

Travel from 1 January 2012:

For the PETS (“Pet Passport”) scheme, you will need to (in **strict** order):

1. Have your pet **identichipped**.
2. Have your pet **vaccinated against rabies**.
(We suggest you leave one week between steps 1 and 2.)
3. Get a **Pet Passport***.
4. Wait at least 21 days from date of vaccination.
5. **Not less than twenty-four** and not more than **120 hours (five days)** before your pet enters the UK, have it treated against ticks (not compulsory) and tapeworm (dogs only) and get an official certificate of treatment.
6. Arrange for your pet to travel on an **authorised route** with an **approved transport company**.



Please Note:

- Some PETS countries have **additional** requirements.
- Re-vaccination against rabies (“boosters”) cannot be given after the due date (please check whether your pet needs a booster after one year or three years), or you may have to **re-start the scheme**. It is **your** responsibility to arrange the appropriate boosters.
- *For travel to countries not covered by the PETS scheme, please contact DEFRA.
- Pets entering from a non-listed third country no longer have to enter quarantine, if they have passed a blood test thirty days after vaccination against rabies and have waited a further three calendar months before entering the UK.
- **Tick** treatment is no longer compulsory but we strongly recommend that you discuss parasite control with one of our vets or nurses prior to travel. Depending on the area you are travelling to your pet may still be at risk of serious insect-borne diseases such as Heartworm, Leishmaniasis, Babesiosis and Ehrlichiosis.
- We advise you consider travel/health insurance for your pet while you are abroad.
- It is advisable to check the identichip is working before travelling. This is your responsibility.



For the most up to date information and for a full list of countries eligible for the Pet Travel Scheme, please see the DEFRA website:

www.defra.gov.uk/wildlife-pets/pets/travel/

or telephone **0870 241 1710**.



Quick Reference Guide

Pet Travel Scheme



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