

Top Tips

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The UK has 12.5 million dogs kept as pets and approximately 10.8 million cats, which means at least a quarter of households in the UK potentially own a cat and/or dog. That is without all the other domestic animals we keep! If you are considering an overseas assignment and you have animals there are things that you may need to consider below:

If you are thinking of accepting or have accepted an overseas assignment and are considering taking your pet with you - think about the following:

1. Can you take your pet? Some assignments you may not be able to take your animals with you so look into this thoroughly before you make a decision. Look for local information guides for your relevant area.
2. Some countries may not let you take your particular type or breed of pet into their country.
3. How will the pet manage overseas? Think about different weather/ climate/culture.
4. If you want to travel whilst you are at overseas posting will you be able to either take your animal with you easily? Will this require more paperwork? Or is there care provided at you overseas assignment placement for them that you are content with?
5. Please take some time to research veterinary care overseas, the Government website is a good place to start www.gov.uk/taking-your-pet-abroad

Have you already considered:

- Injections
- Pet Passport/EHC
- Insurance – whilst in transit and whilst in country
- Quarantine
- In country registration, licence or certificate
- Accommodation – can the accommodation you are going into take pets? Do you have to apply separately (for SFA you will)
- Cost – also think about the return journey for them
- Any injections will need to be kept up to date for the animals return to the UK.

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