

Protection against disease in animals travelling abroad

Pets travelling outside the U.K. as part of the Pet Passport scheme are exposed to a variety of diseases, which do not naturally occur here but which are now being seen in returning pets, and may cause serious illness or death. Although treatment against ticks and tapeworms is a requirement 24-48 hours before return, this may be too late for the health of the pet if he or she has already been exposed to infection. Dogs are mainly at risk, but cats can also be exposed.

The **main** diseases seen are:

- 1) Leishmaniasis – causes widespread and long term organ damage and is transmitted by Sandflies (so called because their wings appear to be dusted with sand – they are commonly found in Woodland). Can infect humans.
- 2) Ehrlichiosis – causes blood disorders, transmitted by ticks, some types can infect humans.
- 3) Babesiosis – a blood parasite, particularly found in France and warmer countries, spread by ticks.
- 4) Dirofilariasis – dog heartworm. Widely found across Southern Europe and other Mediterranean countries, transmitted by mosquitoes. Causes heart failure.

In order to prevent these diseases we recommend a package of measures:

- Advantix or Frontline every 2 weeks to prevent ticks and repel sandflies.
- Treat with Milbemax wormer at least once or monthly throughout the visit and at least once after returning.
- Avoid walks at peak midge times – dawn and particularly dusk.
- Check for ticks every day and remove them as soon as found. The o'tom hook is very cheap and proven as the most effective in comparative testing.

Clients may wish to take advantage of our “Package Deal” which includes:

Advantix / Frontline + Milbemax + O'Tom tick removers

10% Discount on the complete package.

Other products are also available

Please ask at Reception for further details.

