

TAKING YOUR PET ABROAD

The Pet Travel Scheme rules changed in January 2012. The scheme allows:

- ❖ Pet dogs, cats, and ferrets to enter the UK without quarantine as long as they meet the rules of the scheme. These rules differ depending on the country.
- ❖ People in the UK to take their dogs, cats or ferrets to other countries and return with them to the UK without the need for quarantine.

The rules are to keep the UK free from rabies and certain other exotic diseases. The UK has been free from rabies for many years, but because of the existence of the disease in other countries there is a continued need for an effective system to be in place to manage the risk of rabies being introduced by imported animals.

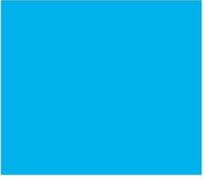
Animals which do not meet all the rules will be put into quarantine until they are compliant. They might then be able to obtain early release if they can be shown to comply with the necessary pet travel requirements.

RULES

Quick guides to the rules are as follows. You must:

- ❖ Have your pet micro-chipped
- ❖ Have your pet vaccinated against rabies. Rabies boosters must be kept up-to-date. The length of the waiting period before entry to the UK is 21 days after the vaccination date. A waiting period is not required for subsequent entries into the UK, provided rabies boosters are kept up-to-date.
- ❖ Get pet travel documentation. Your pet will be issued with a passport from your Veterinary Surgeon.





- ❖ Treat your dogs for tapeworm. Before entering the UK, all dogs must be treated for tapeworm by a veterinary surgeon which has to be certified. The tapeworm treatment has to be administered no less than 24 hours and not more than 120 hours (1 – 5 days) before its scheduled arrival in the UK. There is no mandatory requirement for tick treatment.
- ❖ Arrange for your pet to travel with an approved transport company on an authorised route.

For more details check with DEFRA: www.defra.gov.uk

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