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**From 1 January 2012, the rules for bringing your pet dog, cat or ferret into Jersey will change. Until then, the existing rules continue to apply for pets coming into Jersey - please see the pet travel scheme page below.**

### [Current pet travel scheme valid until 31 December 2011](#)

#### **Visiting Jersey with your pet from the UK**

You can bring your pet into Jersey from UK without the need for a pet passport and the requirements for microchipping and rabies vaccination. Jersey is seen as part of the UK for the Pet Travel Scheme.

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#### **Don't delay – find out the rules in plenty of time before you travel**

If you wish to return to Jersey with your pet after a trip abroad, or intend to bring your pet into Jersey for the first time, you need to be aware of the changes.

#### **You are responsible for ensuring your pet meets all the rules for entering Jersey**

Make sure you have had the procedures carried out in the correct order and your pet's documentation is correctly completed. If you do not, your pet will be refused entry.

#### **Rules depend on which country you are travelling into Jersey from:**

EU Member States – see Part A below.

Approved non-EU countries – listed below and on Defra website for latest details – see Part A below.

Non-approved countries (not in EU or not listed in table) – see Part B below.

*See list of EU Member States and Approved non-EU countries*

#### **EU Member States requiring a pet passport**

NB: A pet passport is a document that officially records information related to a specific pet. The effect is to speed up and simplify the transport of pets between countries.

#### **I am bringing my pet from/to Ireland does it need a pet passport?**

Yes. All pets travelling between Jersey and the Republic of Ireland must be prepared for the Pet Travel Scheme and have a pet passport. Dogs will not be required to have a tapeworm treatment and pets will not be required to travel with an approved carrier.

#### **Is your pet prepared?**

##### **Part A: Entry to Jersey from EU Member States and approved non-EU countries**

For your pet to enter Jersey from these countries, you must answer 'yes' to the all of the following questions:

- is your pet microchipped\*?
- is your pet currently vaccinated against rabies?
- was your pet vaccinated after it was microchipped?
- have you got an EU Pet Passport or Official Veterinary Health Certificate\*\*\* from your vet certifying the microchip and vaccination?
- have 21 days passed since it was vaccinated?
- has your dog been treated for tapeworm 1-5 days before scheduled arrival?
- are you travelling into Jersey with your pet on an approved carrier?

## **Part B: Entry to Jersey from non-approved countries**

For your pet to enter Jersey from these countries, you must answer 'yes' to all of the following steps:

- is your pet microchipped\*?
- is your pet currently vaccinated against rabies?
- was your pet vaccinated after being microchipped?
- was a blood sample for a blood test taken at least 30 days after it was vaccinated?
- has your pet passed the blood test? (your vet will tell you)
- have you got an EU Pet Passport\*\* or Official Veterinary Health Certificate\*\*\* from your vet certifying the microchip, vaccination and blood test result?
- have 3 months passed since the date the blood sample was taken?
- has your dog been treated for tapeworm 1-5 days before scheduled arrival?
- are you travelling into Jersey with your pet on an approved route and approved carrier?

\* Please note – if your pet has a clearly readable tattoo applied before 3 July 2011 and is recorded in the passport by a vet this is accepted for the Pet Travel Scheme.

\*\* Please note – if your pet was successfully blood tested at least 30 days after it was vaccinated and issued with an EU pet passport before it left Jersey or another EU country to go to a non-approved country, the 3-month waiting period before re-entering Jersey will not apply (but all other rules will).

\*\*\* Official Veterinary Health Certificate are issued by non-EU countries only.

### **How do I get a pet passport?**

Pet passports are available from your private vet and your pet can have its picture in the passport.

### **What happens when my pet passport is full?**

An authorised vet can issue you a new passport. Keep your old passport because if the 21-day period has not elapsed and there is no record of a prior rabies vaccination in the pet passport, the owner is required to provide supporting documentary evidence of the previous rabies vaccination to travel. That documentary evidence must bear the animal's microchip number. The current vaccination recorded in the pet passport must have been administered on or before the expiry date of the prior vaccination.

### **What are the rules for recognised assistance dogs?**

Dogs must first comply with the Pet Travel Scheme. A dog may travel with an approved carrier or with any community air carrier. The person responsible for the dog will have to give the airline at least 48 hours notice prior to arrival. The airline must notify the department at least 36 hours prior to arrival. The pet will be checked on arrival.

### **Does my pet need a tapeworm treatment?**

Only dogs need to be treated for tapeworm before entering Jersey. This treatment must be carried out by a vet and not by you. The vet should check the microchip first before carrying out the treatment and then complete the passport.

Your pet must be treated not less than 24 hours and not more than 120 hours (5 days) before the scheduled arrival time into Jersey.

Cats and ferrets do not require a tapeworm treatment.

Dogs travelling direct from Ireland, Finland or Malta to Jersey will not be required to have the tapeworm treatment as these countries have the same health status as the UK and the Channel Islands.

### **What about ticks and other diseases?**

From 1 January, tick treatment for pets entering Jersey will not be required but all pet owners travelling abroad with their pets should discuss disease prevention with their vet and the possible need for pets to be treated for ticks prior to departure to provide optimal protection, as part of good animal health practice.

**Why are the checks being carried out?**

It is important to check that pets meet the rules. The risk of rabies coming into Jersey may remain very low under the simplified entry rules but disease prevention is our key aim and by checking pets we can be certain that they are protected against rabies and certain other diseases.

**How can I travel to Jersey with my pet?**

All pets entering Jersey from abroad must travel with an approved carrier. Approved carriers have trained staff who will check the pet passport so that when you land you comply with the Regulations. Pets travelling from the Republic of Ireland do not have to travel with an approved carrier.

If your pet does not meet the Pet Travel Scheme requirements it may have to be left behind, so check your pet passport is valid before you travel.

**Do you have a list of approved carrier?**

You may use any of the transport companies and routes approved, subject to the transport company's agreement. There may also be a limit to the total number of animals that a company will permit to travel on each boat or aircraft.

See list of approved transport companies and routes.

**Can I bring my pet to Jersey on a private boat or private plane?**

No, a pet landed from a private boat or a private plane into Jersey is an illegal landing.

**What if my pet fails the check?**

Pets that fail the check will be refused entry into Jersey and advised to contact a vet. If the pet has landed it may be held till the pet is compliant or re-exported out of the island. The island at this time does not have a quarantine unit approved.

**What types of dogs are not allowed into Jersey?**

In Jersey, it is against the Law to import certain types of dogs (dangerous dogs) without a licence which is issued by the Customs and Immigration Service. The following are prohibited: the Pit Bull Terrier, the Japanese Tosa (or Tosa), the Dogo Argention and the Fila Brasileiro or any other type of dog which appears to have been bred for fighting.

**What if I bring a dangerous dog into Jersey?**

If you bring a dangerous dog into Jersey you could be prosecuted and the dog seized and destroyed.

**How can I reduce the risk of my pet getting stressed? See leaflet**

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