



PET TRAVEL SCHEME

Bringing your pet into the United Kingdom on Cathay Pacific Airways



The Pet Travel Scheme (PETS) allows ferrets, cats and dogs from eligible countries (Australia, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia*, New Zealand, Singapore and Taiwan) to enter the United Kingdom (UK) without the need to go through the usual 6 months quarantine. Pet lovers in the UK, under PETS can take their ferrets, cats and dogs away to approved countries under PETS and bring them back with no quarantine restrictions.

The following information has been created to provide pet owners with a guide as to how they may prepare their pet for air travel and take advantage of the PETS with Cathay Pacific Airways.

**certain restrictions apply*



ENTERING INTO UK

THE 6-MONTH RULE

Your pet may not enter or re-enter the UK under PETS until 6 months have passed from the date that a vet has taken the blood sample which shows satisfactory results.

Your pet only requires one blood test and a 6-month wait provided all subsequent rabies booster vaccinations are given by the required date.

STEPS TO FOLLOW

- 1) Microchip your pet before any of the PETS requirements are met.
- 2) Ensure your pet has been vaccinated after being fit with a readable microchip.
- 3) After your pet has had a microchip fitted, it will then need to be vaccinated against rabies.
- 4) After vaccination, blood test has to be carried out to ensure results are satisfactory.
- 5) Obtain a PETS certificate.

The certificate will not become valid for entry into UK until 6 months from the date that the blood sample was taken.

- 6) Have your pet pre-treated for tapeworms and ticks.

You must have your pet treated for tapeworms and ticks 24-48 hours before your pet travels to the UK. Any qualified vet can do this, however you must ensure that they issue an official certificate of treatment. Without this certificate your pet will not be released to you under the PETS but will need to go into temporary quarantine (at your expense) until all treatments have been completed successfully.

Countries eligible using the PETS and details of the procedures can be found on:

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/quarantine/factsheet/factsheet.htm>





NOTES

- Cathay Pacific Airways will only accept ferrets, cats and dogs for transportation in plastic animal containers (wood or plywood containers are not acceptable on CX).
- Pets should avoid arrival at London Heathrow during weekend or public holidays because PBS International does not open. Special arrangement can be made but PBS International and DEFRA will levy additional overtime charges.
- Your pet will only be accepted for carriage once we have confirmed that you have made arrangements for clearance with the PBS International (see below). Also if you would like your pet to be transported to a different regional UK airport after clearance (e.g. Glasgow, Newcastle, etc), this must be arranged independently with PBS International.

PBS INTERNATIONAL

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- If you live outside the London Heathrow area, e.g. Glasgow, Edinburgh, etc, you should make separate arrangements with PBS International, issue a domestic airway bill LHR – GLA (London Heathrow – Glasgow), etc. Cathay Pacific airway bills would only be consigned to LHR.
- The PETS check will be performed by the Animal Reception Centre (ARC) staff on arrival at Heathrow.

Please ensure that the following documentation is completed to avoid unnecessary delay to both you and your pet.

It is your responsibility to ensure that these documents are correct.

These documents are to be fixed to your PETS travelling container in order to speed up the clearance process at Heathrow. It would be advisable to keep copies with you as well as any supporting documents e.g. vaccinations card and blood sample test result. Copies of these supporting documents should also be attached to the travelling container.

1 EU veterinary health certificate with the following information:

- ✓ Microchip implant date
- ✓ Rabies vaccination date
- ✓ Rabies antibody blood test date
- ✓ Tick & Tapeworm treatment information (to be administered 24-48 hours prior to departure, ensuring the dewormer includes Praziquantel)

Available at

http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/site/en/oj/2004/l_358/l_35820041203en00120017.pdf

2 Completed UK customs form C5 (to be completed by pet owner/consignee) and forwarded to London Agent PBS International (Owner will have to do this, CX will not) before pet's arrival.

Available at

www.shipyourpet.com

Fax / Email C5 Form to +44 1 293 551169 / info@shipyourpet.com

3 Vaccination Certificate (rabies inoculation certificate) plus Hong Kong dog license if available

4 Rabies antibody test result

Note: Although a signed owners declaration on the pet's residency is no longer required, your pet must have resided in PETS qualifying countries (see DEFRA contacts at the end of this document) for the 6 months prior to entering the UK under PETS.



PAYMENT METHOD

Payment for the associated PETS charges must be made to PBS International. They accept cash or debit/credit cards except Amex and Diners. The preferred method would be debit/credit cards as the transaction can be completed by telephone (however a fee of 2% on the total is levied). Charges may vary according to the arrival flight/day but are estimated to be approximately £300 (subject to change without prior notice) for Monday to Friday 0600-1700 arrivals (excluding UK public holidays).

