

Country-Specific Requirements for Exporting Pets

THE EUROPEAN UNION

AGE

Europe only allows pets that are older than 7 months of age. Pets must have received their own Rabies Vaccination (youngest age allowed: 12 weeks), and a Rabies Titre (antibody blood test) is required at least 92 days before the flight.

MICROCHIP

The first step to exporting any pet is to ensure your pet is micro chipped. This step must be done before any vaccine is administered. The pet's microchip must be at least as old as the Rabies vaccination used for the export documents. The microchip must be a valid ISO microchip and has to be implanted by a registered vet.

RABIES VACCINATIONS

A rabies vaccination, older than 31 days, but no older than a year at the date of travel, must be administered. For export purposes Rabies is an annual vaccine.

RABIES ANTIBODY TEST (RNATT)

A blood test determining if the pet has antibodies against Rabies must be done no less than 31 days from the date of vaccination. A waiting period of a minimum of 92 days applies from the date that the blood is drawn for the test, to the day of the flight.

VACCINATIONS

It is always recommended to keep annual vaccinations up to date in all pets. This should be done according to a vet's directions. If any sort of kenneling will be required before or after the flight, kennel cough and snuffles vaccinations are a must. Deworming is to be kept up to date.

TAPEWORM TREATMENT

All dogs traveling to the EU and UK are required to be treated no more than 120 hours before, and no less than 24 hours before the flight.

EXPORT HEALTH CERTIFICATES

An official Veterinary Health Certificate, issued by a private vet, will be required. This certificate proves compliance with all regulations, and has to be stamped and signed off by the state vet. This should be done within 5 days prior to the flight.

A Non Commercial Health Certificate is to be issued within 5 days prior to the flight. In order to issue a Non Comm VHC, the pets need to fly within 5 days of their owner or travel buddy.

A Commercial Health Certificate is issued to pets flying on their own with no accompanied human, this is done within 48 hours of their departure and they require by law to stay at a boarding facility for 3 days prior to leaving South Africa.

IMPORT PERMITS & QUARANTINE

Import permits & Quarantine is not a requirement into the EU

CLEARANCE INTO EU COUNTRIES

Some EU countries allow you to clear the pets yourselves, saving you a substantial amount of money. Please contact us directly to enquire which countries you can do this in, its subject to certain airlines as well.