

OWNER'S PROCEDURE FOR USING THE UK PET SCHEME

Consult USDA and Defra Websites for information on procedures:

<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/ncie/iregs/animals/uk.html>

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/quarantine/index.htm>

Select licensed veterinarian (Accredited Veterinarian if possible for later endorsing of documents) who will...

1. Install microchip:
ISO Standard 11784 (or Annex A to Standard 11785) **or**
Other type – (Have reader available for Defra inspection, capable of reading this microchip.)
2. Vaccinate for rabies with inactivated product. (Only animals 3 months or older)
3. Specify a waiting period before drawing a blood sample for rabies testing.
4. Draw blood sample.
5. Submit blood sample to Approved Laboratory. (Listing is on Defra Website.)

When satisfactory blood test is confirmed, submit animal for confirmation of microchip number, rabies certificate, and lab results to accredited veterinarian who will issue PET Scheme Certificate.

(*Certificate will be valid 6 months after blood sample was drawn and remains valid as long as rabies vaccination is kept current.)

Deliver original PET Scheme Certificate to Federal Veterinarian for endorsement and seal.

*Keep PET Scheme certificate for traveling, renew when rabies vaccination is renewed. (Only if booster occurs prior to expiration date of previous vaccination.)

Finalize travel arrangements, confirming flight schedules and departure information with your airline. Comply with airline requirements and regulations.

* If not using approved carrier, approved route, or not accompanied by official PETS Certification, you must arrange entry into quarantine **in advance** of travel.

Arrange for tick and tapeworm treatment with licensed veterinarian between 48 to 24 hours prior to departure. (Veterinarian completes Tick and Tapeworm Certificate.)

On arrival in UK, contact inspector and present papers for review. Provide microchip reader if needed. (Release from quarantine will be based on validity of PETS Certificate.)