



Depending on where you are travelling to, you need to consider protection against fleas, ticks, tapeworms, mosquitoes, sandflies and heartworm.

The following lists some of these diseases and how pets may pick up infection:

DISEASE	SPREAD BY
Leishmaniosis	Sandflies
Heartworm	Mosquitoes
Babesiosis	Ticks
Ehrlichiosis	Ticks
Echinococcus multi-locularis	Small rodents (if eaten)
Rabies	Bite/saliva from infected animal

The distribution of these diseases is changing, the following websites information on the current distribution and advice regarding parasite protection.

<http://www.esccapuk.org.uk/petowners.php?run=travellingpets>

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New Pet Travel Scheme Regulations



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Joining the Pet Travel Scheme allows you to take your pet in and out of many EU countries, without having to abide by long quarantine periods, and applies to dogs, cats and ferrets.

With effect from January 2015, the regulations regarding the Pet Travel Scheme are as follows:

- A microchip must be inserted under the skin to accurately identify your pet. If this has already been done, the microchip must be checked.
- Your pet will be given a Rabies vaccination. This can be done at the same time as the micro-chipping, but your pet must be over 3 months old.
- A PETS passport can then be issued, but your pet may not leave the UK until 21 days after the Rabies vaccination.

For most countries a Rabies booster is required every three years in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations; however some countries (including France) may require annual boosters if you are staying abroad for more than 12 weeks at a time. We recommend that you check with the authorities of the countries you intend to visit to establish what their current regulations are.



For dogs only:

Before entering the UK, all dogs must be treated for tapeworm. The treatment must be administered by a veterinary surgeon not less than 24 hours (1 day) and not more than 120 hours (5 days) before its scheduled arrival time in the UK. Please note that if you are on a short trip this may need to be done before leaving the UK. A product containing praziquantel must be used. These products must be entered onto the PET passport and signed by a veterinary surgeon.

If your pet is travelling on an aeroplane please contact the airline well in advance to enquire about their specific requirements. Your pet must travel with an approved transport company on an authorised route.

Also if you are travelling from unlisted or non-EU countries different rules apply. See the Animal Health (Defra) website for more information.

For more information on the UK regulations you can visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/take-pet-abroad>



Parasite Protection

Travel regulations are not designed to protect your pets against parasites. Their primary purpose is to protect human health and the spread of exotic diseases between countries. Pet parasite protection is therefore an additional consideration for the owner. It's important that you protect your pet against the parasites in the areas that you travel.

Things to consider before travelling:

- Where and when are you planning to travel: many countries have different laws which need to be abided by in order to avoid pet quarantine periods or delays
- Is the pet travelling with you, or separately
- For how long will you be away
- How will you manage your pet while abroad, for example will it be kept indoors, will it be able to roam freely, will it be outdoors at dusk and at night time?
- Your pet's individual lifestyle and circumstances
- Make sure you comply with the Pet Travel Scheme requirements
- Parasite protection while abroad