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### NEW PET PASSPORT REGULATIONS FROM JAN 2012

Dogs, cats and pet ferrets entering the UK from an EU or 'listed' third country from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012 must:

- Be microchipped
- Be vaccinated against rabies
- Have waited 21 days after vaccination before re-entering the UK
- Have an EU Pet Passport

The current requirement to carry out a blood test 30 days after vaccination followed by a six month wait period before re-entry into the UK will no longer be required. **However, if you are travelling to Eastern or Southern Europe or any other destination where rabies is present we recommend having a blood sample post vaccination to check your pet has responded to the vaccine and is protected against rabies for your own peace of mind.**

From 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2012 pets entering from a non-listed third country must still pass a blood test 30 days after vaccination followed by a three-month wait.

Treatment for ticks will not be required under the new regulations however dogs entering the UK must have **been treated by a veterinary surgeon against tapeworm one to five days before re-entry.**

Sadly many of the exotic infectious diseases which pets may be exposed to in Europe are not prevented by the current or new regulations so owners should be aware of them and takes steps to protect against them:

- **Leishmaniasis** is found particularly in Mediterranean countries and those further afield. The disease can be fatal if untreated and incurable even if treatment is given. Signs can take years to develop after infection. You can prevent 95% of sandfly bites using an insecticidal collar such as 'Scalibor collar' which will protect for 5-6 months.
- **Babesiosis** is transmitted by ticks and is found throughout Europe. Tick infestations can be prevented by using treatments such as the insecticidal collar 'Scalibor'.
- **Heartworm** is transmitted by mosquitos and can be found in certain parts along the Mediterranean coast. Disease can be prevented using products which repel mosquitos such as 'Scalibor' collar and 'Milbemax' wormers which is active against heartworm larvae should a mosquito bite.
- Other diseases include **Ehrlichiosis** and **Hepatozoonosis** which are widespread in parts of North and South America, Southern Europe, Asia and Africa but are less common. Both can be prevented by using insecticidal collars.

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