

Adoption Information for Europe (EU & Switzerland)

Health and identification requirements

All cats & dogs going to Europe need to be **microchipped** and **vaccinated against rabies**. Animals can get vaccinated when they are at least 12 weeks old.

30 days after the vaccination, a blood sample is taken and sent to a lab in Germany to determine the number of antibodies against rabies ("**Titer test**"). If the number is sufficient, the animal is allowed to enter Europe 3 months after the blood sample is taken.

Before the flight, the animal needs to be signed off by a government vet in Egypt, confirming that the animal is healthy and all their paperwork is complete. These **travel papers** are needed for check-in and at the arrival customs and will be done 3-7 days before traveling.

The cost for microchip, rabies vaccination, titer test and travel papers is in total 160 Euro (July 2026).

We additionally recommend vaccinating animals against other infectious diseases as e.g. the Parvo Virus (25 Euro) and neutering/spaying them (20-50 Euro).

For **Switzerland**, there is an additional application necessary to the Federal authorities, this needs to be done 3 weeks before traveling. A fee of 60 CHF will be charged at arrival.

Travel information

Some airlines allow **animals up to 8kg** (i.e. cats and small dogs) to travel in the cabin as hand luggage. They need to be transported in a soft bag that meets the hand luggage size requirements. Larger animals must fly in a special airconditioned freight compartment.

Please check the price of the transportation with your airline as well as the carrier requirements. Usually the transportation costs for cats are ~70-120 Euro and ~150-250 Euro for dogs. Soft bags and good quality travel boxes are difficult to get in Egypt and very expensive, so please consider bringing them with you from Europe.

For the **UK**, all animals need to go through a specialised travel agent and fly as cargo to London Heathrow at an additional cost.

Caution:

Please check with your **airline** if they allow animals and what the options and criteria are before booking.

Not all **arrival airports** accept animals from countries outside the EU (e.g. Duesseldorf), please check with the airport before booking.

Example timeline:

1st of January: Animal is born

31st of March / 1st of April: Microchip and Rabies Vaccination

1st of May: Blood sample taken and sent to German lab for the titer test.

1st of August: Earliest travel date if the animal passed the titer test