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## Pet Travel Scheme (PETS)

The Pet Travel Scheme (PETS) is the system that allows pet animals from certain countries to enter the UK without quarantine as long as they meet the rules. It also means that people in the UK can, having taken their pets to these countries, bring them back without the need for quarantine.

Animals which meet the PETS rules can enter (or re-enter) the UK without having to undergo 6 months quarantine. To bring your animal into the UK under PETS from one of the qualifying countries you must carry out the following procedures in the order shown:

- **Have your pet microchipped**

Before any of the other procedures for PETS are carried out, your pet must be fitted with a microchip to allow proper identification.

- **Have your pet vaccinated against rabies**

After the microchip has been implanted your pet must be vaccinated against rabies. We can perform both microchipping and vaccination during the same consultation.

- **Arrange a blood test**

Approximately 14 days after your pet has been vaccinated, a blood sample must be taken to make sure that the vaccine has given a satisfactory level of protection against rabies.

- **Get a PETS passport**

Once the previous steps have been successfully completed we will provide you with a PETS passport.

Before your pet enters the UK they must be treated against ticks and tapeworms 24 - 48 hours before they are checked in for the journey to the UK. Any qualified vet can carry out the treatment. The vet must certify your PETS passport to show that this treatment has been carried out. If you are going abroad on a day trip with your pet, you will have to have this done before you go.

- **Arrange for your animal to travel on an approved route**

Your pet must enter the UK from a PETS country travelling on an approved

route with an approved transport company.

We strongly recommend that you visit the DEFRA website for more information regarding the pet travel scheme. The DEFRA website contains a host of useful information, including fact sheets for owners. The site is regularly updated.