

New entry rules 1 January 2012.

Swedish Board of Agriculture has approved new rules for the import of dogs from the turn of the year. The amendment has changes in requirements for antibody testing, worming and quarantine.

But the basic requirements for identification marking, rabies vaccination certificate and passport remain unchanged.

After January 1, 2012 any dog must still be vaccinated against rabies according to local regulations, but the requirement for antibody control is removed within the EU. Today's long wait for 120 days after initial vaccination prior to sampling for the control antibody is replaced with a requirement that the trip may be made only after 21 days of first vaccination.

The requirements for importation from countries outside the EU also change from 1 Jan 2012.

Today's quarantine replaced with requirements for identification marking with a microchip, rabies vaccination, antibody testing, with a waiting period of 90 days plus veterinary certificates.

Note: ID-marking with the microchip, it is important to remember to use the "ISO chip", otherwise you must bring your own scanner for reading.

From 1 January 2012, there no law requiring that the dog must be wormed against tapeworm before entry to Sweden. Do keep in mind that the need for worming before entry will be valid throughout the rest of 2011. Always check with the Board of Agriculture the current rules governing the import of dogs to Sweden before you leave your home destination.