

## And finally...

- The Pet Passport **MUST** confirm correct order of preparation.
- If your pet's passport suggests wrong order of preparation but your pet is eligible to enter the UK, your vet should make a declaration in Section XI 'Others' to explain why.

From 27 May 2010, a new EU law was introduced which limits the number of pets (dogs, cats and ferrets) that can be moved between EU countries under the pet passport system. From that date, only five pets per owner can be moved at any one time. This rule also applies to pets entering the EU from Andorra, Croatia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Norway, San Marino, Switzerland and The Vatican. For pets entering the EU from other countries, the limit of five pets has been in place since 2004.



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## TOP 10 PET PASSPORT TIPS

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## Top 10 Pet Passport Tips

01. It is your responsibility to make sure the details in your pet's passport are correct. Please ensure you check your pet's passport carefully before you travel as any errors or omissions may mean your pet could be prevented from entering the UK under PETS and would have to enter into quarantine. You are also responsible for ensuring your pet meets the requirements of any country you are transiting to get to your destination.
02. Section III: Your pet's full microchip number **MUST** be recorded correctly.
03. The date of microchipping **MUST** be recorded. If the actual date is not known, the vet **MUST** verify that the date of implant was prior to the initial rabies vaccination, by entering 'Prior to [date of rabies vaccination]' into the 'Date of microchipping' section.

04. Section IV: You **MUST** ensure your pet is given its rabies booster vaccination before the current vaccination expires. If not given on time, your pet will have to have another blood test taken and wait a further six months before being allowed to re-enter the UK.

05. Section V: Six calendar months **MUST** pass after the date that a successful blood sample was taken before your pet may return to the UK. Provided all rabies boosters are kept up to date and your pet remains within PETS listed countries, the blood test and waiting period will not need to be undertaken again.

06. You **MUST** ensure that the correct order of preparation is followed. To comply with the requirements of the scheme, your pet must be

micro-chipped, **then** rabies vaccinated and **then** blood tested. All vaccination and blood testing sections must be signed and stamped by an Official Veterinarian (OV). Your veterinarian will be able to advise on this.

07. Sections VI and VII: Tick and tapeworm treatment details **MUST** be accurately recorded. After treatment, a minimum of 24 hours must pass (but no more than 48 hours) before checking in your pet with a PETS approved carrier for the journey to the UK. Failure to check in a pet within these timescales could result in delays at port, or re-treatment and a further 24 hour wait if more than 48 hours pass since initial treatment.

08. Each tick and tapeworm treatment entry **MUST** be signed and stamped by a veterinarian **and** clearly show the DATE and TIME the treatments were given.

09. Tick and tapeworm treatments **MUST** be given by a practising veterinarian in the country in which the treatment is administered. In particular, your pet must be treated against the tapeworm *Echinococcus Multilocularis*, using a veterinary medicine that has praziquantel as its active ingredient. The tick treatment must be specifically licensed for treatment against ticks. Tick collars are not an acceptable form of treatment.

10. All treatments **MUST** be dispensed and administered by the veterinarian in that country. DO NOT take products from the UK for a veterinarian in another country to administer.

## Failed microchip procedure

- The veterinarian must firstly identify if the microchip has failed or is missing.
- If the microchip is missing, the pet will have to be fully prepared again.
- If the microchip has failed, the veterinarian should remove the old microchip and insert a new microchip at the same time (and check it can be read immediately after insertion).
- The veterinarian must then send the failed microchip to the manufacturer to see if it can be read/identified.
- If the microchip can be read, the veterinarian will obtain a record/letter confirming this from the manufacturer.
- The veterinarian must then record the details in Section XI 'Others' of the passport, in the following format:  
"Microchip number [insert new number] was inserted on removal of failed microchip number [insert original chip number] which was originally implanted on [date] and sent to the manufacturer on [date] which read the number successfully on [date]"  
If at all unsure as to Defra procedures, your vet should contact their local Animal Health Office prior to insertion of a new chip, any surgical procedures, or amendments to your pet's passport.
- In the event of the manufacturer being unable to identify the number of the faulty chip, your pet will have to be fully re-prepared using the new microchip number as the means of identification.