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EUROPEAN UNION TRAVEL GUIDE



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PET TRAVEL TO THE EU CHANGED AFTER BREXIT

From the 1st January 2021, the EU has become a third country with respect to the EU pet travel scheme. We have been awarded part 2 listed status for the purposes of non-commercial pet travel after the transition period. As a consequence, the requirements for travel between GB and the EU has changed.



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ALL PETS WILL REQUIRE AN ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE (AHC)

An AHC is valid for;

- 10 days after the date of issue for entry into the EU
- A single trip for entry to the EU
- Onward travel within the EU for 4 months after the date of issue (Rabies vaccine must be in date).
- Re- entry to GB for 4 months after the date of issue.



**An AHC must be completed by an OV
(official veterinarian)**

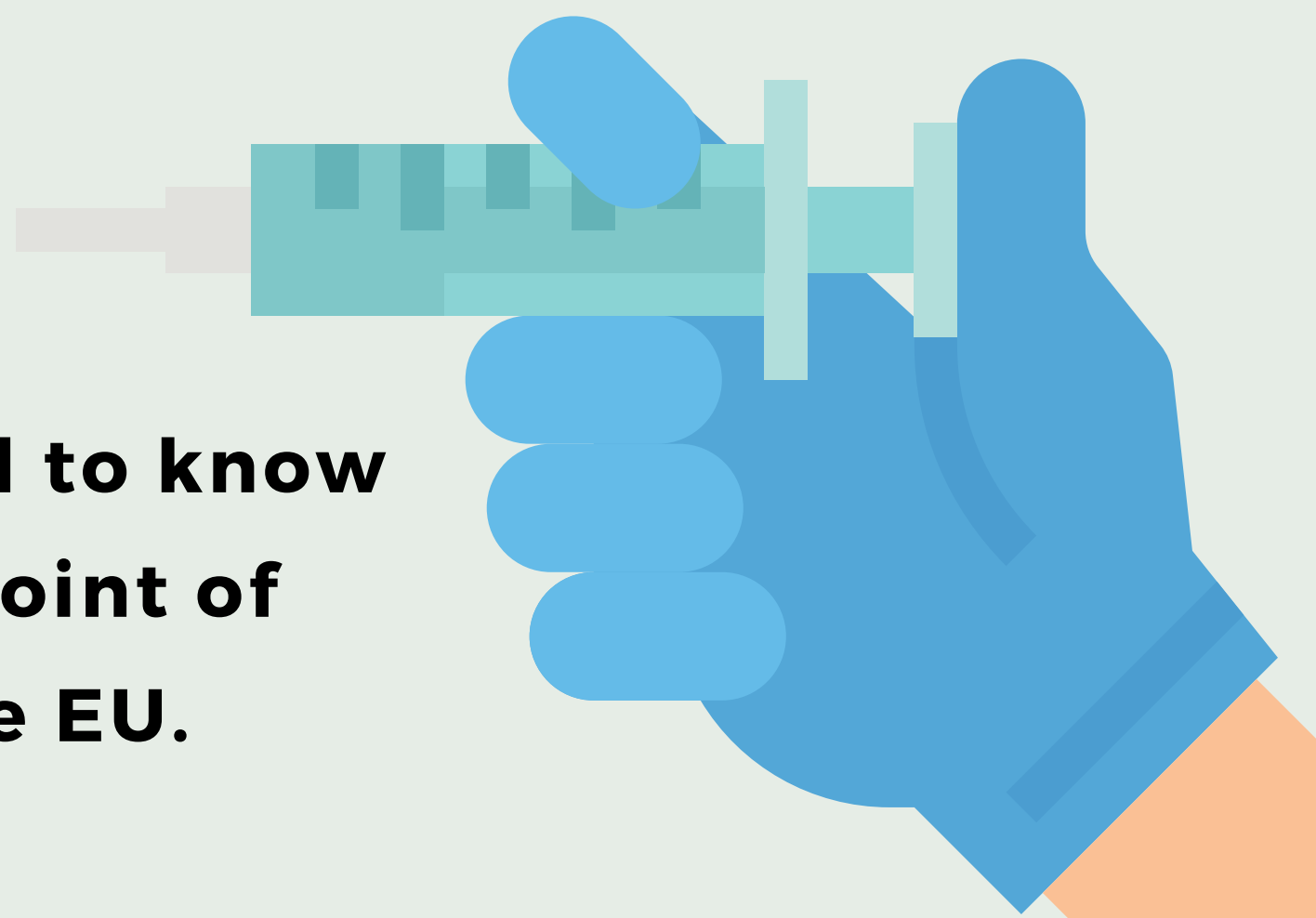
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OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR PETS TO TRAVEL

All pets require the following;

- A microchip with up to date information
- A valid rabies vaccination (must be done at least 4 weeks before travelling)
- An AHC, unless you have a pet passport issued in an EU country or Northern Ireland. The EU passport **MUST** be up to date and cannot be updated in GB.
- Tapeworm treatment for dogs if you're travelling directly to Finland, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Norway or Malta

