



PETS TRAVEL

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| <p><b>1. Research your destination country's pet import requirements</b></p>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is an import permit required?</li> <li>• Is a microchip required?</li> <li>• What vaccinations are required and when should they be administered?</li> <li>• Is there a Blood Titer Test (RNATT) test required?</li> <li>• Is an internal and external parasite requirement?</li> <li>• Is there a need to make quarantine arrangements?</li> <li>• Must my pet arrive as manifest cargo?</li> <li>• Check out <a href="#">pet import requirements</a> on over 240 countries.</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>2. Get your pet's crate or carrier and start working on acclimation</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pet carrier must have waterproof bottom, adequate ventilation and be secure. Your pet must be able to stand up and turn around in its carrier.</li> <li>• Pet crate for larger cats and dogs (or those traveling in a cargo hold) must have a waterproof bottom, spring lock, adequate ventilation and meet other IATA requirements. Read pet crate requirements.</li> <li>• Put lots of familiar things in the crate or carrier including something with your scent.</li> <li>• Encourage your pet to rest and nap in its carrier bottom</li> <li>• Leave the door open so your pet can go in and out of the crate or carrier</li> <li>• Take them for drives or walks to someplace fun in their crate or carrier</li> <li>• Spend time praising your pet for loving their crate or carrier.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>3. Schedule a visit to see your veterinarian</b></p>                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check for health</li> <li>• Have your pet microchipped with a 15 digit ISO 11784/11785 microchip before vaccination if necessary</li> <li>• Verify rabies vaccination expiration</li> <li>• Discuss any titer test or other testing that must be done</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>3. Check airline or roadway routes</b></p>                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check for road construction or traffic issues if traveling on the ground. Set your route in a routing device such as Garmin or in your smart phone if you have one.</li> <li>• If you are flying, stay clear of airports that are more challenging to transit (London, Taiwan, Australia, China)</li> <li>• Keep layovers to 2 hours if possible.</li> <li>• Do not change airlines - changing planes is ok; changing airline companies is not.</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>4. Research Pet Friendly Hotels and Services</b></p>                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Find a great <a href="#">pet friendly hotel</a> and contact them prior to booking online to verify their pet policies. Most times, booking online will give you the best prices.</li> <li>• Find an animal hospital nearby in case of emergencies and bring along the information.</li> <li>• Find pet friendly parks and restaurants nearby so you and your pet can enjoy your stay.</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>5. Get your pet's supplies</b></p>  | <p>Plan to bringing some or all of the following pet supplies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• leash and collar</li> </ul>   |



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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• name tag (with your cell phone number on it)</li><li>• picture of you and your pet (in case you should be separated)</li><li>• bottled water and a portable water dish</li><li>• supply of sealed pet food, dish, and spoon</li><li>• dog or cat treats (all good pets deserve a treat now and then)</li><li>• brush</li><li>• shampoo</li><li>• toys (save a special chew bone for the trip in the car)</li><li>• medication (including eye and ear drops, ear powder, tweezers for removing burrs, and any pills or vitamins your pet may be taking)</li><li>• pet harness for riding in the car (pets need to be "buckled up for safety")</li><li>• An old sheet or two for covering up hotel furniture that your pet may jump up on</li><li>• plastic bags for picking up after your pet</li></ul> |
| <b>6. Schedule a trip to the groomer</b> | A clean pet will be a comfortable pet. Help them put their best paw forward on their trip.   |

### UK Government Pet Travel Hotline

Email: [pettravel@apha.gov.uk](mailto:pettravel@apha.gov.uk)

Telephone: 0370 241 1710 Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 5pm (closed on bank holidays)