

Herefordshire Community Network

Support for Ukraine – information for guests

Brining Your Pet To The UK

It is possible to bring your pet with you to the UK, whether you are coming to the UK for the first time from Ukraine, or if you are already in the UK. **If you are coming to live with a sponsor, then you should check that they are happy for you to bring your pet with you. If you hope to move on from your sponsor into rented accommodation, then you should be aware that not all landlords allow you to have a pet in their property and so it might be more difficult for you to find a place to live.**

Brining pets into the country is a regulated process in order to prevent diseases coming into the UK from other places in the world. If you want to bring more than five pets, then this means you need an importers licence.

[You can read about the process for bringing pets to the UK here](#) and you can [apply to bring your pet to the UK here](#).

Coming WITHOUT Quarantine or Isolation

In short, a pet can come relatively swiftly to the UK if it has...

- Been microchipped.
- Been vaccinated against rabies and had a blood test 30 days later to confirm the vaccine worked, and waiting 3 months after the blood test to travel to the UK.
- A GB pet health certificate (or EU pet passport).
- Had tapeworm treatment (dogs only) between 24 hours and 120 hours (5 days) before travel.

If your pet meets all four of these criteria, then it maybe possible for them to come into the country without any need for quarantine or isolation.

Coming WITH Quarantine or Isolation

If your pet does not meet these conditions then it is still able to come to the UK, however, you it will need to have a period of isolation or quarantine of up to 4 months. To do this you need to apply to bring your pet, and APHA (The Animal and Plant Health Agency) will review your case.

Isolating your pet means that it will have to stay indoors in your home in the UK, must not have any contact with other pets or wildlife and may not use a garden.

Quarantining a pet means that it will be looked after in a APHA kennels where it will be looked after for free by vets so that it can have any necessary vaccinations or checks. At the end of this time APHA will sign off your pet and it will be free to live with you normally.

Veterinary Care and Insurance

Veterinary care in the UK can be expensive and so often people get pet insurance to cover the cost, should their pet get sick or injured. The average insurance in the UK costs around £400 for dogs and £125 for cats. There are charitable organisations who might be able to help with one off vet costs, but this cannot necessarily be relied upon, and you should plan to be able to look after the costs of your own pet.