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Pet Travel Scheme

The Pet Travel Scheme allows cats, dogs and ferrets to enter the UK from certain qualifying countries without the need for quarantine, providing they meet certain health requirements.

The Conditions of the Scheme

Dogs and Cats entering the UK from and **EU member state** or **a non-EU country listed in the EU** regulations must be:

- Microchipped. *This must be before your pet gets a rabies Vaccination*
- Vaccinated against rabies. This can be done from 12 weeks of age and you must wait 21 days from the date of the vaccination before travelling
- Issued with a pet passport
- Treated for tapeworm 1-5 days before entry into the UK
- Ensure your passport is up to date

Dogs and Cats entering the UK from a **non-EU country** not listed in the EU regulations must be:

- Microchipped. *This must be done before they get a rabies vaccination.*
- Vaccinated against rabies at least 21 days prior to travel
- Blood sampled at least 30 days after the vaccination to confirm adequate serology response
- Can re-enter the UK 3 Months (92 Days) after the qualifying blood test. *You don't have to wait 3 months if your pet has an EU pet passport and its vaccination and blood test were done in the EU and recorded in the Pet passport.*
- Your pet will need a third-country official veterinary certificate if it was prepared for travel in a non-EU country.
- Treated for tapeworm 1-5 days before entry into the UK

- Ensure your passport is up to date

Eligible routes and travel companies

Entry into the UK is only allowed via specific routes. These are constantly being updated, but it is advised to check your route well in advance of travelling. Ensure you know the terms and conditions under which carrier will transport your pet. You cannot bring your pet into the UK under the pet travel scheme from a private boat or plane.

Additional information

www.defra.gov.uk/wildlife_pets/pets/travel

The relaxation of the rules means the timing of the UK return is reduced to 21 days post vaccination. Check carefully with the import requirements of your destination and any countries you may pass through. These can be checked with the relevant embassies or the department for environment, Food and Rural affairs (DEFRA) in the UK. A health certificate is required to enter some countries; this will have to be completed by an approved veterinary surgeon at a specified time before travel.

It is the owner's responsibility to ensure all vaccinations are given at the correct date

Infectious Disease abroad

Treatment against parasites before re-entry into the UK is only mandatory for tapeworm. You should be aware that your pet may face particular threats when visiting foreign countries.

The following diseases are a potential risk in southern Europe:

- Babesiosis - Babesiosis is a rare, severe and sometimes fatal tick-borne disease caused by various types of Babesia, a microscopic parasite that infects red blood cells. To Prevent ticks in dogs use Advantix spot on monthly or Seresto collar which lasts 8 Months. And use Bravecto for fleas and ticks for cats.
- Leishmaniasis – a chronic wasting disorder spread by sand flies. Try not to let dogs out between dawn and dusk as this is when the sand flies tend to feed. Prevention is best achieved by using Advantix spot – on every two weeks or a Seresto collar which lasts up to 8 months, there is also now a vaccine available to prevent Leishmaniasis – This needs to be started at least 10 weeks before travelling and lasts for a year.
- Ehrlichiosis – Spread by ticks, causes fever, Arthritis, meningitis and bleeding disorders. Use Advantix spot on every 4 weeks or a Seresto collar which lasts up to 8 months.

- Dirofilariasis – Heartworm infection, spread by mosquitoes. Use Milbemax monthly starting before and continuing one month after travelling or alternatively use Advocate spot on monthly before and for a month after travelling.

Do not use Advantix on cats

Discuss preventative treatment with your veterinary surgeon when you come in for your pet passport

Treatment against ticks

There is no longer a requirement to have a vet to certify Tick treatment prior to entering the UK. We strongly recommend effective tick control for the duration of your trip abroad (see infectious diseases)

Tapeworm treatment

Before returning from your trip abroad tapeworm treatment certified by a vet needs to be given 1-5 days before entry into the UK. The tapeworm treatment must contain Praziquantel and be administered in the accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.