

Taking pets abroad – the PETS scheme

The Pet Travel Scheme (PETS) allows pets to travel abroad and return to Great Britain without the traditional six month quarantine.

Please see <http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/quarantine/pets/> for current DEFRA advice.

Summary of requirements:

1. Your animal must be microchipped
2. Your animal must then be vaccinated for rabies. 95% of animals will pass the lab test with one vaccination, this number rises to 99% for those that have 2 injections 14 days apart (see below)
3. Your pet must then be blood tested to ensure that it is resistant to rabies. It is recommended that this is around 21-30 days after the date of the (second) rabies vaccination. If your pet does not demonstrate immunity, then he must be revaccinated and re blood tested.
4. If you pet passes the blood test, then they will be issued with a Pet Passport and are free to leave the UK. However, they are not eligible for return through Customs until six months have elapsed from the date of the blood test.
5. Your pet must be wormed by a recognised vet 24-48 hours before coming back into the UK
6. **IMPORTANT-** Your pet must have another rabies vaccination within 1- 3 years of the last vaccination depending on the brand of vaccine used. Mansion Hill uses vaccines which last for 3 years; your Pet Passport will indicate when your pet requires its next vaccination. Failure to meet this date will mean you pet requires another blood test.