



Guidance on the submission and testing of samples to monitor the effectiveness of Rabies vaccines -IDEXX test code RABB

Dear Colleague,

Please familiarise yourself with the most recent guidelines on the submission of samples to monitor the effectiveness of Rabies vaccines:

UK government body – Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) states:

Any rabies titre test must be undertaken at an EU approved lab, and the list on European Commission website must show the lab as accredited in order for the sample to be accepted as part of the per travel scheme

Rabies serology testing is undertaken at IDEXX Germany, Kornwestheim (KWH) and is listed as an [approved laboratory](#)

| List of laboratories approved to perform the serological tests to monitor the effectiveness of rabies vaccines (Decision 2010/436/EU) Liste der Labors, die zur Durchführung der serologischen Tests zur Kontrolle der Wirksamkeit der Tollwutimpfstoffe zugelassen sind (Beschluss 2010/436/EU) | | |
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The [Australian guidelines](#) states:

The testing laboratory must be approved by the competent authority in the exporting country. It is acceptable to draw blood in an approved country and test at a laboratory in a different approved country

The [UK guidelines](#) states:

Travelling from a 'Part 1' or 'Part 2' listed country

You must wait 21 days after the primary vaccination (or the last of the primary course of vaccinations) before bringing your pet to Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales) from a [Part 1 or Part 2 listed country](#). The primary vaccination is the first vaccination after you get your pet microchipped.

Travelling from a country that is not 'listed'

You must follow certain rules after having your pet vaccinated if you're travelling to Great Britain from a [country that is not listed](#):

- *Your pet must have a blood sample taken at least 30 days after the rabies vaccination.
- *Your vet must send the blood sample to an [EU-approved blood testing laboratory](#) from either inside the EU or outside the EU.
- *The results of the blood test must show that the vaccination was successful (rabies antibody level of at least 0.5 IU/ml).
- *You must wait 3 months from the date the blood sample was taken before you travel - you do not need to wait if your pet was vaccinated, blood tested and given a [pet passport](#) in the EU before travelling to a country that is not listed.
- *The vet must give you a copy of the test results and enter the day the blood sample was taken in a [health certificate](#).

The blood test will continue to be valid as long as your pet's rabies vaccinations are kept up to date.

If you have any questions, please contact our Customer Support team on **0203 7887 508**

Yours sincerely,

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