
Pet Passports

Given the number of people now taking their pets abroad and asking for information on the pet passport scheme, we have written this sheet to summarise the requirements and time scales involved. We would stress that it is the responsibility of the owner to ensure that they have all the correct paperwork and that any vaccinations required are kept up to date.

For specific information with regard to each destination, we would advise that you contact the local DEFRA office in Exeter on **01392 266373**.

To take a pet abroad and bring them back to the UK, you must ensure that they are microchipped, vaccinated against rabies and blood sampled to check the rabies antibody titre. At present, this takes about 7 months:

Microchipping and 1st rabies vaccination.

Two weeks later, 2nd rabies vaccination.

Two weeks later, blood sample taken for rabies serology test.

Six months to the day after the blood sample is taken, the pet can re-enter the UK.

Currently, the rabies vaccine we are using lasts for three years but it is the responsibility of the owner to ensure that they get the animal revaccinated within this time. If they do not, then they will need to repeat the rabies serology test.

On returning to the UK, currently, the owner must ensure that the animal is tick and tapeworm treated 24-48 hours before you board the ferry. This should be done by an official veterinary surgeon where you are staying.

If you have any further queries then please feel free to contact the surgery and speak to one of the staff.