

Travelling abroad with your pet? Lucky you!

What you need to know

An Animal Health Certificate (AHC) is a legal requirement in order to travel to the European Union or into the UK without quarantine. All dogs, cats and ferrets require an AHC to travel to an EU country and return to the UK.

Visit www.gov.uk/take-pet-abroad for further guidelines on the countries you are planning on travelling to.

REQUIREMENTS

- Your pet must have a **Rabies Vaccination**. The pet must be at least 12 weeks old before it can be vaccinated. The vaccine lasts 3 years. The rabies vaccination must be done at least **21 days before an Animal Health Certificate can be issued**.
- Your pet must be **microchipped**
- Once the certificate is signed, you have **10 days** to travel to the EU
- A certificate is valid for **one trip** to and from the EU
- The certificate is valid for travel inside the EU for up to 4 months.
- A **tapeworm** treatment must be given to animals returning to the UK. This needs to be given **between 24 hours and 120 hours** before your return travel back to the UK and must be administered by a **veterinary surgeon**
- If you are travelling to Ireland, Northern Ireland, Malta, Finland or Norway, your pet will need a tapeworm treatment before you travel, this must be given **between 24 hours and 120 hours**

If you are selling an animal to someone outside of the UK then an Export Health Certificate (EHC) is required instead of an AHC so please contact us well in advance of travel.



Travelling outside the EU

If you plan to travel outside the EU you will require an Export Health Certificate (EHC) and may require blood sampling.

It is the owner's responsibility to arrange the requirements mentioned above. The new AHC and EHC require extensive and complex documentation, therefore we recommend contacting us well before any travel to arrange a protocol that works with you and your pet.

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