



Bringing your pet to the United Kingdom from outside the European Community

This form is for you to declare your pet to Customs and to claim any duty and tax free reliefs that may apply. The reliefs and some of the terms used on this form are explained in Customs Notice 3 ("Bringing your belongings and Private Motor Vehicle into the United Kingdom from outside the European Community").

If you want a copy of this notice or more information, ask at one of our local advice centres (look in your phone book under 'Customs and Excise' but not our VAT Offices).

You **must** declare your other unaccompanied personal belongings on Form C3.

Licences

You will need a licence for most pets entering the United Kingdom.

For health (RABIES) controls:

You can only land dogs, cats, rabbits, mice, rats, gerbils, jerboas and most other rabies susceptible mammals in the UK if you

- have previously been issued with a British import licence, and
- have made arrangements for the animal to undergo six months' quarantine

For health (OTHER) controls

You will also need specific import licences for:

- All birds (eg. budgerigars and canaries)
- Specific import licences may be needed for more unusual pets, such as goats, sheep and pigs
- General import licences are applicable to horses and other equines

- Goldfish and other freshwater fish

Further details from:

Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food,
Animal Health Division,
Government Buildings
(Toby Jug Site)
Hook Rise South,
Tolworth
SURBITON,
Surrey KT6 7NF
Telephone: 081 - 330 4411

as above

Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food,
Fisheries Section,
Nobel House
17 Smith Square
LONDON SW1P 3HX
Telephone: 071 - 238 5944
Out of office hours 071 - 270 8080

Department of the Environment,
Endangered Species Branch,
Tollgate House,
Houlton Street,
BRISTOL BS2 9DJ
Telephone: (0272) 218503

RABIES

A pet is tame, but rabies is a killer ! Don't even think of smuggling an animal into the UK – it could be carrying rabies. The penalties are very severe because the consequences could be disastrous.

Please use BLOCK LETTERS

Personal details

Surname	Forename(s)	Date of your arrival in the UK day month year
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Request to clear

When your pet arrives in the UK you, or your agent, should complete this part.

Ship's name or aircraft flight number	Bill of lading or airway bill number	
Place of loading abroad	Container number(s)	
Place of import	Date of import	Place for examination

I request clearance of the pet described overleaf.

Signature (importer or agent) Date

Duty and tax relief

At the time of coming to the UK:

- Are you moving your normal home to the UK from outside the EC ? (See definition of "normal home" in Customs Notice 3)
- Are you a temporary visitor to the UK ?
"Temporary visitor" is a person who usually lives outside the EC (or a UK citizen who is working outside the EC for 185 days or more in a period of 12 months) who has no intention of moving his/her normal home to the UK.
- How long do you intend to remain in the UK ?
- How long do you intend to keep your pet in the UK?
- Are you a UK resident returning to the UK after a temporary visit outside the EC ?

Please tick correct box and answer all questions unless directed otherwise.

No go to question 2

Yes (a) from which country ?

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 (b) how long have you lived there ?

No go to question 4

Yes

No

Yes (a) how long was the visit ?

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 (b) in which country ?

EC is the European Community: Belgium Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, the Irish Republic, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, the UK (but NOT the Channel Islands)

Details of pet

Description	Country where obtained	State if duty/ tax free	Date obtained	Price paid or	*Present value	UK import licence number
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Notes: * Cost of buying another pet of the same breed, age and condition.
 If you have recently obtained your pet, attach the purchase invoice or other evidence of its value.
 Charges will be due if not eligible for relief.

Warning	Imports are examined by Customs and there are heavy penalties for making false declarations including possible forfeiture of your pet.
Declaration	<p>I declare that :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I have read the notes on this form. This form and the packing details include all the information required. All the answers given on this form are true and complete. <p>Signature Date</p> <p>Address in the UK</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>
What to do next	When you have completed this form, send it with the packing details, relevant invoice and licence to the agent, airline or shipping company that is clearing your pet through UK Customs.