



Pet Travel Scheme

From January 2021, the Brexit transition period has ended. Great Britain has officially left the EU.

For the purposes of non-commercial pet travel, GB has been given Part 2 listed status. This means that the requirements for the pet travel scheme are changing.

A current EU pet passport, ISSUED IN GB, will NOT be valid for travel to the EU or NI from January 2021

UK Issued EU Pet Passports

- Are no longer official documents and should not be stamped with the OV stamp
- Can NOT be used for travel to the EU
- Can be used as a vaccination card to record your pet's rabies vaccinations

EU Issued Pet Passports

- Can be used for entry to the EU and for re-entry into to the UK
- Can NOT be updated in the UK
- If you need a rabies vaccine whilst in the UK, this can NOT be added to the EU passport

Before you travel, don't forget to check for any additional restrictions or requirements of the country you are travelling to

***Depending on your destination/reason for travel, you may only be able to travel within the EU, for a maximum of 90 days within any 180 day period. Please check the gov.uk website for more information**

New requirements for pets (dogs, cats and ferrets) from January 2021

What your pet will need to travel to the EU/NI

1. **Microchipping**
2. **Rabies vaccination**
 - your pet must be **at least 12 weeks old** before he/ she can be vaccinated
3. **Wait 21 days** from the day after the rabies vaccine
4. Visit your vet to get an **Animal Health Certificate (AHC)**,
 - This appointment must be **no more than 10 days** before you travel
 - You will need to take proof of:
 - Your pet's microchipping date
 - Your pet's rabies vaccination record
 - Your vet will need to know your planned point of entry into the EU



The AHC

Using the AHC for:	After the date of issue, how long is the AHC Valid For?
Entry to the EU/NI	10 days
Onward Travel within the EU	4 months, or until the expiry of the rabies vaccine (whichever is earlier)
Re-entry to GB	4 months, or until the expiry of the rabies vaccine (whichever is earlier)

Travelling with your dog, to Finland, Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland, Norway or Malta

- He/she must have treatment against tapeworm (Echinococcus multilocularis)
- This must be given by a vet **1 to 5 days** before arriving in any of these countries.
- Your vet must enter full details of this treatment on the AHC

On Arrival in the EU/NI

- owners need to enter through a designated **Travellers' Point of Entry**
- You may need to present your
 - Original AHC
 - Declaration that the movement of the pet is non-commercial
 - Proof of:
 - Microchipping
 - Rabies vaccination
 - Tapeworm treatment

These need to be certified copies – initialled and fan stamped by your OV

Returning to GB

Tapeworm Treatment

- **1-5 days** before returning to the UK, you will need to take your dog to see a vet, for them to administer an approved tapeworm treatment. This must contain Praziquantel.

This is not necessary if you're travelling directly to the UK from Finland, Republic or Ireland, NI, Malta or Norway

Documentation

Your pet will need either:

- an EU pet passport (issued in the EU, or in GB before 1 January 2021), or a pet passport from a Part 1 listed third country
- the AHC issued in GB used to travel to the EU – which you can use up to 4 months after it was issued, if the rabies vaccine remains in date.
- a GB pet health certificate (for travel into GB only)

Your pet will not need this documentation if he/ she is entering GB from NI, the Channel Islands, or the Isle of Man