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## EXPORT OF ANIMALS / PET PASSPORTS

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Please be aware that export/import rules for animals to and from the countries of the world are constantly changing. This veterinary centre does not have the resources to keep up-to-date with this information.

The Pet Passport scheme is for countries that belong to the European Union only and rules are more stable. However, it is worth checking with Defra before you travel that the arrangements you have made to enter a particular country are correct.

The only official, up-to-the-minute source of advice, freely available to everyone, is the State Veterinary Service (DEFRA), Animal Health Section. They can be contacted in Truro, Exeter or via their website [www.defra.gov.uk](http://www.defra.gov.uk).

In preparation of animals for export abroad, Calweton Veterinary Group will take and process laboratory samples, perform clinical examinations and sign certification regarding the above, as requested by the owner of the animal to be exported.

Calweton Veterinary Group does not act as a source of official advice for the procedure or take responsibility in any way, for procurement of appropriate official paperwork or export of any animal.

### **PET PASSPORTS**

Pet Passports were introduced to allow you to return your pet to the UK, after having been abroad within the EU, without the need for 6 months quarantine.

The pet passport scheme has expanded and is now a mostly European wide scheme designed to allow pet owners to travel freely across European borders with their pets, without the need for quarantine restrictions.

In brief, the current procedure for obtaining a pet passport is:

- Microchip
- Rabies Vaccine
- 21-30 days after vaccination, blood test at approved laboratory to ensure antibodies are present following vaccination
- Issue passport

You should be aware that as far as the UK is concerned you can take your pet abroad at any time, however, your pet cannot return to this country under the pet passport scheme, until 6 months has elapsed since the taking of the qualifying blood sample.

Calweton Veterinary Group prepares your pet to qualify for a pet passport that is sufficient to allow you to return your pet to the UK following travel in the EU. You need to be aware that each time your return to the UK, you must have your pet treated against fleas and ticks in the country of departure 24-48 hours prior to travel to the UK. We are not an official source of advice or information on the entry requirements of any other country and you are advised to obtain this information from Defra.

Some countries outside the EU have approved the EU pet passport as sufficient to meet their entry requirements for companion animals.

The UK has approved the entry/re-entry of UK pets from some countries outside the EU provided that a pet passport is arranged prior to travel to that country or a passport is obtained in that country to allow the animal to be imported into the UK.

The up-to-date, definitive rules and regulations can be obtained from the State Veterinary Service (DEFRA) at Truro or Exeter, on their web site [www.defra.gov.uk](http://www.defra.gov.uk) or from the Pet Travel Scheme Helpline on 0870 241 1710. This is also the best source of information about the various qualifying countries discussed above and entry requirements for all other countries.

**You are strongly advised to access this information before obtaining a pet passport, travelling abroad with your pet or contemplating export or import of any companion animal.**

If you wish to travel to, or import /export pets to countries outside the EU you must contact Defra for advice and assistance.