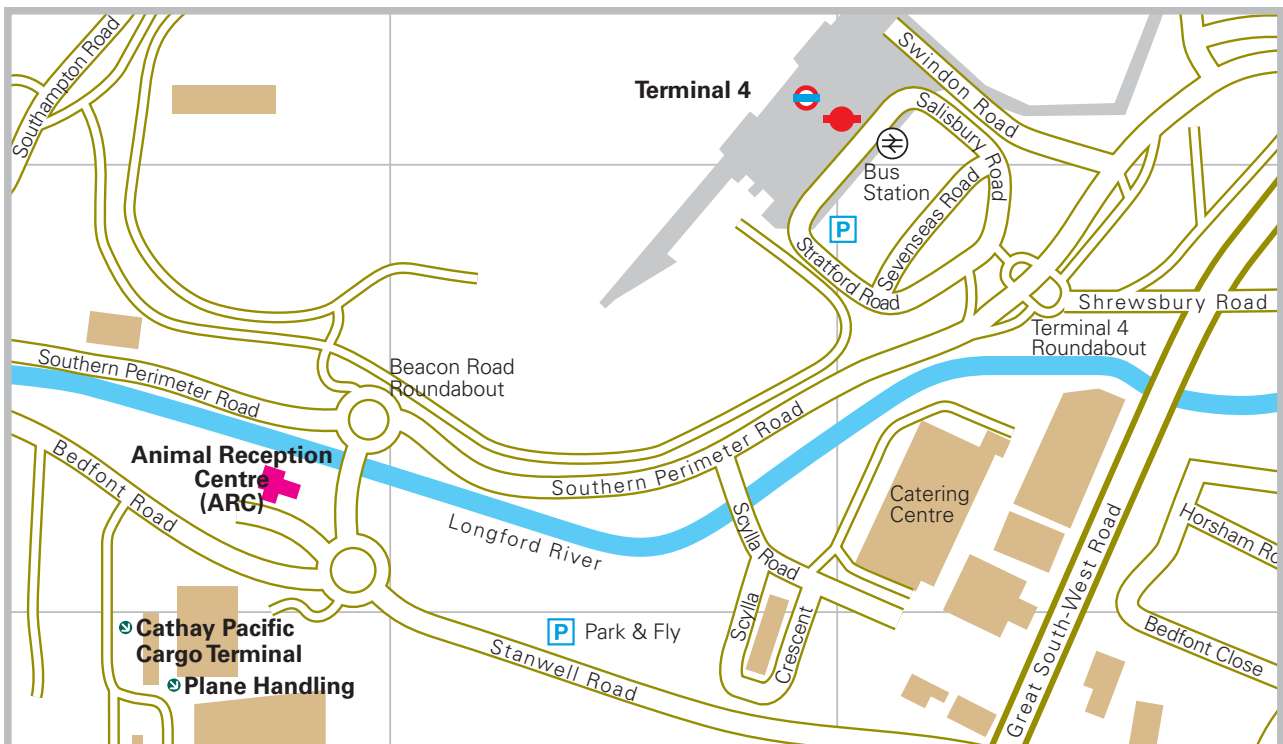


UPON ARRIVAL

Your pet will be immediately transported to the Animal Reception Centre (ARC) where it will be taken from its travelling container and cared for until collection.

Should all documents prove valid it will take at least 3 hours to obtain PETS and customs clearance before you will be able to collect your pet. Once animal import customs formality is completed, you need to collect and sign the customs release note from Plane Handling (a short walk away - please see the map below).

The ARC is close to Terminal 4, you may use bus number 555 or 556 and should exit at the stop which is directly outside the Cathay Pacific Cargo Terminal. The ARC is a short walk from there. Alternatively, you are advised to use a taxi at Terminal 4 since it is a long way by foot. Below is a map of the airport for reference.



If your pet fails the PETS check a failure form will be given to you by the ARC explaining the reasons why your pet has failed and the options open to you. If the problem cannot be resolved immediately, your pet may be detained at the ARC or moved to a quarantine cattery/kennels of your choice pending resolution of the problem. This will be at your expense.

Cathay Pacific Airways accepts no liability for costs arising from failure of the PETS check.

CONTACTS

For more information on the Pet Travel Scheme:

PETS Help Line : +44 870 241 1710 (Mon-Fri: 0830-1700)

PETS Website: www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/quarantine/pets/index.htm

PETS e-mail: pets.helpline@defra.gsi.gov.uk