

Bringing Pets into Northern Ireland

After 1 January 2012

Tick and tapeworm treatment.

Requirements for tapeworm treatment are to be confirmed, so you are advised to check the DARD website prior to travel. Tick and tapeworm treatment is still advised. It is best practice, and best for the health of you and your pet, to treat your pet for ticks and tapeworm before returning to NI. Consult your vet for further advice.

Travelling abroad with your pet

The rules for pets travelling from NI to other countries will not change. NI pet owners wishing to take their pets abroad should contact DARD for details of the import rules for the destination country. Email: tradeadminpost@dardni.gov.uk

Pets in quarantine

Pet owners with pets entering quarantine from 3 July 2011 to 31 December 2011 may be able to have their pet released from quarantine from 1 January 2012 and before the current 6 month quarantine period has elapsed, if they have prepared their pets to meet EU rules. Please contact DARD for further information.

For further information go to:

Website: www.dardni.gov.uk/index/animal-health/pet-travel-scheme
E-mail: tradeadminpost@dardni.gov.uk
Telephone: 028 9052 4622

This document only contains a summary of the rules, so please go the DARD website for the latest and comprehensive details on the rules for pet travel into NI.

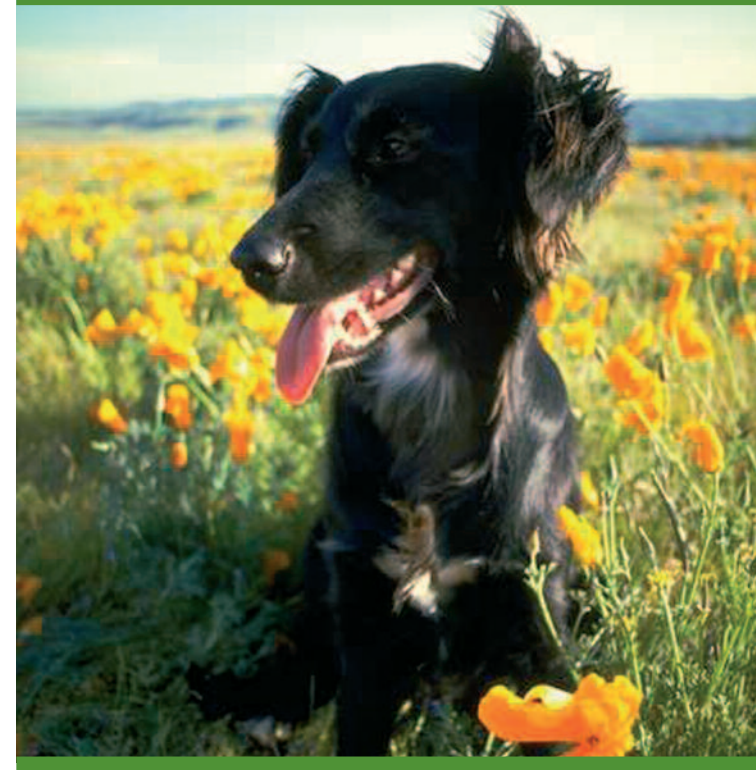
Please note we have done our utmost to ensure that the details are correct as of 30th June 2011, but as the rules do occasionally change, please go to our website for the most up to date information.

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From 1st January 2012, the rules for bringing your pet dog, cat or ferret into NI will change.

Until then the existing rules continue to apply for pets coming into NI. See www.dardni.gov.uk/index/animal-health/pet-travel-scheme

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

If you wish to return to NI with your pet after a trip abroad, or intend to bring your pet into NI for the first time, you need to be aware of the changes to the NI pet entry rules that take effect on 1 January 2012.

You are responsible for ensuring your pet meets all the rules for entering NI.

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 may not be able to enter the country or may have to spend time in quarantine on arrival. This will mean delay and cost you money.

Rules depend on which country you are travelling into NI from.

- EU member states – see part A
- Approved non-EU countries – see part A.
For a list go to:
www.dardni.gov.uk/index/animal-health/pet-travel-scheme/changes-to-pet-travel-scheme.htm
- Non-approved countries (not included in list at link above) – see Part B

PART A Entry to the NI from other EU Member States and approved non-EU countries:

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

- Is it microchipped? ☐
- Is your pet currently vaccinated against rabies? ☐
- Was it 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? ☐
- A DARD import licence?* ☐

PART B Entry to NI from non-approved countries:

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

- Is it microchipped? ☐
- Is your pet currently vaccinated against rabies? ☐
- Was it vaccinated after being microchipped? ☐
- Was a blood sample for a blood test taken at least 30 days after it was vaccinated? ☐
- Has it 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 three months passed since the date the blood sample was taken? ☐
- A DARD import licence?* ☐

**A DARD import licence is only required for pets landing directly in NI.*

***Please note – If your pet was successfully blood tested and issued with an EU pet passport before it left NI or other EU country to go to a non-approved country, the three-month waiting period before re-entering NI will not apply (but all other rules still apply).*