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Eurotunnel Le Shuttle breaks week-end record: More than 35,000¹ cars carried on Le Shuttle from Folkestone to Coquelles

Last week-end, following the start of the UK school holidays, Eurotunnel Le Shuttle broke the record for outbound summer traffic to the continent.

From Thursday 23 to Sunday 26 July 2015, more than 35,000 cars, campervans, motorcycles & coaches boarded Eurotunnel Le Shuttle for their 35 minute crossing to France (equivalent to c150,000 passengers); proving once again that Le Shuttle is the number one choice for UK holidaymakers driving to Europe for their summer break.

In a continuing trend, more than 3,6002 pets (mainly dogs) also travelled with their owners during this period. This was another significant increase on the same period last year (+16%) and now means that Le Shuttle is by far the preferred route for pet owners, with about 90%3 of all pets travelling through UK ports and airports under the Pet Travel Scheme in 2014 carried on the service.

Jo Willacy, Eurotunnel Commercial Director, stated: "Cross-Channel passengers have once again voted with their feet and their paws. Eurotunnel Le Shuttle is the fastest, smoothest way to get away. With traffic levels like this at the start of the season, it looks like 2015 could be a bumper year."

¹ More precisely 35,545 passenger vehicles from 23 to 26 July 2015

² 3.633 more precisely

³ Latest AHVLA figures confirm that Eurotunnel Le Shuttle has carried 88% of all pets travelling under the Pet Passport Scheme in 2014.