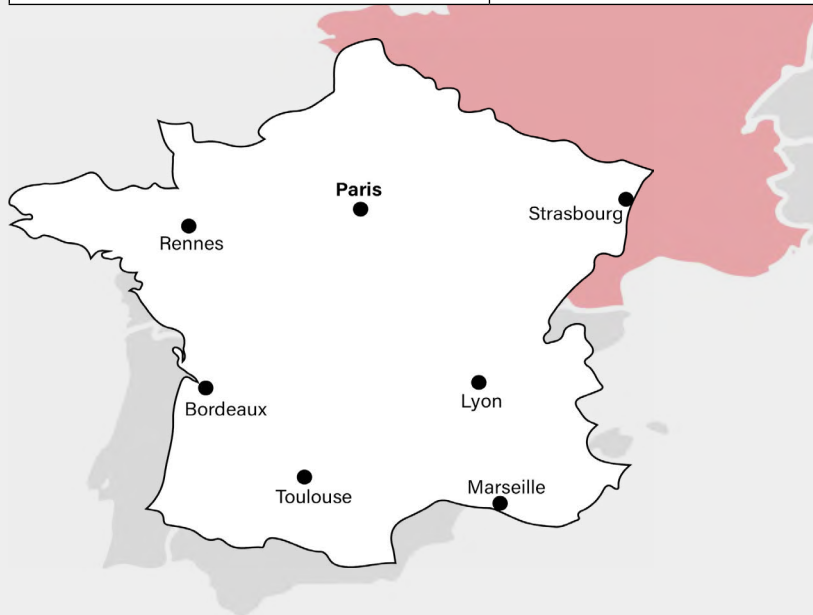


FRANCE

A dog imported from or travelling to France may be infected with the following vector-borne pathogens:

PROTOZOA (MONOCELLULAR ORGANISMS)	BACTERIA	HELMINTHS (WORMS)
<p><i>Leishmania infantum</i> (South of France)</p> <p><i>Hepatozoon canis</i> (South of France)</p> <p><i>Babesia canis</i> (central and northern France)</p> <p><i>Babesia vogeli</i> (southern France)</p> <p><i>Babesia vulpes</i> (western France, border area Spain)</p>	<p><i>Anaplasma phagocytophilum</i> (North and Central France)</p> <p><i>Ehrlichia canis</i> (southern France)</p> <p><i>Rickettsia</i> spp.</p>	<p><i>Dirofilaria immitis</i> (heartworm, southern France)</p> <p><i>Dirofilaria repens</i> (skinworm, Central and northern France)</p> <p><i>Thelazia callipaeda</i> (eye worm)</p>



Test recommendations for dogs

- **Screening** following import or travel, e.g. by means of „travel profile Southern Europe“ or „Northern/Central Europe“ depending on the exact origin and Hepatozoon PCR
Please note: puppies (< 6 months of age) should not be tested for antibodies; instead we recommend direct pathogen detection (PCR) in the case of acute disease.
- **Repeat** *Leishmania* ELISA and dirofilaria testing (*Microfilaria* PCR and *Dirofilaria immitis* antigen) 6 months later.
- In case of **acute clinical signs and symptoms**, direct pathogen detection (PCR) is recommended.

Vector prevention

Repel/kill the vector
Important: Observe application intervals!

Immunoprophylaxis

Licensed immunoprophylactic agents for active immunisation of non-infected dogs as well as to reduce the risk for developing active infection and/or clinical signs after contact with *Leishmania infantum*.

Prophylaxis/Metaphylaxis

Chemoprophylaxis

Treat pathogens that have already been transmitted (e. g. dirofilaria)
Important: Observe application intervals!

Behaviour

Depending on the vector, certain locations or times of day should be avoided. While sandflies are active at twilight, the risk of getting ticks is higher during the day.