

Pet Travel to Europe

This packet has been prepared to help you and your pet travel to Europe successfully. We hope this packet will provide you with useful information to help make your travel easier. It is important that you follow all entry guidelines to prevent long quarantine periods or entry refusal. We also recommend that you contact your airline regarding specific kennel and travel requirements. It should also be noted that many airlines impose travel embargos during the summer and winter months. With these guidelines in mind, please inform the VTF staff of your travel plans as soon as possible; this will help us ensure that all travel requirements are met. Please feel free to ask further questions. We hope you and your pet enjoy Europe!

Public Health Command Region Europe



Pet Checklist for PCSing to the UK from the United States or the European Union

It is strongly recommended that you review the requirements listed below. Any deviation from these requirements could result in a mandatory six-month quarantine period. Additional information can be found at: <http://www.defra.gov.uk/wildlife-pets/pets/travel/>
http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/liveanimals/pets/nocomm_third_en.htm.

- Working ISO or ISO Compatible Microchip (or you may carry your own reader)
- Rabies Vaccination – For vaccine to be valid, must be given after microchip implantation.
- Passing FAVN Test
 - May not enter the UK until 6 months has passed from the date a passing sample was drawn
 - Ensure you have a copy of the satisfactory FAVN test
 - This requirement will be eliminated if exporting from certain countries starting in Jan 2012. Check Defra website (above) for more information
- EU Health Certificate (EU Form 998) when traveling from non-EU countries – if not from a US Army Veterinarian then it must be signed by a USDA Veterinarian. A copy of the certificate and more information on EU pet regulations can be found at: http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/liveanimals/pets/nocomm_third_en.htm
 - Treatment for ticks and tapeworms not less than 24hrs and not more than 48hrs before being checked in with an approved transport for journey to UK
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- Documentation
 - Pet Passport (PCSing from the EU only) – Ensure that a Veterinarian completes all necessary sections including vaccine history, FAVN, clinical exam, and tick/tapeworm treatment.
- Pet is traveling an authorized route.
 - Quarantine may be necessary if your pet crosses into an unlisted country. The quarantine will be at the owner's expense. An import license is required to enter quarantine.
- Keep a copy of all documentation for your records

Pet Checklist for PCSing to EU countries (ex. Belgium, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal and Spain) from the United States

- Working ISO or ISO Compatible Microchip (or you may carry your own reader)
 - Microchip implantation must occur prior to rabies vaccination. Any rabies vaccination that occurs prior to microchip implantation is not considered valid. If a microchip is being implanted for the first time, 21 days must have elapsed after rabies vaccination before the health certificate can be issued.
- Rabies Vaccination – For vaccine to be valid, must be given after microchip implantation. The rabies must have been done at least 21 days prior to entry if it was the primary (first) vaccination. If the pet's booster vaccination was not done prior to the previous rabies expiration date then it is considered another primary vaccination and not a booster so 21 days must have passed.
- Health Certificate – issued not more than 10 days prior to arrival
- EU Health Certificate (EU Form 998) – if not from a US Army Veterinarian then it must be signed by a USDA Veterinarian. A copy of the countries certificate and more information on EU pet regulations can be found at:
http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/liveanimals/pets/nocomm_third_en.htm
- Keep a copy of all documentation for your records
- Ensure pet's flight does not have a layover in a country with quarantine requirements (UK for example).
- Kennel arrangements should be made prior to pet's arrival if pet friendly lodging on post is not procured.

Pet Checklist for PCSing to Turkey

- Working ISO or ISO Compatible Microchip
 - Not required for entry into Turkey but is an Incirlik AFB base requirement.
 - Microchip can be obtained at the Incirlik Veterinary Treatment Facility
 - Microchip implantation should occur prior to rabies vaccination.

- Rabies Vaccination

- Health Certificate – issued not more than 10 days prior to arrival

- Keep a copy of all documentation for your records

- Ensure pet's flight does not have a layover in a country with quarantine requirements (UK for example).

- Kennel arrangements should be made prior to pet's arrival if pet friendly lodging on post is not procured.

- Veterinary care off base is very limited and there are no veterinary specialists in the area. If your pet has chronic or complex health issues, we recommend not bringing them to Turkey. Please contact the Incirlik VTF for more information.

- PCSing FROM Turkey can be difficult without advanced planning. With the exception of the United States, most countries require a FAVN (rabies antibodies) test for to import from Turkey. The FAVN test must be performed anywhere from 3-6 months prior to arrival depending on the country's import requirements.