## Jersey Harbours

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# PERMANENT NOTICE TO MARINERS № 05 of 2013

### **BRINGING PETS INTO JERSEY BY SEA**

1. The British Isles, including Jersey, is a rabies-free area. There are restrictions in place for the landing of pets within the Bailiwick of Jersey. The following advice supplements Jersey law and advice given by the States of Jersey Veterinary Officer. This advice does not replace or amend the law. It is intended to expand and explain the law as it relates to importation by sea and if in any doubt, further clarification should be sought from the States Veterinary Officer. In Jersey law, only dogs, cats or ferrets are categorised as pets as they relate to these procedures.

#### **BY FERRY**

#### Travelling with pets by Ferry to Jersey with your pet from the UK or Channel Islands

2. There are no travel restrictions for pets coming directly into Jersey from the UK or Channel Islands. However, it may be a good idea to get advice on the best way to transport your pet and ensure its welfare during the journey.

#### Travelling with pets by Ferry to Jersey with your pet from France

3. Condor Ferries is currently the only "approved carrier" for pets brought in by sea. If you wish to bring a pet into Jersey from Saint Malo on the Condor ferry service, then you can do so only if your pet meets the requirements of the Pet Travel Scheme (PETS). Detailed information about PETS and the steps you need to take to ensure your pet meets the legal requirements are available on the States of Jersey website www.gov.je/PetTravel or call + 44 (0) 1534 441600.

Mariners are advised that telephone calls, VHF radio traffic, CCTV and radar traffic images may be recorded









#### BY LEISURE, PLEASURE OR OTHER PRIVATE CRAFT

Travelling with pets by Leisure, Pleasure or other Private craft to Jersey with your pet from the UK, Isle of Man, Channel Islands or the Republic of Ireland

4. The skipper/master of any boat with a pet onboard intending to bring it into an alongside berth or anchored off Jersey must notify Jersey Coastguard (VHF Ch 82) or St Helier VTS (VHF Ch 14) prior to arrival. There are no restrictions for pets coming directly into Jersey from the Channel Islands, UK or the Isle of Man. Pets travelling from the Republic of Ireland must be accompanied by a valid pet passport. Boats with pets on board and requesting an alongside berth will be directed to a berth in the Elizabeth Marina or to a holding berth on pontoon numbers 4 and 5 outside St Helier Marina.

Travelling with pets by Leisure, Pleasure or other Private craft to Jersey from any territory / country within or outside the EU other than the UK, Isle of Man, Channel Islands or the Republic of Ireland

- 5. The only means of bringing a pet into Jersey is by an approved carrier. The skipper/master of any boat with a pet onboard intending to anchor off Jersey must notify Jersey Coastguard (VHF Ch 82) or St Helier VTS (VHF Ch 14) prior to arrival. If you have a pet on board your vessel and you are arriving from any other territory / country within or outside the EU or if you come from the UK, Isle of Man, Channel Islands or the Republic of Ireland **via** a territory / country within or outside the EU:
  - You will **NOT** be permitted to bring the pet into Jersey.
  - You will **NOT** be permitted an alongside or drying berth.
  - You may anchor off the coast but the location must be reported to Jersey Coastguard or St Helier VTS and the pet must not be brought ashore.
  - In an emergency, such as seeking shelter in inclement weather, Jersey Coastguard or St
    Helier VTS should be contacted and notified that a pet is on board. A secure and isolated
    berth will be allocated but under no circumstances is the animal permitted to land, other than
    under a licence issued by the Department of the Environment. The berth may be observed
    by CCTV to ensure compliance.

#### Notes:

- 1. If you own a pet and you plan to base your boat in Jersey for a period of time but come from outside the UK, Isle of Man, Channel Islands of the Republic of Ireland, the only way that your pet can join you is for it to be shipped out by an approved carrier by sea or air and for it to join you subsequently after it has been cleared into Jersey.
- 2. This includes boats from Jersey with a pet onboard that have subsequently visited any territory / country within or outside the EU other than the UK, IoM or ROI.

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