

Pet Travel Scheme

Changes to Pet Travel Scheme



Key changes to the Pet Travel Scheme which come into effect on 1st January 2012 are detailed below. For more information visit the [DEFRA website](#).

Entry rules for pets entering the UK from the EU and listed third countries

| What has to be done | Until 31 December 2011 | From 1 January 2012 |
|----------------------------|--|--|
| Microchip | Yes | Yes |
| Rabies vaccination | Yes | Yes |
| Blood test | Yes | No |
| Pre-entry waiting period | Yes | Yes |
| Length of waiting period | Six months from date sample taken for blood test | 21 days after primary vaccination against rabies (N.B. the 21 day wait is not applicable if an unbroken chain of vaccines has been maintained). |
| Tapeworm treatment | Yes (24-48 hours before embarkation to UK) | Dogs will have to be treated with praziquantel* within a period of not more than 120 hours and not less than 24 hours before the time of their scheduled entry into the UK. No treatment will be required for dogs travelling directly from Malta, Finland or Ireland. (*Other medicinal products that are effective against Echinococcus multilocularis and have a market authorisation in the country where the product is applied, can also be used.) |

Entry rules for pets entering the UK from unlisted third countries

| What has to be done | Until 31 December 2011 | From 1 January 2012 |
|----------------------------|---|--|
| Microchip | All pets from unlisted third countries are licensed into quarantine for six months and vaccinated against rabies on arrival | Yes |
| Rabies vaccination | | Yes |
| Blood test | | Blood sample must be taken at least 30 days after vaccination |
| Pre-entry waiting period | | Yes |
| Length of waiting period | | Three months from date of blood sample |
| Tapeworm treatment | | Dogs will have to be treated with praziquantel* within a period of not more than 120 hours and not less than 24 hours before the time of their scheduled entry into the UK. No treatment will be required for dogs travelling directly from Malta, Finland or Ireland. (*Other medicinal products that are effective against Echinococcus multilocularis and have a market authorisation in the country where the product is applied, can also be used.) |

Please note that pets travelling to unlisted Third Countries that complied with the pre 1 January 2012 rules for re-entry into the UK may no longer do so, if the blood sample was taken less than 30 days after vaccination. Check with your vet if you are in any doubt.