

TAKING YOUR PET ABROAD

Under the Government's Pet Travel Scheme (PETS), dogs and cats can enter the UK from certain countries without having to be placed in quarantine.

This means you can now take your pet to certain qualifying countries on holiday with you provided they meet certain conditions. These conditions are different depending on which country you are travelling to.

You must make sure that your dog or cat:

- ❖ is micro-chipped (see our Microchip Factsheet)
- ❖ is vaccinated against rabies (this cannot be done until your pet is three months old) and a blood sample taken to prove a satisfactory level of protection
- ❖ does not return to the UK until 6 months have passed since the blood sample was taken and found to be satisfactory
- ❖ has not been outside any of the qualifying countries in the 6 months before re-entering the UK
- ❖ has a PETS passport signed by a vet confirming that all requirements have been met
- ❖ is treated for ticks and tapeworm by a vet 24 – 48 hours before you return to the UK
- ❖ travels with an approved transport company on an approved route.

For more details, check with Defra:

- ❖ Website: www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/quarantine/
- ❖ PETS Helpline: 0870 241 1710.

Isle Valley Vets recommend having rabies vaccinations every year. It is critical that your pet's rabies vaccination does not expire or the entire process has to be started again.

To ensure that your pet is able to travel, Isle Valley Vets recommend that you begin this process at least 8 – 9 months before you travel. Simply contact your vets to make an appointment.

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