before or after your own journey, or if you are travelling with more than 5 pets, trade rules apply. Consult DGAV.**



Attention

Portugal ONLY authorises the entry of YOUNG dogs, cats and ferrets over 15 weeks old and vaccinated against rabies for at least 21 days.



What are the rules to be met?

1. Identification with microchip

A tattoo is admitted under specific conditions, consult DGAV.

2. Vaccination against rabies and:

- First vaccination from 12 weeks of age;
- Application of the microchip or its reading (registered) on a date prior to or at the same time as vaccination;
- The first vaccination is considered valid 21 days after administration and revaccination must be carried out within the validity period of the previous vaccination.

3. Blood test to verify the number of sufficient antibodies for rabies

This analysis is not required for some countries outside the EU. See which in our Website.

The test is:

- Performed on a blood sample collected at least 30 days after the date of the first vaccination or at any time in the case of a valid revaccination;
- Carried out in an approved laboratory (see which in our Website) and with an antibody level equal to or greater than 0,5 IU/ml;

Please be aware that animals can only travel 90 days after the date of collection.

If the test was carried out in the EU with a favourable result before travelling, the return to Portugal can happen before the 90 days have elapsed.

The test is valid until the end of life if vaccination against rabies is always performed within the time limits.

4. Official health certificate

It is valid for 10 days from the date of issue until the date of the check. In the case of transport by sea, the period of 10 days may be extended.

See template on our Website.



Attention

These rules do not apply to Andorra, Gibraltar, Greenland, Faroe Islands, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Norway, San Marino, Switzerland and Vatican

Consult DGAV website

