



Welcome to Finland!

IHF IGP-FH World Championship, 12.-14.09.2025

The Finnish Hovawart Club (FHC) is proudly and excitedly organizing the IGP-FH World Championship competition for Hovawarts in 2025. The FHC has extensive experience with IGP-FH competitions, beginning in 2009 when the first Finnish Hovawarts received their certifications in an FH competition organized by the club.

Today, the FHC boasts many active participants in FCI-IFH events and has excellent experience in organizing international competitions for working dogs.

Organization

Judges: **Mrs Outi Hermiö** (Finland) and **Mr Aivo Oblikas** (Estonia)

Head of the competition & organization: **Mrs. Päivi Felixson**

Head of tracking: **Mr. Mika Lindberg**

All questions related to the event: **WCH2025@suomenhovawart.fi**



Accommodation and competition center

Hotel Hanhi
Rooms & Cottages
Location: Lapinjärvi, Finland

<http://www.hotellihanhi.com/hanhienglanti/index.html>

Hotel Hanhi will serve as the competition center, hosting all events such as the contest draw and the evening ceremony.

Located in Lapinjärvi, 43 km from Porvoo, Hotel Hanhi offers accommodation with different options: rooms or cottages. The hotel has a terrace, a restaurant and a bar. The property is non-smoking and is located near highway 6.

Hotel rooms are fitted with a flat-screen TV. Rooms are also equipped with a private bathroom with a shower.

Hotel room prices during **10–14 September 2025:**

50 € /single room /night

70 € /double room /night

Hanhi Cottages:

8 cottages, for 1-4 persons.

All wooden cottages have a kitchen, sauna and own terrace.

Please request exact cottage pricing & more details from hotel Hanhi.

The prices includes breakfast. Additional fee for dogs: 20 € / dog/ entire stay

Participants are responsible for booking and paying for their own accommodation at the hotel or cottages. Please mention **IHF IGP-FH World Championship** when booking.

Bookings:

[Hotel Hanhi Rooms](#)

[Hotel Hanhi Cottages](#)





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Ferry routes to Finland



Tallink: en.tallink.com

Viking Line: www.vikingline.com

Tallinn-Helsinki 2 h

Stockholm-Turku 10 h

Stockholm-Helsinki 18 h

Finnlines: www.finnlines.com

Travemünde-Helsinki 30 h

Travemünde-Malmö 9 h

Kapellskär-Naantali 8-9 h



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Tracking fields



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Travelling with dogs to Finland

Conditions of crossing Finnish border and coming from another EU country with dogs is set by Finnish Food Authority.

Movement of a pet (dog, cat, ferret) refers to the situation when an animal's journey is associated with its owner's travel, and it is not transferred to another person within the EU territory. The number of individual animals of different species is smaller than five (5). The dog and its documents are checked by Finnish Customs (TULLI) in Finland, and no inspection by a border veterinarian is required.

Conditions for non-commercial movement

1) Identification

The animal must have a valid identification (microchip or a clearly readable tattoo given before 3rd July 2011) before receiving the rabies vaccination.

2) Vaccinations: To attend an event, a dog must have the valid Rabies vaccination Rabies

Obligatory: We highly recommend all the competition dogs to take also following vaccinations:

- Canine distemper
- Canine parvovirus
- Infectious canine hepatitis

3) Anti-echinococcus treatment for dogs

Echinococcosis treatment (against *Echinococcus multilocularis*) is to be administered at least 1 and at most 5 days (120-24 h) before the dog's arrival in Finland (NOTE: The time is calculated from crossing the border, not the departure time). Any veterinarian can administer the treatment, and it is recorded on the EU model health certificate.

4) EU model health certificate issued by an official veterinarian

The pet must have an EU model health certificate for non-commercial movement issued by an official veterinarian in the country of origin (see the certificate template in the link bar). The health certificate is valid for 10 days from the date of issuance. The certificate must be original and accompany the animal throughout the journey.

In some cases, the health certificate can be replaced with an EU pet passport.



5) Owner's declaration and possible authorization

The owner must provide a declaration of non-commercial movement (declaration), see the document template in appendix.

6) Border crossing and Customs inspection

When entering Finland, Customs conducts the inspections of the pet and its documents. Go to the red line at Customs and present the animal and its entry documents to the officer. No appointment is needed.

Pets must be brought to Finland through a permitted border crossing point. Permitted border crossing points in Finland are following:

Travel by air: Helsinki-Vantaa Airport

Travel by sea: Hamina, Hanko, Helsinki, Inkoo, Kotka, Loviisa, Maarianhamina, Turku

Direct link to Finnish Food Authority:

<https://www.ruokavirasto.fi/en/themes/import-and-export/import/animals-and-animal-products/animals-and-gametes/dogs-cats-and-ferrets/non-commercial-movement/>