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Holiday checklist for your pet

To help you make sure you have thought of everything when taking your pet/s on holiday with you, here's a checklist:

- Ensure your pet's annual vaccinations are up-to-date
- Microchip fitted, collar and identity tags – always ensure your mobile number is on the tag
- Rabies vaccine administered and blood test results satisfactory
- Official PETS Health Certificate for European travel (see below for further information)
- Any specific certification required by countries you are visiting or passing through
- Pet insurance up-to-date – might be useful to take their contact details with you
- Telephone number of Hillside Veterinary Centre - 01202 69 88 99
- Recent clinical history and known allergies (if relevant)
- Lead and pooper scooper and/or waste bags
- Supply of usual food, feed bowls and any treats
- Water bowl and plastic bottle with water for the journey
- Bed and blankets
- Shampoo, towels, grooming kit
- Favourite toys
- Pet First Aid kit (available to purchase from Hillside Veterinary Centre)
- Parasite control – flea, tick and worm control advice available anytime from the surgery. Always ensure this is kept up-to-date – prevention is better than cure

- Travel sickness pills (if required) or anti-anxiety/scent therapy to help with behavioural upset on holiday – the surgery can advise on this if necessary
- Adequate supply of any medication your pet is currently taking

Travelling Overseas with your Pet on the Pet Travel Scheme (PETS)

From time to time regulations do change. Always consult the DEFRA website www.defra.gov.uk or the Pet Travel Helpline on 0870 2411710 for the latest information about travelling abroad with your pet overseas.

Please contact the surgery a month before your trip to Europe so that we can tailor a preventative treatment plan for your pet, check your documentation, and discuss any queries with you before you go.

For pets that do not have a passport the whole process must be initiated approximately eight months prior to the expected travel dates.

If you do not have a passport for your pet but are interested in getting one, then contact the surgery for help and advice.

Disclaimer: The information and advice contained in this handout is for general information only. It is not intended to be a substitute for a veterinary examination and/or specific treatment or advice. You should always seek advice from your veterinary surgeon.

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