

# TWINKLE TRUST ANIMAL AID

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## IMPORTING A CAT FROM FUERTEVENTURA

### PET PASSPORT SCHEME PROCEDURE

We are frequently asked how to bring a cat or dog into the UK from Fuerteventura, using the Pet Passport Scheme, so here are the basic steps which need to be followed.

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- Step 1.** Take the cat to a local vet in Fuerteventura to be microchipped and rabies vaccinated (in accordance with the recommendation on the vaccine manufacturer's data sheet).
- Step 2.** Four-six weeks after the vaccination you need to take the cat to the vets for a blood test. The vet will send the blood sample to an EU-approved laboratory to check if there are enough rabies antibodies in the blood.
- Step 3.** If the blood sample is satisfactory you will be issued (normally via the vet) with an EU pet passport or, in a non-EU listed country, a third country official veterinary certificate.
- Step 4.** A dog or cat can enter or re-enter the UK under PETS when 6 calendar months have passed from the date that the blood sample which gave a satisfactory test result was taken.
- Step 5.** You can now book the flight with an approved airline to bring the cat into the UK.
- Step 6.** Just prior to the flight, you must take the cat back to the vet to be treated against fleas and tapeworms. This must be done no more than 48 hours and not less than 24 hours prior to the cat's departure.

Note: At the time of writing this, you cannot bring the cat back on the aircraft with you. You must book the cats flight separately and it is always sent as 'cargo'. (Unlike when travelling to Germany where the cat can travel with you and be taken as hand luggage into the cabin).

General cost is approximately £500 for the flight and £100 for the veterinary expenses.

If your cat does not meet the conditions as mentioned above it will not be able to enter or re-enter the UK without quarantine.

For more information go to DEFRA web site [www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/quarantine/pets](http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/quarantine/pets)

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### QUARANTINE PROCEDURE

We are frequently asked how to bring a cat or dog into the UK from Fuerteventura, using the Quarantine Procedure, so here are the basic steps which need to be followed.

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- Step 1.** Make a reservation at an approved quarantine kennel.
- Step 2.** Apply to DEFRA for the necessary paperwork and red rabies label. You should now be able to book the inbound for the flight for the cat.
- Step 3.** Travel back to the country where the cat is (with all the paperwork from the quarantine kennel and DEFRA).
- Step 4.** Take the cat to the local vet for a health check and get the certificate to state it can travel.
- Step 5.** A local tax need to be paid at the 'Customs Office'. You need to take all your paperwork, health certificate and 'red rabies label' to this office.
- Step 6.** On the day of departure, you need to take your cat to the airport's 'Cargo' area and check it in. At the airport you will leave you cat with the local authorities who will prepare your cat for departure and load it onto the aircraft. You will not be able to see your cat again until it has arrived at the UK Quarantine kennel. Once you cat has landed in the UK it will be collected and checked by the UK authorities and then transferred to your chosen quarantine kennel.

Prices vary but are in the region of £1200 - £1400.

For more information or to find a suitable quarantine kennel go to DEFRA web site  
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