

Illegally imported pets?

Compliance flowchart for vets in Northern Ireland

Does the Pet Passport or third country Annex IV health certificate record:

- Date of birth;
- Ownership;
- Description;
- Microchip number;
- Date of vaccination;
- Vet details; and
- Tapeworm treatment (Dogs only – not Finland, Ireland, Malta or Norway)

YES

Was animal microchipped and over 12 weeks old before rabies vaccination?

YES

Was importation at least 21 days after rabies vaccination?

YES

Was the animal imported from a non-EU unlisted country

YES

Is animal accompanied by third country health certificate signed by an authorised vet?

YES

Was the blood sample taken 30 days after the rabies vaccination?

YES

Was importation at least three months from rabies blood test?

YES

PET IS COMPLIANT



Contact your DVO at the nearest DAERA Direct office:

DAERA direct contact details are available at:
<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/contacts/daera-direct-regional-offices>

If you have concerns that the animal is behaving abnormally or displaying symptoms of rabies (a notifiable disease), isolate the animal immediately and notify your DAERA Direct Office immediately.

What action to expect

DAERA Vet Officers (DVOs) will visit suspected illegal import and carry out a veterinary and documentary check (see full details in left hand column).

In many cases, no action will be required, however if there are concerns that the rules have been breached DAERA have the powers to:

- Quarantine the animal until it is compliant
- Request that the owner returns the pet to the country of origin
- Seize and destroy the animal

All of the above options will be at the owner's expense.

Note: If possible, please isolate the suspect animal until any action is agreed so that risk can be assessed.

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