

REMOVAL OF THE FASFC'S FINANCIAL INTERVENTION FOR RABIES VACCINATIONS DURING THE REGULARISATION OF THE PETS OF UKRAINIAN REFUGEES.

In March 2022, the FASFC financially support the regularisation of pets from Ukraine. This financial compensation, authorised by Minister Clarinval, was part of a package of support measures taken by Belgium for Ukrainians fleeing the Russian invasion of their country. With this support, the FASFC hoped to keep the financial threshold for the regularisation of these pets as low as possible and so contribute to controlling the risk of rabies spreading due to the significant influx of refugees and their pets.

Within the framework of the various regularisation procedures, approved veterinarians in Belgium were informed that they could ask for a fixed fee of 30 euros excluding VAT per animal vaccinated against rabies and regularised. Details of this application are still available here: https://www.favv-afscs.be/newsletter-da-vt/newsletter360_fr.asp.

This support was planned to continue until the end of 2022.

Overall, the number of cases in which the FASFC intervened was modest. One reason for this was due to the fact that many pets had already been regularised when entering one of Ukraine's neighbouring countries.

The peak number of cases was clearly reached in the months following the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Since the summer, the number of new applications dropped sharply to fewer than 10 per month.

Since there were always plans to limit this support in 2022, and since the number of new applications has decreased significantly in recent months, the FASFC will no longer provide support **after 28 February 2023. Applications for interventions for rabies vaccinations carried out until 28/02/2023 at the latest can be sent until 31/03/2023.**

This only concerns financial interventions by the Agency. Veterinarians are still required to report and regularise animals from Ukraine. You can find the regularisation procedure and the form via the link: https://www.favv-afscs.be/newsletter-da-vt/newsletter368_fr.asp

In addition, the Sciensano laboratory continues to perform rabies titrations free of charge for these animals. You can find the FASFC recommendations via the link: https://www.favv-afscs.be/newsletter-da-vt/newsletter370_fr.asp