

PETS SCHEME FOR DOGS AND CATS EXPORTED TO THE UNITED KINGDOM

1. An accredited veterinarian must certify the identification, rabies inoculation and results of rabies testing. The PETS certificate bearing the VS logo, available to accredited veterinarians through the Federal Veterinary Services offices is the only certificate which can be used.
2. Microchip identification must come first. Only microchip identified animals will qualify for entry. The accredited veterinarian must certify he/she verified the chip number. (UK port officials will have available readers which can read microchips conforming to ISO Standard 11784 or Annex A to ISO Standard 11785. If other chips are used, owner will be obliged to present the proper working reader to the port inspector on arrival into the UK.
3. The microchip-identified animal must be properly inoculated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian using an approved labeled vaccine.
4. After rabies inoculation (an interval of 30 days is suggested), the microchip-identified animal is subjected to a blood sample to confirm that vaccination has resulted in a satisfactory titer. The Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, Kansas State University is the Laboratory of choice for nonmilitary US and Canadian pet owners. The certifying veterinarian will confirm microchip identification at the time the blood sample is collected.
5. Once the laboratory verifies that the microchip identified-animal has a satisfactory level of antibody against rabies of at least 0.5 International Units per milliliter, the PETS Certificate may be issued by the accredited veterinarian. The microchip identification will be verified at the time the certificate is issued. *(The certificate will indicate period of validity **starting 6 months after the date the rabies blood test was drawn** and ending on the expiration date of the rabies vaccination. Certificates can then be reissued so long as the rabies vaccinations are updated prior to expiration, and the replacement certificate will again be valid as long as vaccination is current).*
6. In addition to the PETS Certificate, between 24 and 48 hours prior to being checked in for departure, the pet must be presented to a licensed, practicing veterinarian who will read and verify the microchip number, treat the animal for ticks and tapeworm using approved products, and issue the Certificate of Tick and Tapeworm Treatment. Both the PETS certificate and the Treatment Certificate must accompany the pet to the UK.