

Pet passport changes, do you know the new regulations?

From the 1 January 2012 all pet dogs, cats and ferrets (including guide and hearing dogs) can enter or re-enter the UK without quarantine provided they meet the rules of the scheme, which will be different depending on the country or territory the pet is coming from.

Animals which do not meet all the rules must be licensed into quarantine. They might then be able to obtain early release if they can be shown to comply with the necessary pet travel requirements.

What you need to do if you are entering the UK from the EU and listed non-EU countries

Preparing your dog, cat or ferret

- **Step 1 – Have your pet microchipped** – Before any of the other procedures for pet travel are carried out, your pet must be fitted with a microchip so it can be properly identified.
- **Step 2 – Have your pet vaccinated** – After the microchip has been fitted your pet must be vaccinated against rabies. There is no exemption to this requirement, even if your pet has a current rabies vaccination. Rabies boosters must be kept up to date. The length of the waiting period before entry to the UK is **21 days** after the first vaccination date. A waiting period is not required for subsequent entries into the UK, provided rabies boosters are kept up to date. If the vaccination is in two parts the 21 day wait will be from the date of the second vaccination.
- **Step 3 – Get pet travel documentation** – For animals being prepared in an EU country, you should get an EU pet passport. If you are preparing your animal in a non-EU listed country or territory you will need to obtain an official third country veterinary certificate although note that Croatia, Gibraltar, Norway, San Marino and Switzerland are also issuing passports.
- **Step 4 – Tapeworm treatment** – We expect the European Commission to shortly come forward with proposals to allow UK to still require pets to be treated against tapeworms. There will be no mandatory requirement for tick treatment.
- **Step 5 – Arrange for your animal to travel with an approved transport company on an authorised route** – Your pet must enter the UK from a listed country or territory travelling with an approved transport company on an authorised route.

Opening times

8:00-18:45

Weekdays

8:30 - 12:45

Saturdays

Nurses Clinics

Weekdays

15:30 - 16:30

Branch Surgeries

Burford

14:30 - 16:00

Weekdays

11:30 - 12:00

Saturdays

Bloxham

17:00 - 18:00

Weekdays

11:30 - 12:00

Saturdays

Staff

Practice Directors

Peter Kettlewell

Stephen Cannon

Martin Whitehead

Consultant

Peter Aylmer

Assistants

Alison Roberts

Bronwyn Koterwas

Veterinary Nurses

Lynne Tyler RVN

Michelle Peedell RVN

Laura Nicholls SVN

Elaine Benfield SVN

Vikki Kershaw SVN

Kirtsy Bull SVN

Jess Ball SVN

Receptionists

Gemma Hutchins

Cynthia Gardner

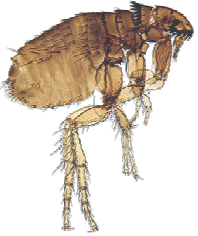
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You can find more information about pet travel from DEFRA. Check out their website on <http://www.defra.gov.uk>



FRONTLINE Combo

National Flea and Tick Month

Don't let fleas become part of the furniture.

Fleas

Each female flea can lay up to 50 eggs a day on your pet. These scatter around your home wherever your pet goes, so you can see how your pets and your home can quickly become infested. A flea infestation can be difficult to get rid of and is distressing for you and your pet.

Ticks

Ticks are not insects, but belong to the spider family. Sometimes too tiny to be seen, ticks attach to pets and feed until they are engorged with blood. Ticks cause direct problems for our pets by their presence, local irritation and local infections. Worse still, all life stages of ticks carry diseases that can cause serious health problems both for pets and humans.

We recommend that you apply Frontline regularly to avoid your pet becoming infested.



To help with the cost of this treatment for the months of September and October we will be offering you a great deal on Frontline Combo. Buy a 3 pack and get 1 pipette FREE or Buy a 6 pack and get 2 pipettes FREE, you choose.

Fireworks

A significant proportion of pets, especially dogs, hate loud bangs. Every year, around Bonfire Night, lots of dogs become terrified by the noises and every year the period during which fireworks are being set off seems to get longer.

It is possible to reduce the stress suffered by dogs, and by their owners. For many years the best that could be offered was sedation, but this will not reduce the dog's fear, it just masks its response. Then we have used tranquillisers which reduce anxiety. These are better, but their effects are somewhat unpredictable.



A new product has recently come on to the market which is a natural calming agent for dogs. It is a pheromone (a natural body chemical) which is produced by nursing bitches. The new product is a plug-in vaporiser which releases the pheromone into the air (like a plug-in air freshener). By putting one of these vaporisers in a room where the dog would normally relax, or sleep, the dog is naturally calmed. It is important to introduce the vaporiser about 2 weeks before the main problem period and to reinforce the effect during bad periods of noise by playing music to a recently fed dog. The manufacturers claim that this controls signs of fear in about 80% of dogs.

What are pheromones?

In mammals, all lactating females release substances called "appeasing" pheromones the function of which is to reassure the offspring. Research has shown that these reassuring properties persist even into the adult stage.

D.A.P. diffusers, sprays and collars contains an analogue of the natural canine appeasing pheromone.

D.A.P. helps stop or prevent fear related reactions in puppies and adult dogs, expressed as:

- Destruction
- Vocalisation
- House soiling
- Excessive licking

D.A.P helps comfort puppies and adult dogs in situations they may find worrying or which make them apprehensive (visitors, strangers, vet visits, firework seasons, novel and unpredictable situations).