

## Holiday tips and checklist



We have gathered here some tips and a handy checklist below to help ensure your pet enjoys their stay as much as you do.

### ***Passports and vaccinations***

Remember to sort out your passports and rabies vaccinations. Rabies vaccinations need to be done at least 21 days before travelling and passports, which last 7 years, are easily arranged by your local vet. Your vet will scan the microchip and there's an option to add a lovely photo of your dog too! Ticks, fleas and sandflies can be an issue at certain times of the year in France and there are a variety of options including drops, collars and natural remedies available. Vets in the UK will have up to date information and recommendations to ensure your pets are safe. And like the UK, it is worth having to hand some tick removing products with you when you travel.

### ***The channel***

Both Eurotunnel and most of the ferry companies are now competing to provide your pets with the best service possible to get across the channel to France. Our personnel preference is the Eurotunnel as your dogs can stay with you in the

car and it is so quick, but lots of guests over the last few years have given great feedback on the facilities on the ferries too.

### ***The journey***

France is a great place to travel with dogs. Well behaved dogs are welcome almost everywhere and if you wish to split your journey there are plenty of hotel and B&B options that will allow you to stay overnight with your pets. Motorways have Aires almost every 15 minutes providing picnic areas and grass sections to give everyone a bit of fresh air and a rest from the car.

### ***Vets in France***

Your pets will need to visit a vet between 24 hours and 5 days before you travel back to the UK. If you are planning to return to the UK soon after your stay at Rediat Cor and within this timeframe, we can provide you with the details of our local vet who also speaks good English. The vet needs to carry out a quick health check and provide a worming tablet, to then sign and date the pet passports ready for your journey home. It's easy to phone and book for an appointment. A tip though is to double check your leaving dates against bank holidays and remember in France there are a lot of these and not always on a Monday!

### ***Holiday checklist for your dog***

Passports, medicines and tick removing products

Collar and name tag – don't forget to check these are up to date and visible and ideally with your mobile number.

Lead - lots of French tourist attractions are dog friendly, but very often require a short lead in order to keep them under better control.

Bed basket, favourite toys and blankets to help your dog feel at home

Dog food, plus food and water bowls – please also remember a plastic mat if they are a messy eater. And don't forget supplies, treats and travelling water bowls for your journey.

Poo bag, and stain removers, doggy towels and pet hair rollers – just in case 😊

Pet insurance if required and useful contacts and addresses – we can share with you our recommended local vet.

First aid kit – if you have a dog first aid kit at home anyway it's worth popping it in the car!