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EUROPEAN UNION (EU) AND SCHENGEN REGULATIONS AND PROTOCOLS FOR CATS AND DOGS

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden

*** PROTOCOLS ALSO APPLY TO SWITZERLAND**

QUARANTINE INFORMATION		
IS QUARANTINE REQUIRED PRIOR TO DEPARTURE?	NON-COMMERCIAL SHIPMENT →	NO Pets must travel and arrive at destination within 5 days of their owner or the person appointed by the pet owner to act on their behalf. Non-commercial declaration is required.
	COMMERCIAL SHIPMENT →	NO Additional clearance charges and Customs VAT payable on arrival. Considered a commercial shipment when the pet travels outside the 5-day window period or unaccompanied.
IS QUARANTINE REQUIRED AT DESTINATION?	NO	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #4a90e2; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">ENQUIRE NOW</div>
IS AN IMPORT PERMIT REQUIRED AT DESTINATION?	YES MALTA (We can advise you)	
PROTOCOL INFORMATION		
Step 1	Microchipping (Speak to your vet)	All pets must have an ISO approved microchip implanted subcutaneously. Tattoos are not accepted. Please inform your consultant if your pet has more than 1 microchip.
Step 2	Vaccinations (Speak to your vet)	Rabies vaccination is compulsory and must be older than 30 days but not older than 11 months. Acceptable vaccines include Zoetis Defensor 3, Nobivac Rabies and Merial Rabisin. RABIES VACCINE MUST BE ADMINISTERED AFTER MICROCHIP IMPLANT (same day is acceptable) Dogs should be vaccinated against Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, Parvovirus, Adenovirus and parainfluenza. Cats should be vaccinated against Feline Panleukemia (Distemper), Viral Rhinotracheitis, Calicivirus, Pneumonitis and Leukaemia. Pets arriving at or departing from Keringa Kennels require Nobivac Kennel Cough, Bronchicine or Pneumodog (dogs) and Nobivac BB intranasal (cats) .
COUNT 31 DAYS FROM DATE OF RABIES VACCINATION (COMPULSORY WAITING PERIOD)		

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Step 3	RNATT (Speak to your vet)	On day 32 after Rabies vaccination have your pet's blood drawn for the Rabies Neutralising Antibody Titre Test (RNATT). Your family vet will submit bloodwork to an approved laboratory for analysis. Results must show a titre value of more than 0,5 IU/ml to qualify for travel.
COUNT 92 DAYS FROM RNATT BLOOD DRAW (COMPULSORY WAITING PERIOD)		
Step 4	Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC) (Speak to your vet)	Your pets require a Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC) completed by your family vet the day before departure. Our consulting vet can complete the VHC on your behalf by prior arrangement. Dogs must be treated for internal and external parasites (specifically Echinococcus Multilocularis) on the same day. Validity of the VHC is 5 days for dogs and 10 days for cats and must be valid on arrival. Commercial certificates are valid for 48 hours.
Step 5	Submission to Petwings (Speak to your vet)	<p>The following documents must be submitted to Petwings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Original, unaltered vaccination booklet for each pet 2. Original microchip certificate for each pet 3. Original RNATT result for each pet 4. Original Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC) for each pet <p>(Microchip ID must be noted on all the above documents)</p> <p>On the day of departure Petwings will submit these documents to the South African State Vet for certification and endorsement.</p>
Step 6	Clearance at destination	It is advised that your pets arrive at their destination during the week and preferably during normal office hours. This will ensure timely clearance through Customs and the presiding State Vet while avoiding additional charges. Commercial shipments will attract Customs VAT and possibly additional clearance charges. Where applicable and unless stated otherwise, the consignee is responsible for import permit application and clearance at destination. For pets travelling to The Netherlands (Amsterdam), Malta and France (Paris) a clearing agent is required to do the customs clearance on your behalf (we can guide you).
Other important notes to consider		
Puppies and kittens may not travel to the EU or Schengen States on their dam's rabies vaccination. Their first Rabies vaccination may be administered at 12 weeks of age (3 months) after which the above protocols and waiting periods shall apply. This means they are eligible for travel with effect from 7 months (subject to protocols).		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For your pet's comfort during travel we encourage you to include a favourite blanket, soft toy or old T-shirt with your scent which we will place in their travel box. • Chemical and other strong sedatives are NOT ALLOWED. • Mild herbal remedies such as Rescue, CalmEze, catnip spray or other valerian root extracts are permitted. 		
For Pets going to Malta, an Import Permit is required and an agent will be required to do the clearance and hand over at Malta Airport - please ask your Petwings agent to advise which agents are recommended in Malta.		
Please inform your Petwings consultant of any brachycephalic (snub nose) pets traveling as certain airline, routing and seasonal restrictions may apply.		
<p style="text-align: center;">If all of this sounds daunting, Petwings can do just about everything for you!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">We've been transporting pets world-wide for years – here's what some of our many happy clients have to say about us: https://keringa.co.za/references/</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NB: Due to the fact that airline and country protocols change often, we cannot be held responsible for errors, omissions, or alterations/changes. That said, Petwings pet travel agents keep up-to-date and are the best source of current rules and regulations – and they are friendly and helpful too!</p>		

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