



Travel certificate requirements for pets

For detailed information regarding travelling outside of the UK with your pet, please refer to the government website: [Taking your pet dog, cat or ferret abroad](#)

We are happy to help and advise, however, it is ultimately the owner's responsibility to ensure you have the correct documentation to travel to your chosen destination.

The most common certification required is an Animal Health Certificate (AHC).

This is supplied and completed by the practice using the details supplied by you in the information request form. To be eligible for an AHC, the following criteria must be fulfilled:

- Travelling to an EU, or other eligible country (see government website for list)
- Your pet must not be intended for sale or transfer of ownership (a different certificate is needed for travel for commercial purposes)
- Your pet must be microchipped
- Your pet must have a valid rabies vaccination (given a minimum of 21 days prior to travel, with re-entry to the UK before the date of expiry)
- Your pet must be at least 12 weeks old to have a rabies vaccine (and therefore they will be a minimum of 15 weeks old before they will be able to travel)
- Your pet must be travelling within 5 days of the owner, or a person authorised to represent them

An AHC is valid for onward travel within the EU and other authorised countries for 4 months after the date it was issued.

Before returning to the UK, you will have to take your pet to a vet in the country you are leaving to be treated for tapeworms and sign the appropriate part of the AHC. This must be done between 24 -120 hours prior to re-entry into the UK.

If you are planning on travelling to a country outside the EU (or other eligible countries), you will need an export health certificate. Please see the government website for further details.

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Useful Links

<https://www.gov.uk/taking-your-pet-abroad>

AHC information request form

To enable us to prepare an Animal Health Certificate for your pet to travel into the EU, we will need the following information, at least 1 week in advance as your appointment.

Name of owner (as stated on passport) - please ensure that this is the name of whomever will be coming in to sign the AHC on the day of issue:

Address:

Telephone number UK & contact number whilst travelling (usually mobile):

Date of entry to the EU (AHC must be issued within 10 days of this date):

The country that you will first arrive in from the UK:

Final country that you will return to the UK from:

Will the pet(s) be returning to the UK within 120 days of departure?

Yes No

Name or courier or person transporting pet, if not travelling with the owner

Mode of travel (i.e. car, ferry, air)

Rabies vaccine given by Newton-Clarke vets

Yes No (see below)

If this practice did not administer the last rabies vaccination, we will need access to the previous veterinary records detailing the date, manufacturer, and batch number and confirming that the microchip was checked before administration.

Please note

- an AHC is only valid for animals that are not intended for sale or transfer of ownership.
- The owner, or someone appointed by them, must travel within 5 days of the pet

You will be asked to sign a declaration confirming the above

If someone other than the owner is travelling with the pet, we will need to see written authorisation from the owner.