

If the person in charge of the vessel is seen to be contravening any of the above points they must immediately be reported to Animal Health, Cornwall Council on: **0300 1234 191** Out of hours: **01872 279821** (if possible also give the nationality of the master of the vessel).

If an animal is lost from a vessel in harbour, the person in charge of the vessel, without delay, must inform; the nearest Inspector whether it be; Animal Health, a Constable or a Harbour Master/Port Health Inspector.

If an animal is involved in an incident or becomes unwell this too must be immediately reported.

No person shall permit a native animal or any other animal to go on board a vessel on which there is an animal.

The paragraph above shall not apply to the use on board a vessel of dogs belonging to the police, Her Majesty's Customs and Excise or Her Majesty's Forces, so long as such dogs are kept under constant control of a trained handler. Or, the loading of an animal intended for exportation on that vessel.

An Animal Health Inspector or Constable may seize any animal seen to be infringing the law and have that animal destroyed, moved to an authorised quarantine premise or arrange for the animal to be exported.

Pets coming ashore illegally constitute an offence of which the penalty could be 2 years imprisonment, an unlimited fine, or both.

If you have reason to suspect these requirements are not being observed, or require clarification please telephone Animal Health on the numbers below.

### For further information:

Cornwall Council  
Public Health and Protection  
Unit Six  
Threemilestone Industrial Estate  
Truro  
TR4 9LD

Tel: **0300 1234 191**  
(out of hours) **01872 279821**  
Email: [animalhealth@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:animalhealth@cornwall.gov.uk)

**The UK is a rabies free country and all efforts should be taken to keep it this way.**

If you would like this information in another format please contact:

Cornwall Council, County Hall,  
Treyew Road, Truro TR1 3AY  
Tel: 0300 1234 100  
Email: [enquiries@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@cornwall.gov.uk)  
[www.cornwall.gov.uk](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk)



## Advice on pet animals entering and re-entering Cornwall

### Introduction into the Pet Travel Scheme (PETS)



The Pet Travel Scheme covers the requirements for the movement of pet dogs, cats, ferrets, domestic rabbits and rodents.

Animals covered by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) remain subject to the provisions of Council Regulation 388/97 on the protection of species of wild fauna and flora.

### **Only dogs, cats and ferrets require a Pet Passport.**

The Pet Passport allows these animals to enter or re-enter the UK from the EU and other countries through an authorised point of entry.

Any animal being licensed into quarantine in the UK for 6 months are not required to meet the PETS rules.

To enter the UK without quarantine from a listed country, dogs and cats must be

- Microchipped
- Vaccinated against rabies and blood tested
- Issued with an EU pet passport or an official veterinary certificate and
- Treated against ticks and tapeworms (The treatment must be carried out not less than 24 hours and not more than 48 hours before the pet is checked-in to travel back into the UK).

### **Dogs and cats must enter the UK using an approved transport company and authorised route.**

There are not any requirements for animals that move within the UK or, directly between the UK and the Republic of Ireland or, directly between the UK and the Channel Islands, or directly between the UK and the Isles of Scilly.



A point of entry has to be authorised to allow an animal to land in the UK. There are **no** authorised points of entry in Cornwall. The nearest authorised point of entry is Plymouth; Contact: Brittany Ferries, Millbay, Plymouth, Devon, England PL1 3EW Tel: **0871 244 0744**.

It would, however, be perfectly legal for a pet animal to enter the UK via an approved route through an approved port and then board a yacht in the UK and sail directly to other places in the UK.

## **Critical information for Port Health and harbour staff in Cornwall**

The County of Cornwall has **no** authorised points of entry to enable pets to travel into the UK legally. But please remember those animals travelling directly between the UK and the Republic of Ireland or directly between the UK and the Channel Islands, or directly between the UK and the Isles of Scilly do not need to comply with the Pet Travel Scheme.

Any vessel carrying live animals, should declare so on arrival at the port and to any officials boarding the vessel. The port staff should make the crew aware of the bullet points below.

In all Cornish ports pets coming directly from an EU or non EU country are to be kept confined on board, not only to prevent them from coming ashore but also to protect all persons going on board.

It is the duty of the person in charge of the vessel to ensure that:

- The animal is restrained at all times, and kept securely confined within a totally enclosed part of the vessel from which it can not escape
- The animal does not come into contact with any other animal and,
- Is in no circumstance permitted to land. This includes being on deck.