



# 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 VAT free reliefs that may apply when you return to or transfer your normal home to the EC. Please complete all sections below and overleaf. 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 are a temporary visitor, see section 4 of Notice 3.

**Important note.** The import of live animals is restricted to protect health and the environment. Live animals must therefore normally be imported under authority of a licence. For further details and contact numbers for advice, see our Notice 1 "A Customs guide for travellers entering the UK".

If you want copies of these notices, or more information, ask our National Advice Service (Tel: 0845 010 9000 or +44 208 929 0152 for international callers). You **must** declare your other unaccompanied personal belongings on Form C3 (if permanently imported).

**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 VAT relief details

Please  tick the appropriate box and answer all questions unless directed otherwise. Then complete "Details of pet".

### At the time of coming to the UK:

1. Are you moving your normal home to the EC†?

(See definition of "normal home" in Customs Notice 3 and note that it is not necessarily the country in which you were born or hold citizenship).

No  go to question 2

Yes  (a) from which country?

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(b) how long have you lived there?

.....  
now go to "Details of pet"

2. Are you a returning after a temporary visit outside the EC†?

† EC is the European Community: Austria, Belgium, Cyprus\*, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, the Irish Republic, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the UK. Although they have close links with the EC, the following are regarded as outside the EC for VAT purposes: the Åland Islands, Andorra, the Canary Islands, the Channel Islands, French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Mount Athos, Reunion and Turkey.

No

Yes  (a) how long was the visit?

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(b) in which country?

\*Any area of Cyprus not under the control of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus is treated as outside the EC.

### Details of pet

Description	Country where, and date when, obtained	State if bought duty/tax free	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.

<b>Warning</b>	<b>Imports are examined by Customs and there are heavy penalties for making false declarations including possible forfeiture of your pet.</b>
<b>Declaration</b>	<p><b>I declare that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I have read the notes on this form.</li> <li>• This form and the packing details include all the information required.</li> <li>• All the answers given on this form are true and complete.</li> </ul> <p>Signature ..... Date .....</p> <p>Address in the UK .....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>
<b>This must be signed by the importer of the pet and NOT by an agent.</b>	
<b>What to do next</b>	When you have completed this form, send it with the packing details, relevant invoice and licence to the <b>agent, airline or shipping company</b> that is clearing your pet through UK Customs. Faxed copies will be acceptable for Customs purposes if it is difficult to get the originals to your agent.

#### Data Protection Act 1998

HM Customs and Excise collects information in order to administer the taxes for which it is responsible (such as VAT, insurance premium tax, excise duties, air passenger duty, landfill tax, climate change levy), and for detecting and preventing crime.

Where the law permits we may also get information about you from third parties, or give information to them, for example in order to check its accuracy, prevent or detect crime or protect public funds in other ways. These third parties may include the police, other government departments and agencies.