

A possible solution to the problem of a pet not being microchip marked at the time of rabies vaccination

If the veterinarian who is going to microchip your pet knows your pet via its markings, colourings, coat and breed and has rabies vaccinated your pet her/himself earlier (and issued a vaccination certificate), or has seen a rabies vaccination certificate with a complete description of your pet issued by a colleague, he/she can write an "identity certificate" insuring the below (there is no form available for this):

"I, DVM XXXX, hereby state that the dog/cat XX (name), a XX years old XX (colour, and coat) (breed)(male/female/castrated/sterilized), which according to a veterinary certificate was rabies vaccinated on XX YY ZZZZ, has been identity marked today with the number XXXX. The identity of the animal is thus confirmed from the date of the above mentioned rabies vaccination until today.

(Date, the veterinarian's signature and name in capitals)"

This identity certificate must be shown to the federal/export veterinarian who is going to issue the Veterinary Certificate for domestic dogs, cats and ferrets entering the European Community (form number E9.93 or E9.45), together with the rabies vaccination certificate. If this veterinarian accepts the identity certificate and your pet's identity is assured from the first vaccination, then he/she can issue the Veterinary Certificate for import to the EC.

Please remember that **all** background documents for your pet (vaccination certificate, identity certificate, antibody titre teste result from laboratory) must be available to be shown to the airport veterinarian & customs. The Swedish customs or veterinarian can ask to see them since the date for microchip marking respective rabies vaccination is not in chronological order on the import certificate.

Good luck with your import!

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