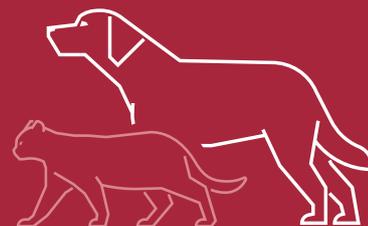


RABIES

PREVENTION AND CONTROL MEASURES FOR COMPANION ANIMALS/PETS FROM UKRAINE



National Authorities from countries bordering Ukraine (Poland, Hungary, Slovakia and Romania) are in the process of checking all incoming dogs and cats. Pets which are not vaccinated against rabies will be administered the vaccine, although immunisation for all incoming animals cannot be guaranteed.

In a recent meeting with Member States and considering the emergency situation in Ukraine, the EU Commission has relaxed its restrictions to accept pets at border crossings. The animals will not be placed in immediate quarantine nor will the rabies titre test be needed. Such requirements will have to be met once the pet reaches its final destination.

WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT ALL COMPANION ANIMALS COMING FROM UKRAINE WITH THEIR HUMAN GUARDIANS:



if microchipped and with a valid rabies vaccination certificate, they should undergo:

- a rabies antibody titration test
- monitoring period at destination of three months if the rabies titration test has a favourable outcome, of six months if the result is negative



if they are not identified and do not possess a rabies vaccination certificate, they should undergo:

- identification (microchipping) and rabies vaccine administration
- observation period of at least three months at destination

WE ALSO RECOMMEND THAT:



Dogs are kept on a leash and properly muzzled



Cats are kept isolated throughout the entire observation period

Pending further updates from the European Commission, we wish to remind you that at present stray dogs/cats/pets from shelters/kennels from Ukraine are not allowed to enter the national territory.