

IMPORTANT CHANGES CATS, DOGS & FERRETS ENTERING THE UK, MALTA & IRELAND FROM 1 JANUARY 2012

New rules mean it will be easier and cheaper to travel abroad with pets

What has changed and why?

From the 1st of January 2012 it will become cheaper and easier to travel to the UK with your domestic cat, dog or ferret as new rules are being introduced to align the requirements of the UK with the rest of the European Union.

For more useful information and to read the DEFRA UK press release please click on the DEFRA links below:

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/news/2011/06/30/new-rules-pet-passports/>

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/publications/files/pb13582-bringing-pets-to-uk110706.pdf>

Current & New Requirements – UK, Malta & Ireland

| What has to be done | Now | From 1 January 2012 |
|---|--|--|
| Microchip | Yes | Yes |
| Rabies vaccination | Yes | Yes |
| Documentation (pet passport or third country certificate) | Yes | Yes |
| Blood test (dogs and cats) | Yes | No |
| Pre-entry waiting period | Yes | Yes |
| Length of waiting period before entry to the UK | 6 months from date sample taken for blood test | 21 days after vaccination against rabies |
| Tick treatment | Yes (24-48 hours before embarkation) | No |
| Tapeworm treatment | Yes (as for ticks) | Under consideration at European level |

What this means to people preparing their animals to go to the UK, Ireland & Malta?

For animals that will arrive in the UK, Malta or Ireland before the 1st of January 2012:

You will need to prepare your animals to meet the current requirements (See table above)

For animals that will arrive in the above after the 1st of January 2012:

You will only need to prepare your animals according to the new requirements (See table above)

How will quarantine in the UK be managed?

A pet entering quarantine between 3 July and 31 December 2011 under the existing UK quarantine rules may be eligible for release from 1 January 2012

**IMPORTANT CHANGES
CATS, DOGS & FERRETS ENTERING SWEDEN FROM 1 JANUARY 2012**

Along with the UK, Sweden will also be aligning their requirements with the rest of the European Union

Current & New Requirements - SWEDEN

| What has to be done | Now | From 1 January 2012 |
|---|---|--|
| Microchip | Yes | Yes |
| Rabies vaccination | Yes | Yes |
| Documentation (pet passport or third country certificate) | Yes | Yes |
| Blood test (dogs and cats) | Yes – 120 days after the most recent rabies vaccination | No |
| Pre-entry waiting period | Yes | Yes |
| Length of waiting period before entry to the UK | Animal eligible as soon as adequate blood result received | 21 days after vaccination against rabies |
| Tick treatment | No | No |
| Tapeworm treatment | Yes | No |

What this means to people preparing their animals to go to Sweden?

For animals that will arrive in Sweden before the 1st of January 2012:

You will need to prepare your animals to meet the current requirements (See table above)

For animals that will arrive in the UK after the 1st of January 2012:

You will only need to prepare your animals according to the new requirements (See table above)

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