

PET TRAVEL SCHEME (PETS) GUIDANCE TO UNITED KINGDOM CERTIFIED ENTRY UNLISTED COUNTRIES

This is a guidance document only for use by pet owners and aircraft operators looking to bring pets into the UK via London Oxford Airport and highlight the key steps to be taken to ensure that a pet is suitably prepared for certification of entry to the United Kingdom on arrival, per the stipulated requirements of the Pet Travel Scheme.

For more information please refer to: <https://www.gov.uk/take-pet-abroad/overview>

WHAT KIND OF PET CAN I BRING TO THE UK UNDER THE PETS TRAVEL SCHEME REGULATIONS?

Suitably prepared pet dogs, cats or ferrets can be landed in the UK at London Oxford Airport – see below. The scheme also applies to service animals such as assistance dogs for the blind and hearing dogs for the deaf.

WHAT STEPS DO I NEED TO TAKE TO ENSURE MY PET IS ABLE TO FLY INTO THE UK AS PART OF THE SCHEME?

The most important steps to consider are as follows, but please consult DEFRA, an approved and qualified UK vet (LVI) or contact London Oxford Airport's pet handling team for additional information:

- The pet must be micro-chipped or tattooed and recorded in the passport/ 3rd country certificate
- A pet passport or 3rd country certificate must be issued
- The pet must be treated with a vaccine for Rabies after the micro-chip has been fitted, and recorded
- A blood test sample taken at least 30 days after the date of vaccination and recorded in the passport to ensure the Rabies vaccine has taken in the pet and a suitable titre level (0.5 or above) must be recorded
- The vaccination and blood sample record must be signed by an official veterinary surgeon (OVS)
- A minimum gap of **3 months** from Rabies vaccination must pass before a pet can travel to another EU country
- A suitable treatment for tapeworms must be administered to **Dogs only** by a vet **not less than 24 hours and not more than 120 hours** before arrival in the UK and be officially recorded. The tapeworm treatment must treat the *Echinococcus Multilocularis* tapeworm and contain the active ingredient *Praziquantel*.
- All documentation including copy of the pet passport or 3rd party Certificate including evidence of micro-chipping date, Rabies vaccines and all corresponding blood tests must be advised to and approved by the London Oxford Airport Oxfordjet pet handling team **not later than 24 hours** before departure to the UK. Evidence of suitable *Echinococcus* tapeworm treatment in advance of departure must also be advised to the Oxfordjet pet handling team before departure to the UK and before approval to travel is given
- A failure to comply with any of the above, or should a micro-chip fail to read on arrival, will mean a refusal of entry to the UK for that pet. The pet must be returned to the point of origin outside the UK or be transferred directly to Quarantine and be entered to the UK under standard UK Quarantine regulations.

WITH WHICH AIRCRAFT OPERATOR OR AIRLINE MAY THE PET BE CARRIED AND FROM WHERE?

Pets can be flown into the UK on any approved charter air transport operators aircraft where the route that is to be flown has been certified by that aircraft operator with DEFRA. Travel by air for pets to the UK from any EU country is permitted where the aircraft operator is licensed and also from other "third party" countries where an agreement exists between that country and the UK for quarantine-exempt transportation of pets. Please refer to DEFRA or contact London Oxford Airport's Oxfordjet pet handling team for additional assistance.