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THE PET TRAVEL SCHEME

DEFRA changed the rules regarding the Pet Travel Scheme (PETS) on 1st January 2012 to bring the UK into alignment with the rest of Europe.

Please remember that **you** are responsible for ensuring your pet meets the rules for entering the UK.

The DEFRA website contains the most up-to-date information and can be found at:

www.gov.uk/pet-travel-information-for-pet-owners

For entry to the UK from the 1st January 2012;

- There will be no need for a rabies blood test or 6 month wait if travelling from an EU member state or 'listed' Third country.
- Your pet will be able to travel 21 days after rabies vaccination (initial or re-start). The day of vaccination is day zero.
- Pets travelling from 'unlisted' Third countries will no longer require 6 months quarantine (they will need a rabies blood test and 3 months wait before entry). The rabies blood test must have been taken at least 30 days after vaccination.
- Your pet will still need a microchip and documentation (passport).
- Tick treatment 24-48hrs before embarkation will not be mandatory but is **strongly** advised.
- Tapeworm treatment (dogs) is still required 24-120 hours (1-5 days) before scheduled entry to the UK (except when travelling directly from Malta, Finland or Ireland). Your pet's passport must be signed and stamped by a Veterinary Surgeon to verify this treatment.
- Owners of Bengal and Savannah cats and Wolfdogs should consult the AVHLA (+44 (0)370 241 1710) prior to travelling.

Certain countries have their own requirements in addition to those laid out in the Pet Travel Scheme. Before travelling, we strongly recommend you establish the particular requirements of not only your destination but also all other countries through which you intend to pass. You are advised to contact DEFRA or the particular country's embassy or ministry of agriculture (see above website).

Please note these requirements are subject to change by DEFRA so keep up-to-date at the website. For all other international animal movements please refer to the appropriate country's regulations or DEFRA (website or office) for advice.

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