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## Cats and Dogs into the EU:

*Requires a 3 to 4-month process here in South Africa.*

Countries that fall under the EU regulations are as follows:

Austria	Ireland	Sweden
Belgium	Italy	Serbia and Montenegro
Bulgaria	Latvia	Turkey
Croatia	Lithuania	United Kingdom
Cyprus	Luxembourg	Switzerland
Czech Republic	Malta	
Denmark	Netherlands	
Estonia	Poland	
Finland	Portugal	
France	Romania	
Germany	Slovakia	
Greece	Slovenia	
Hungary	Spain	

It is relatively straight forward for pets travelling to the European Union. No quarantine is required as long as all the requirements are met.

Dogs and Cats need to be Micro-Chipped this is to be done before any vaccinations are done. If the pets have vaccinations and no Micro-Chip, they will need too Micro-Chipped and re- vaccinated.

Micro-Chipping and Vaccinations can be done the same day.

Dogs and cats annual (5 in 1 for dogs and Felocell for cats) and Rabies vaccination needs to be up to date. The vaccinations need to be older than 30 days and less than 11 Months.

Once Pets have been Micro-Chipped and vaccinated they need to wait 30 days / one calendar Month. On the 32<sup>nd</sup> day after the vaccination they need to have a Rabies Neutralizing Antibodies Titer Test (RNATT), and this is drawn by your local vet and sent



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through to Onderstepoort in Pretoria.

If they pass the RNATT test, they need to wait 90 days from the date of the blood draw before they can depart South Africa and enter the desired EU country.

Dogs to the [UK, Finland, Malta, Ireland & Sweden](#) also require tick and tape worm treatment (Echinococcus) no less than 48 hours but note more than 120 hours prior to departure/entry into the respective EU country. This is required to be noted on the respective health certificate and vaccination booklet.

It is recommended the required EU health certificate to be completed three days before departure along with the required treatment, the state vet endorsement two days before departure.

Pets to the rest of the EU also require a veterinary health certificate that is valid for 10 days and needs to be valid on arrival. It is recommended the health certificate to be completed by the Private Veterinarian three days before departure and endorsed by the state vet two days before departure. Dogs need to complete the tick and tape worm treatment on the health certificate.

As from the 29<sup>th</sup> December 2014 pets need to arrive 5 days before their owners to avoid Import Tax or alternatively on the same flight as the owners, Failure to comply with this specific entry window will now see pet owners incur VAT tax of 20% based on the cost of the airfreight as well as a nominal fee for your pet, (which is approximately R100 per pet.) Please note the Import Tax is payable on arrival this cost is excluded from your quote. We would need a copy of the owners or representative flight ticket to accompany the pet's documents.

You will need to sign a declaration confirming that you do not intend to sell or transfer ownership of your pet.

All pets are to arrive between Monday and Friday. No pets to arrive on the weekends and public holiday. On arrival pets are subject to customs clearance costs this is included in your quote, unless specified otherwise.

For your pet's comfort during the journey, we recommend that a blanket and/or a t-shirt with your scent on accompany your pet(s) on the flight.

Wishing your furry friends, a happy and stress-free travel experience with our service.