

EUROPEAN UNION PET TRAVEL – What You Need to Know

Following Brexit, **EU Pet Passports are no longer valid**. Instead, your pet will need an **Animal Health Certificate (AHC)** for travel to the EU.

Key Information:

- An **AHC is required for each trip** to the EU. It is valid:
 - For **10 days from the date of issue** to leave the Isle of Man/UK
 - For **re-entry to the UK and travel within the EU for up to 4 months**
- The **date of issue** is the date the vet signs the certificate at the health check appointment.

Requirements:

- Your **dog, cat, or ferret must be microchipped**
- Your pet **must be vaccinated against rabies**
 - Pets must be **at least 12 weeks old** before receiving the rabies vaccine
 - You must wait **21 days after the primary rabies vaccination** before travel
- You can include **up to 5 pets** on a single AHC
- **Regular annual vaccinations** are recommended but not mandatory
- You must **submit your application at least 2 weeks** before your intended travel date
- **Book a health check and document issue appointment** no more than 10 days before travel

Tapeworm Treatment:

- Required for pets travelling **directly to**:
 - Finland
 - Ireland
 - Malta
 - Northern Ireland
 - Norway
- Treatment must be administered by a vet and recorded in the AHC
- It must be given **no less than 24 hours** and **no more than 120 hours (5 days)** before arrival

At the EU Border / Northern Ireland:

You must enter through a **Travellers' Point of Entry** and present:

- The **Animal Health Certificate**
- Proof of:
 - **Microchipping**
 - **Rabies vaccination**
 - **Tapeworm treatment** (if applicable)
- **Certified copies** of all documentation must also be carried