

The steps for going to the United Kingdom with your pet.

The following procedures must be followed *IN ORDER* without any skipping or jumping around. The time needed to complete all steps is estimated to be about seven to seven and a half months. Please read through the accompanying packet carefully and call if you have any questions. Make sure all forms are in triplicate and signed in blue ink.

1. Microchipping. The dog or cat must be microchipped with an ISO standard chip. This can be either a HomeAgain microchip or a Eurochip. The regular Avid microchip is not ISO compatible and must be replaced, or you must purchase your own scanner to take with you when you travel. Scanners cost between \$300 and \$500 dollars. Contact Avid for information on purchasing or leasing scanners.

2. Rabies Vaccination. After the microchipping, the animal is to be vaccinated for rabies. A one or three year vaccine may be used as both will be accepted. The rabies certificate must include the following information: microchip number, date of vaccination, date the vaccination is to be boosted, manufacturer of the vaccine, serial and/or batch number, type of vaccine, vaccine name, and age or date of birth of the animal. This must be hand-signed by the veterinarian in a color of ink other than the rest of the document. Preferably blue.

3. FAVN blood testing. 21 days after the rabies is given, 1cc of serum shall be drawn by the veterinarian and sent overnight to an approved facility for testing. This test will show whether the rabies antibody levels, or titers, are of an adequate level (greater than 0.5 IU/mL) for protection against rabies. The test generally takes three to four weeks to receive results. If your animal fails this test, it will need to be revaccinated and retested four weeks later.

4. Waiting six months. From the date the blood is drawn for testing, and provided the titer is greater than 0.5 IU/mL, it is six months before the animal can travel to the UK without being quarantined. This is a good time to make sure all travel arrangements are made and all paperwork is in order. If you choose to go to the UK before the end of this period, the animal will be quarantined until the end of this six month time frame.

5. EU Pet Certification. Four months or less before arrival to the UK, the animal must be seen by the veterinarian, and a European Union Health Certification Form must be completed. This should then be taken to the nearest USDA-APHIS office for certification at a cost of \$24.00 per pet.

6. Health Certificate and Letter of Acclimation. 10 days or less before arrival, the animal must be seen by the veterinarian. A health certificate and a letter of acclimation will be issued. Please bring a fresh fecal sample to this visit.

7. Tick and Tapeworm Treatment. 24 to 48 hours prior to departure for the UK, the animal must be treated for ticks and tapeworms using *fipronil* and *praziquantel* by a veterinarian. The veterinarian must complete the Tick and Tapeworm Treatment form as well as the back half of the EU Health Certificate at this time, certifying the time and date of treatment.