The ‘Four Pillars’ of travelled and imported pets

To ensure the health of pet and owner, while also maintaining biosecurity, veterinary professionals should follow the ‘four pillars’ concept when dealing with imported and travelled pets arriving into the UK. Visit: www.esccapuk.org.uk.

1. Check for ticks and subsequent identification of any found
2. Treat dogs again with praziquantel within 30 days of return to the UK and treat for ticks if treatment is not already in place
3. Recognise clinical signs relevant to diseases in the countries visited or country of origin
4. Screen for Leishmania spp. and exotic tick-borne diseases in imported dogs

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