



Bringing pets into MALTA

After 1 January 2012

Rules change on 1 January 2012

Pet travel rules will change on 1 January 2012 when MALTA brings its procedures into line with the EU Regulation 998/2003/EC and other relevant Regulations

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From 1st January 2012, the rules for bringing your pet dog, cat or ferret into MALTA will change.

Until then, the existing rules continue to apply for pets coming into MALTA.

Rules for entering MALTA.

Make sure you have had the procedures carried out in the correct order and your pet's documentation is correctly completed. If you do not, your pet may not be able to enter the country or may have to be withheld in quarantine on arrival.

Rules depend on which country you are travelling into MALTA from:

- EU member state—see Part I
- Approved non-EU countries (listed below) - see Part I
- Non-approved countries (not in EU or not listed below) - see Part II

Andorra	Cayman Islands	Malaysia	St Helena
Antigua & Barbuda	Chile	Mauritius	St Kitts and Nevis
Argentina	Croatia	Mayotte	St Lucia
Aruba	Curacao	Mexico	St Pierre & Miquelon
Ascension Island	Falkland Islands	Monaco	St Vincent & The Grenadines
Australia	Fiji	Montserrat	Switzerland
Bahrain	French Polynesia	Netherlands Antilles	Taiwan
Barbados	Guam	New Caledonia	Trinidad and Tobago
Belarus	Hawaii	New Zealand	United Arab Emirates
Bermuda	Hong Kong	Norway	USA (mainland)
BES Islands (Bonair, Sant Eustatius and Saba)	Iceland	Russian Federation	Vanuatu
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Jamaica	Saint Maarten	Vatican State
British Virgin Islands	Japan	San Marino	Wallis & Futuna
Canada	Liechtenstein	Singapore	

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Is your pet prepared?

PART I Entry to MALTA from other EU Member States and approved non-EU countries:

For your pet to enter MALTA from these countries, you must answer 'yes' to the following questions:

- Is it micro-chipped?
- Is your pet currently vaccinated against rabies?
- Was it vaccinated after it was micro-chipped?
- Have you got an EU Pet Passport or Official Veterinary Health Certificate from your vet certifying the micro-chip and vaccination?
- Have 21 days passed since it was vaccinated?

PART II Entry to MALTA from non-approved countries:

For your pet to enter MALTA from these countries, you must answer 'yes' to the following steps:

- Is it micro-chipped?
- Is your pet currently vaccinated against rabies?
- Was it vaccinated after being micro-chipped?
- Was a blood sample for a blood test taken at least 30 days after it was vaccinated?
- Has it passed the blood test? (your vet will tell you)
- Have 3 months passed since the sampling date for the Rabies Anti-body titration test?
- Have you got an EU Pet Passport or Official Veterinary Health Certificate from your veterinary authority certifying the microchip, vaccination and blood test result?

Further information

Tapeworm treatment

Dogs travelling to Malta have to be treated with Praziquantel and this treatment has to be certified by a veterinarian in the pet passport or official veterinary certificate not less than 24hours and not more than 120hours prior to travel. *(This provision is on hold until the relevant Delegated Act enters into force.)*

Application for travel Permit

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Application for permit can be obtained by calling +356 21650393 or via e-mail

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Notice of travel and arrival

A tracking sheet is attached to the same application for permit. The tracking sheet has to be filled in with exact travelling details.

Inspection for release

Pets will be able to leave the arrival lounges of ports and airports or disembark from vessels only after a positive inspection of identification and a positive documentary check have been carried out. An inspection fee of €50 which will be paid to the releasing officer who shall issue an official receipt on the spot.

To find out more detail

Website: <http://vafd.gov.mt/pet-travel-scheme?l=1>

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