

rabies ~ country-mandated timeframes for primary vaccinations

When it's time to vaccinate your pet for rabies, it's also time to consider the future a little. Not always easy, but it could be important... or at least valuable.

You see, at some point in the future, many people in the UAE ultimately relocate to another country and, of course, want to take their pets with them. Relocating pets around the world is a very doable thing but it's also fraught with all the bureaucratic requirements you can imagine, from airline regulations to destination country requirements.

One of the core requirements of countries around the world for importing a pet is that your pet's rabies vaccination is administered within specific time/date-frames. And yes... of course... many different countries have many different requirements in this regard.

So, when you're booking an appointment with our clinic for a rabies vaccination, it's very helpful ~ to you ~ if you can consider for a moment what future relocation plans you might have. We understand that things change and/or it simply might be impossible for you to know when you might be relocating, if ever, nor to where you might choose to go, but if you do have this insight, it can help determine the best date, based on your pet's age, to schedule that vaccination.

Now don't panic and don't worry!! If you don't have plans and don't have a clue about the future (join the club!), then we can vaccinate based on a standard 12-week timeframe for your pet. So this document... this reminder of sorts... is not intended to upset you, worry you, or scare the bejesus out of you ~ promise! This is not a show-stopping issue. No. It's simply a small but important factor that can have a positive influence on the relocation process you might have to go through in the future; the vaccinations can always be sorted out at the time, whenever that time comes, though of course always keep in mind that when it does come time to relocate, plan as early as you can and get the necessary guidance.

With all that said, here are a few lists of the rabies vaccination timeframe requirements that exist "out there", and the countries which align themselves to those timeframes. If a country you are interested in is not listed here at all, let us know and we can do some research for you.

And remember... don't panic!! This is just a little bit of help for a little thing which can always be reviewed and rectified in the future if necessary.

In the meantime... happy staying put in the UAE! :-)

When should my pet's rabies vaccination be administered, relative to his or her date of birth?

90 days from date of birth

Bahrain
China
Hong Kong
India
Jordan
Kenya
Maldives
Mauritius
New Zealand
Panama
Saudi Arabia
South Korea
Taiwan
Ukraine

91 days from date of birth

Japan

3 calendar months from date of birth

Oman
South Africa

12 weeks from date of birth

All European countries
Australia
Canada
Lebanon
USA

As per vaccination manufacturer's recommendation

Singapore