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OSA advice

We plan to move to Switzerland with our beloved pets, a cat and a dog. Where can we find information about whether our two pets can enter Switzerland?

When entering Switzerland, household effects (household items, clothing, paintings, valuables, etc.) can be brought in duty-free if you are transferring your place of residence to Switzerland. Special customs import provisions apply to pets, such as those concerning veterinary examinations, vaccinations and epidemic-prevention measures. Species protection regulations also apply to plants and animals. You will find all the information and factsheets on the Federal Customs Administration's website:

www.customs.admin.ch > information individuals > animals and plants.

If you click on the link "Crossing the border with dogs, cats or ferrets", you will be directed to the website of the Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office. Here you can access the provisions that apply directly to your specific situation by providing individual details (species, age, country from which you are travelling).

We recommend that you contact the information desk of the Federal Customs Administration to find out the exact procedure:

Federal Customs Administration (FCA)

3003 Berne

Tel +41 58 467 15 15

www.customs.admin.ch > contact

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Offers for young people in summer 2017

Entertainment, outdoor activities, fun and adventure in Switzerland – all this is again on offer at OSA's Youth Service's summer camps this year. You can also improve your language skills in German and/or French or enjoy an educational holiday at the Seminar at the Congress. We offer a diverse and varied programme.

Two recreational camps in Leysin and one in La Punt

The recreational camps now provide an even wider range of activities. They do not focus solely on sport but instead also include lots of cultural activities. The best thing is that you can design part of the itinerary yourself to suit your own interests so that you have even more fun!

18+ sport and recreational camp in Sörenberg

Our sport and recreational camp in Sörenberg this year is aimed at young adults aged 18 and over. The days will be spent in the moorland landscape of the UNESCO Biosphere Entlebuch. The region offers plenty of opportunities to enjoy various types of sport and a rich culture.

Outdoor camp

Do you love the countryside and feel at home out of doors? A two-week adventure awaits you! You will have an unforgettable time and explore the many facets of the Swiss natural environment. Guided by an experienced team of leaders you will learn how to survive in the outdoors without luxury items.

Discover Switzerland extended

Would you like to spend your holidays in Switzerland and visit its cities and mountain regions? Then this is the perfect offer for you. You will spend two weeks as a guest with a host family and discover a different city or region every day. "Discover Switzerland extended" will take you right across Switzerland.

Summer language courses in German and French

Our German and French courses cater for both beginners and advanced learners. In addition to the basic course, you can also register for the focus group (eight additional lessons). We organise a recreational programme every afternoon. Our welcoming host families will make you feel at home and provide you with an insight into everyday Swiss life.

Seminar at the Congress in Basel

This year's Congress in Basel is on the topic of "The Swiss at home and abroad – one world". It will focus on dialogue between Swiss people living in Switzerland and those abroad. A week full of exciting encounters and a programme rich in variety await you.

Register now!

All the information and registration forms can be found at www.aso.ch and www.swisscommunity.org

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