

PET OWNER'S IMPORTATION COMMITMENT

Introducing carnivorous pets that aren't vaccinated against rabies and/or have no valid titration into France may represent a major public health risk. Cases of rabies involving animals illegally imported from non E.U. countries into France are regularly reported nationwide.

However, under the technical instruction applicable through **June 30, 2026** governing the waiver disposition with regard to importing carnivorous pets into France from certain Near and Middle Eastern countries¹ and following a risk assessment carried out by the final destination's local departmental DD-ETS-PP, domestic carnivores that do not meet the health status requirements for importation in terms of rabies vaccination, serum rabies antibody titration and health certification may be granted an importation exemption provided the owner signs the binding document below.

However, the animals must be properly identified before leaving the third country.

I, the undersigned (last name / first name / occupation):

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Address:

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Phone number:

Owner or person in charge of the following animal(s):

¹Countries concerned:

Near East: Syria, Lebanon, Israel, Palestine, Egypt

Middle East: Iraq, Iran, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Jordan, Yemen, Bahrain, Qatar

Species [dog] [cat]	Breed	Country of origin (if applicable)	Country the animal is traveling from	Individual identification number	ID Marking's location	Sex	Date of birth or age
Total number of animals							

hereby commit to complying with the following provisions:

1. Upon my arrival, and under my uninterrupted supervision, the aforementioned animal(s) shall be taken by me to the address below where it/they shall remain in quarantine at this address in France for up to 6 months.

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2. Upon my arrival in France, I shall present the aforementioned animal(s) to the following veterinarian for sanitary assessment (name and address)

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and shall inform, without delay, the Direction départementale in charge of la protection des populations (DD-ETS-PP) of my place of residence (contact information is available online).

3. I shall follow the provisions prescribed for the aforementioned animal(s) by the local DD-ETS-PP of the final destination's département which may include all or part of the following:

3.1 In the event of the absence or non-valid rabies vaccination:

I shall:

- place the animal(s) vaccinated less than 21 days prior to its/their arrival under veterinary observation for a period defined by the DD-ETS-PP from the time of arrival on French territory and while a titration is being carried out,

- place the animal(s) unvaccinated prior to its/their arrival on French territory under veterinary observation for a period defined by the DD-ETS-PP, followed by vaccination, during which the animal(s) shall be kept isolated from all other live animal(s) susceptible to rabies which may be present upon arrival at destination, and held on a leash at all times when moved or locked in a traveling cage,
- have the health examinations of the animal(s) carried out by the designated veterinarian in charge of observation in accordance with the periods defined by the DD-ETS-PP, and forward the health examination reports to the DD-ETS-PP,
- have the animal(s) vaccinated against rabies at the end of the observation period, if necessary.

3.2. When no valid titration is available:

I shall:

- place the animal(s) under observation and isolation during the period defined by the DD-ETS-PP, during which it/they shall be kept isolated from all other live animals susceptible to rabies and shall be held on a leash at all times when moved or locked in a traveling cage,
- submit the animal(s) to a veterinary examination by the aforementioned veterinarian, in accordance with the periods defined by the DD-ETS-PP and forward the health examination report to the DDPP
- submit the animal(s) to a blood analysis for serological testing of rabies antibodies in a European Union certified laboratory upon arrival at the final destination,
- have the health examinations of the animal(s) carried out by the designated veterinarian responsible for observation in accordance with the periods defined by the DD-ETS-PP and send the health examination report to the DD-ETS-PP,
- have the animal(s) vaccinated against rabies at the end of the observation period, if the result of the serological test referred to above is 0,5 IU/ml or less.

4. During the period of isolation, the onset of any sign of disease or the death of any of the aforementioned animal(s), regardless of the cause, must be reported to the Directeur Départemental in charge of la Protection des Populations and lead to the immediate presentation of the animal(s) or that of its/their remains to the veterinarian under whose supervision the animal(s) has/have been placed. Any missing animal(s) must be immediately reported.

5. Agree to the euthanasia of the animal(s) in the event of clinical signs that cannot be reliably linked to any disease other than rabies.

6. Not surrender the animal(s) before the isolation period has expired.

7. The procedure described above shall be carried out, without prejudice of further investigations, on the basis of the results of the examinations prescribed above.

All expenses related to these provisions are my own financial responsibility.

According to article L. 228-3 of the rural code, failing to comply with the regulations, causing or contributing to the involuntary spread of an epizootic is punishable by a fine of €15,000 and two years of imprisonment

According to Article L. 237-3 of the rural code, the introduction onto French territory or overseas départements of live animals, animal products and animal by-products, or animal feed which do not meet the health or animal protection requirements as stipulated in Article L.236-1 is punishable by two years of imprisonment and a fine of €300,000.

According to the provisions of article R 228-6 of the rural code, failing to observe the measures prescribed by the prefecture's order of placing under observation is punishable by a 5th class penalty.

Place where this document was completed:

Date (dd/mm/yy)

Please sign below and write in the words "read and approved"