

Hi guys, this will be a longer text about my journey with my deep friend Gandalf.
If you already have a lovely animal by your site or consider buying/adopting one while you're in Laos, you might like to read this.

I want to share my experiences of the dog export transport to the EU with you.
There is no difference in the several countries of the EU as the regulations are the same.

What your dog needs:

1. Microchip (+date of Implantation)
2. 1. Valid Rabies vaccination AFTER the chip implantation
- 2.2. Echinococcus multilocularis treatment (deworming) 180hours before arrival in the EU.
3. Blood needs to be tested against rabies at least 30 days after the vaccination, and at least 3 months before the travel/import to EU. This bloodtest has to be done by an EU authorized veterinarian/labor.(Sounds more difficult than it is :P, after 2weeks you will receive an email and mail (even to laos) with the result.)

It was cheaper in Germany (45EUR per Sample), than France (90EUR). Sending it from Laos to the EU via DHL express cost about 500k -700k KIP. I chose "University Giessen", but heres the list:

http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/approved_establishments/other_laboratories_en.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/liveanimals/pets/approval_en.htm

- 4.The animal must travel in company of a person. The owner or a designated person. You've got to sign the EU-Letter (available online or ask me), that you'll not sell or give the animal away.
5. All information must be filled out in the animal health certificate from an official veterinarian or the competent authority of the country of origin and / or confirmed. The certificate must be completed correctly and must not be older than 10 days upon arrival. In addition to the certificate, the original or copied documents have to be submitted (Pet passport).

As live animals over 10kgs are priced "excess baggage", are not allowed in the passengers cabin under the seat, I checked different airlines with the fastest connections to Germany for pricing. They all need the size of the kennel and weight with dog, and health certificate at least 1 week before travel to prebook the _space_, they said. But in my experience, the space is always available, its more programming the planes temperatures and pressure, one week in advance.

Thai Airways: 55\$ per Kilo

Vietnam Airlines: 20\$ per Kilo

Per Kilo means: Dog + Kennel/Box, in my case 14kg dog + 10kg Kennel.

The Airlines will (pre-)heat and equalize the pressure in the bulky luggage area, which is exactly under the business class.

We started 2months before the travel with the Kennel-Training, making him comfortable to that box. One week before travel letting the dog sleep inside the kennel, longer and longer every day.

After picking him up at the bulky luggage pickup in Frankfurt, we went to the "customs to declare" exit, the officer checked/overflew the documents (about 12 pages all in all) in only 30seconds, and our little Gandalf was on german soil. One day later I visited a german vet in my hometown for the EU-Pet-Passport – no problems at all, Gandalf was made a lao-german EU-citizen (yeah at these times, it was very fast – but lets skip politics)

I knew from a friend, that it hasn't been a hassle for him to take his 2 large Labradors last year, but this was definitely easier than expected. Yes sure we all adore our little fuzzies and

on the last day before travel, I reviewed every document 5times what didn't stop my excitement.

Dr. Khamdeng did most of the work for us. The lao export papers with the government (ministry of agriculture), vaccination and sending the samples to Germany via DHL, the health certificate and echinococcus multilocularis deworming. AND very important: Stamps, stamps are always important on the EU papers.

Gandalf is one of two sons, Snowflake gave birth two and a half years ago. We were happy to give Snowflake a new home when she was given to us by pets4thought member Katie and Patty Parker. Snowflake was only 6 months old, when we got her, but nobody knew, she was already pregnant. Gandalf was the first refugee, her mother and brother Bart will go to Germany this weekend.

I am not only writing this for owners, who want to take the lovely lao animal with em. also for the people who consider adopting or buying a dog.

For most of us, being in laos is only temporary.

Our dogs became family, we could never ever leave them here.

WE are THEIR whole life, even if they are just a part of our life.

Thanks for always helping each other in this facebook group, this is a great community of animal lovers, I doubt I'll find something like that in Germany.

Really.

Thank you all and may we meet again.

Frederic Sacher, Vientiane, 25.04.2016

Here are some pictures of Gandalf in #1 Gandalf puppy, 2# Gandalf 6weeks, #3 in Germany.

