



ANIMAL ANTICS

Note for Pet Owners:

Pet Patrol 365 provides this information for educational purposes only. You should seek the advice of your veterinarian if your pet is ill, as only they can correctly advise on the diagnosis and the recommended treatment for your pet.

QUARANTINE LAWS TO BE RELAXED IN UK



From 1 January 2012, the rules for bringing your pet dog, cat or ferret into the UK will change. This document only contains a summary, so please go to the Department for Environment Foods & Rural Affairs (DEFRA) for Defra's latest and comprehensive details on the rules for pet travel into the UK.

Website: www.defra.gov.uk/pets
Email: pettravel@ahvla.gsi.gov.uk
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Don't delay - find out the rules in plenty of time before you travel. If you wish to return to the UK with your pet after a trip abroad, or intend to bring your pet into the UK for the first time, you need to be aware of the changes to the UK pet entry rules that take effect from 1 January 2012.

You are responsible for ensuring your pet meets all the rules for entering the UK.

Make sure you have had the procedures carried out in the correct order and your pet's documentation is correctly completed. If you do not, your pet may not be able to enter the country or may have to be licensed into quarantine on arrival. This will mean delay and will cost you money.

From the 1 January 2012 all pet dogs, cats and ferrets (including guide and hearing dogs) can enter or re-enter the UK from any country in the world without quarantine provided they meet the rules of the scheme, which will be different depending on the country or territory the pet is coming from.

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

What you need to do if you are entering the UK from the EU and listed non EU countries.

Preparing your dog, cat or ferret:



Step 1 - Have your pet microchipped - Before any of the other procedures for pet travel are carried out, your pet must be fitted with a microchip so it can be properly identified.

Step 2 - Have your pet vaccinated - After the microchip has been fitted your pet must be vaccinated against rabies. There is no exemption to this requirement, even if your pet has a current rabies vaccination. Rabies boosters must be kept up to date. The length of the waiting period before entry into the UK is 21 days after the first vaccination date. A waiting period is not required for subsequent entries into the UK, provided rabies boosters are kept up to date. If the vaccination is in two parts the 21 day wait will be from the date of the second vaccination.

Step 3 - Get pet travel documentation - For animals being prepared in an EU country, you should get an EU pet passport. If you are preparing your animal in a non EU listed country or territory you will need to obtain an official third country veterinary certificate.

Step 4 - Tapeworm treatment - (dogs only): before entering the UK, all pet dogs (including assistance dogs) must be treated for tapeworm. The treatment must be administered by a vet not less than 24 hours and not more than 120 hours (1-5 days) before its scheduled arrival time in the UK.

There is no mandatory requirement for tick treatment.

Step 5 - Arrange for your animal to travel with an approved transport company on an authorised route - Your pet must enter the UK from a listed country or territory travelling with an approved transport company on an authorised route.

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