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Travelling with Pets

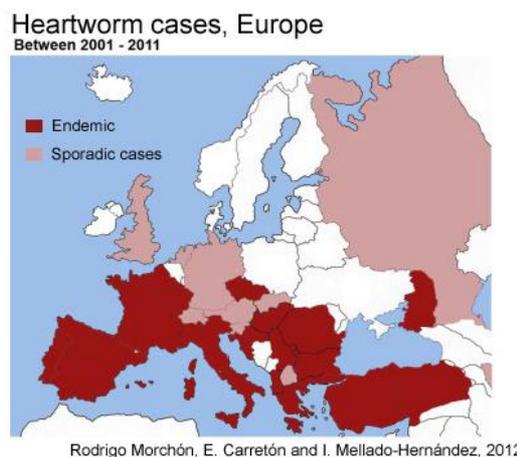
The Pet Travel Scheme, PETS, allows pet dogs, cats (and ferrets) to enter the UK without the requirements of quarantine. The PETS guidelines were developed to limit the risk of travelling pets carrying diseases, not currently present in the UK, back with them. It is a legal requirement to follow these guidelines and they do vary between certain countries so **check the up-to-date information at;**
<http://www.dardni.gov.uk/index/animal-health-and-welfare/trade-in-animal-and-animal-products/travelling-with-pets-overview.htm>

- ✓ Microchip must be fitted and checked.
- ✓ Rabies vaccine – after microchipping, over 3months old, at least 21 days before the 1st entry into the UK or another EU country.
- ✓ Pet Travel document – your passport
- ✓ Approved travel arrangements
- ✓ Tapeworm treatment 1-5 days before entry into the UK - administered by a vet.

PETS enforces protection against the major zoonotic (diseases that pass between humans and animals) diseases – Rabies and Echinococcus multilocularis (a tapeworm) but it does not consider any of the multitude of diseases that exist in many European countries, but not the UK, that can infect your pet while on holiday.

Many of these diseases can be life threatening, especially when your pet has never had any previous exposure, and most are transmitted by biting flies, mosquitoes or ticks.

Disease	Information	Prevention
Rabies	Acute, life threatening illness.	Rabies vaccine (Legal req.)
Ehrlichia canis	Spread by ticks. Causes chronic or acute disease	Tick control
Babesia Canis	Spread by ticks. Causes anaemia and other blood abnormalities	Tick Control
Dirofilaria Immitus "heartworm"	Parasite spread by mosquitoes, causes heart failure etc.	Drugs to prevent infection and mosquito control
Leishmaniasis	Multi-systemic illness, spread by sand flies	Vaccine and control of sand flies
<i>Echinococcus multilocularis</i>	May not affect the dog but significant risk to human health.	Worming treatment on return to UK (legal requirement) and every 4 weeks while abroad.
<i>Echinococcus granulosus</i>	May not affect the dog but risk of infection from dog / fox faeces	Worming treatment every 4 weeks will prevent infection and shedding.



What do I need to do?

Organise your PETS passport etc with plenty of time to spare – Contact DARD Pet Travel Dept. and Cedarmount for details.

Have a look at where you are travelling to, and what countries you pass through. If you will be in southern Europe particularly then you need to organise protection against, ticks, biting flies and heartworm.

- *Advocate* – every 4 weeks will prevent heartworm infection. Start 1 week before you leave.
- *Milbemax* – every 4 weeks will treat tapeworms (including Echinococcus) and will prevent heartworm infection.
- *Advantix* – every 2 weeks for sand flies and mosquitoes – This also kills and repels ticks.
- Apply 1 week after Advocate.
- *Scalibor* collar will provide tick and biting fly control for 5-6 months.
- *Seresto* collar is effective against ticks for 8 months –not licensed for biting flies.

No spot-on treatments or collars will stop all insect bites or ticks. Check your pet daily and remove any ticks found, stay away from forests, wetlands etc and keep your dog indoors at night. Vapouriser repellents etc. can help indoors.

- *Canileash* vaccine against leishmaniasis.
Dogs must be over 6mths old, primary course is 3 injections 3 weeks apart and immunity is complete 4 weeks after this course Immunity lasts for a year. Single annual booster.

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If you are moving to another country different rules may apply. Please check with DARDNI etc for details as soon as you can.
Other Travel Considerations – wherever you are going.

- Bring your pet in for a health check in advance of your journey (please call for an appointment)

- Obtain specific advise from your vet on pregnant animals.
- Speak to your carrier, if appropriate, in advance to establish their conditions and ensure you have all the relevant paperwork.
- Sedation for your pet is rarely a good idea. Ask us for advice. There are calming pheromones and treatments to minimise anxiety which are allowed despite the current airline ferry company regulations prohibiting sedation.
- Give your pet a light meal about 2 hours before travelling.
- Check that your pet will have access to fresh water.
- Use a suitable crate or container that allows your pet to stand, sit and lie down in a natural position, and to turn around easily. The container should contain absorbent bedding and provide ample ventilation. A familiar toy or blanket can provide comfort. We strongly recommend you check any specific regulations imposed by the carrier.
- Ensure your pet will not be exposed to extreme temperatures.
- Try to mimic your pets sleeping habits by travelling at night.



Don't forget

- ✓ CHECK THE LATEST REQUIREMENTS.
- ✓ Plenty of water and breaks while travelling.
- ✓ Watch out for hot cars etc.
- ✓ Ask about travel cover with your insurance.
- ✓ If your pet gets sick after you come home tell your vet where you have been.

But most of all - enjoy your holiday!