**Your vet will need to know
your planned point of
entry into the EU.**

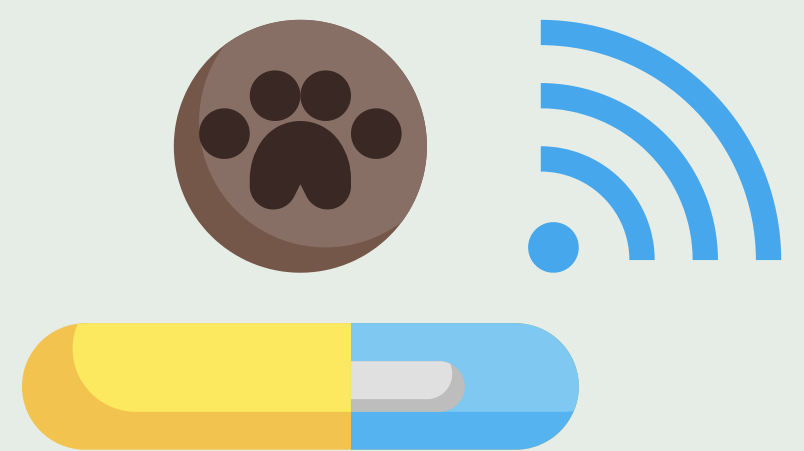


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REQUIREMENTS FOR PETS TO ENTER OR RETURN TO THE UK

All pets require the following;

- A microchip with up to date information
- A valid rabies vaccination (must be done at least 4 weeks before travelling)
- An approved tapeworm treatment for dogs (praziquantel or equivalent), no less than 24 hours and no more than 120 hours before entering.



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- An AHC issued in the GB used to travel to the EU – which you can use to re-enter GB for up to 4 months after it was issued.

OR

- An EU passport issued in the EU or a pet passport from another part 1 listed third country.

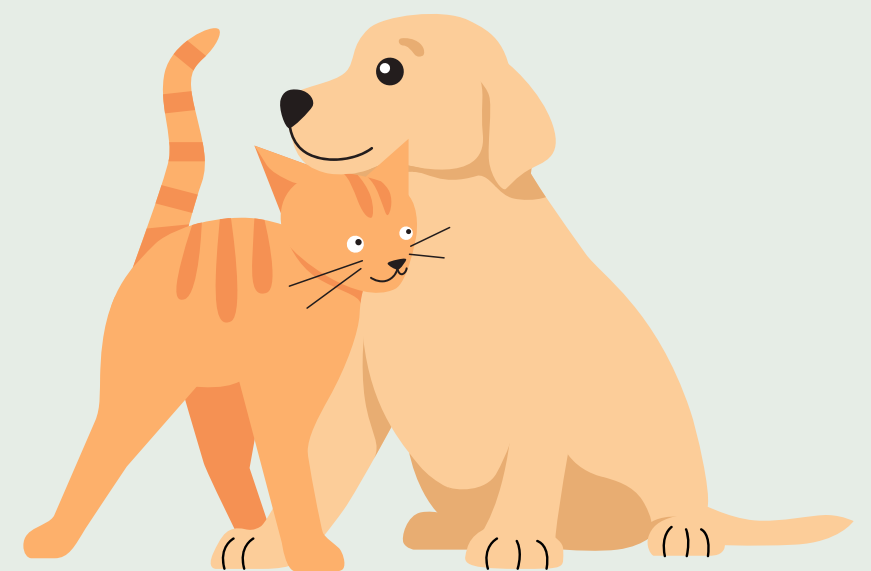
OR

- A GB pet health certificate (for travel into GB only).

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POINTS TO NOTE

- To be considered pets, animals must be travelling for non-commercial reasons. Up to 5 pets can be travelled by the same owner on an AHC, If travelling more than this or for commercial purposes, an EHC (export health certificate) will be needed (there are some exceptions for competitions so contact us if this is the case).
- An AHC can only be used for pet dogs, cats and ferrets excluding F1 hybrids, such as F1 Bengal's, Savannah cats and Wolf dogs.
- A certified copy of the rabies vaccination details, and an owner's declaration must be attached to the AHC to confirm rabies status and the non-commercial nature of the travel.
- These requirements also apply to assistance dogs.
- You do not need to treat your dog for tapeworm, if you are travelling to the UK directly from Finland, Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland, Norway or Malta.



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- You must travel using approved routes, as your pet's documents and microchip will be checked when entering GB.
- 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.
- Any pet travelling on an EU passport **CANNOT** have their passport updated in the UK if they are due. They must be updated in a country within the EU.



**CHECK THE RULES OF THE COUNTRY YOU
ARE TRAVELLING TO FOR ANY FURTHER
REQUIREMENTS OR RESTRICTIONS**



For any further information regarding travel, please visit the gov.uk website via the link below;

www.gov.uk/guidance/pet-travel-to-and-from-great-britain

You can also contact the Pet Travel Scheme helpline

0370 241 1710 | pettravel@apha.gov.uk

Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5pm (closed on bank holidays)



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HOW TO BOOK IN

It is important to give us as much notice as possible when planning to travel with your pet. Please download our questionnaire and return it to us in order to start the process of preparing your documentation. This form can be downloaded from our website here: www.abbeyvets.co.uk/what-we-offer/travelling-abroad

Once we have received this completed form, you will initially be booked in for a telephone consult with a vet, roughly 3 weeks prior to travel in order to confirm your travel details. We will also book your AHC appointment for within 10 days of travel. Please allow 30 minutes for the final AHC appointment.

For non-urgent enquiries, please email us; vets@abbeyvets.co.uk

For urgent enquiries, please call us on:

01873 852391

Prices (correct as of July 2024)

AHC (first pet):	£250.00
Additional pets:	£115.00
Rabies Vaccination:	£95.00
Tapewormer:	from £5.52

