

Arrival in Portugal

The animals are subject to veterinary inspection at an approved Travelers' Point of Entry to verify compliance with the applicable rules.

If the inspection reveals non-compliance with these rules, the animals will be returned to their country of origin or, as a last resort, EU legislation provides for their euthanasia.

Attention

It is mandatory to contact the Travelers' Points of Entry in writing at least 48 hours before departure.

See the Form on the Azores Agriculture Portal

<https://agricultura.azores.gov.pt/>



Namely:

- The movement of pets is considered non-commercial whenever it takes place within 5 days before or after the trip of the owner/authorized person.
- A Pet Passport (PP) issued in the EU before the animal's departure to a country outside the EU, in which the health conditions required by legislation were recorded, is valid for re-entry into the EU in place of the official health certificate, provided that these health conditions have not changed (e.g., rabies revaccination).

Travelers' Points of Entry

See here the contacts of the Travelers' Points of Entry in the Azores



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Traveling to the Azores with Pets

Dogs, Cats and Ferrets

From Countries Outside the European Union (EU)



Are you traveling with your dog, cat, or ferret from a country outside the European Union (EU)?

You can only enter Portugal with these animals if:

- The legal owner or a person duly authorized by them, and the animals are not intended for any form of sale or transfer of ownership.
- The total number does not exceed 5 animals. Whenever this number is higher, the rules for commercial movement apply.
- They are at least 12 weeks old and at least 21 days have passed since the completion of the primary rabies vaccination protocol.
- When they are properly identified, protected against rabies, and have the legally required health documentation.

Attention

Portugal only allows the entry of young dogs, cats, and ferrets that are over 12 weeks old and whose rabies vaccination was administered at least 21 days ago.



What rules must be followed?

1. Identification by Microchip

2. Rabies Vaccination

- The first vaccination must be carried out from 12 weeks of age.
- The animal must be identified with a microchip, or its microchip verified, on a date prior to or at the same time as the vaccination.
- The first vaccination is only considered valid 21 days after administration, and the booster vaccination must be carried out within the validity period of the previous vaccination.

3. Official Accompanying Health Certificate

- The document is valid for a period of 10 days, counted from the date of issue until the date of inspection. In the case of sea transport, this period may be extended.



What rules must be followed?

4. Test to Verify Sufficient Rabies Antibody Levels

- This test is required in some countries outside the EU.
- The test must be carried out using a blood sample taken at least 30 days after the date of the first vaccination or, in the case of a valid booster vaccination, at any time.
- The test must be performed in an EU-approved laboratory and show an antibody level equal to or greater than 0.5 UI/ml.



- Animals may only travel after 3 months have passed from the date of sample collection.
- If the test is carried out in the EU before travel, return to Portugal may occur before the 3-month period.
- The test remains valid for the animal's lifetime, provided that rabies vaccinations are carried out continuously and within the legally established intervals.

Attention

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

