

Bringing Pets into Northern Ireland

After 1 January 2012

Tick and Tapeworm treatment.

Dogs entering or re-entering NI are required to be treated for tapeworm by an official veterinarian 24 hours to 5 days before travel. DARD would advise pet owners to discuss all treatments including those designed to control ticks with their vet.

Travelling abroad with your pet.

The rules for pets travelling from NI to other countries may have changed. 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

Quarantine.

All pets arriving in NI which do not meet the entry rules will be licensed into quarantine at the owners expense until they become fully compliant.

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 to 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 1st January 2012, 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.

For more information go to:
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.
- Non-approved countries – see Part B.

A full list of approved and non approved countries can be found at:
www.dardni.gov.uk/index/animal-health/pet-travel-scheme/changes-to-pet-travel-scheme.htm

PART A Entry into 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 all 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? ☐

PART B Entry into NI from non-approved countries:

For your pet to enter NI from these countries, you must answer 'yes' to all 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? ☐

**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).*