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INFORMATION ON TRAVELLING WITH PET ANIMALS TO EU AND NORTHERN IRELAND

From the 1st of January 2021, previously used UK issued pet passports are no longer valid for travel between the UK and the EU and Northern Ireland.

People wishing to travel with pets must now do so with an **ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE** or **AHC**. An AHC must be issued within 10 days of the date of entry into the EU or NI and is valid for 4 months of onward travel, and for re-entry into the UK within 4 months. AHC can be provided to you under the following conditions

- Your pet is a DOG, CAT or FERRET
- Your pet is identified by a microchip or tattoo
- Your pet has received a rabies vaccination at least 21 days before travel
- Your pet is at least 12 weeks old at the time of rabies vaccination (15 weeks old at the time of travel)
- You are travelling with your pet for recreational purposes, at no point during or after the travel will the pet transfer ownership to another person
- You will travel with your pet, or, where your pet is travelling with a courier company, you will travel within 5 days of your pet travelling.

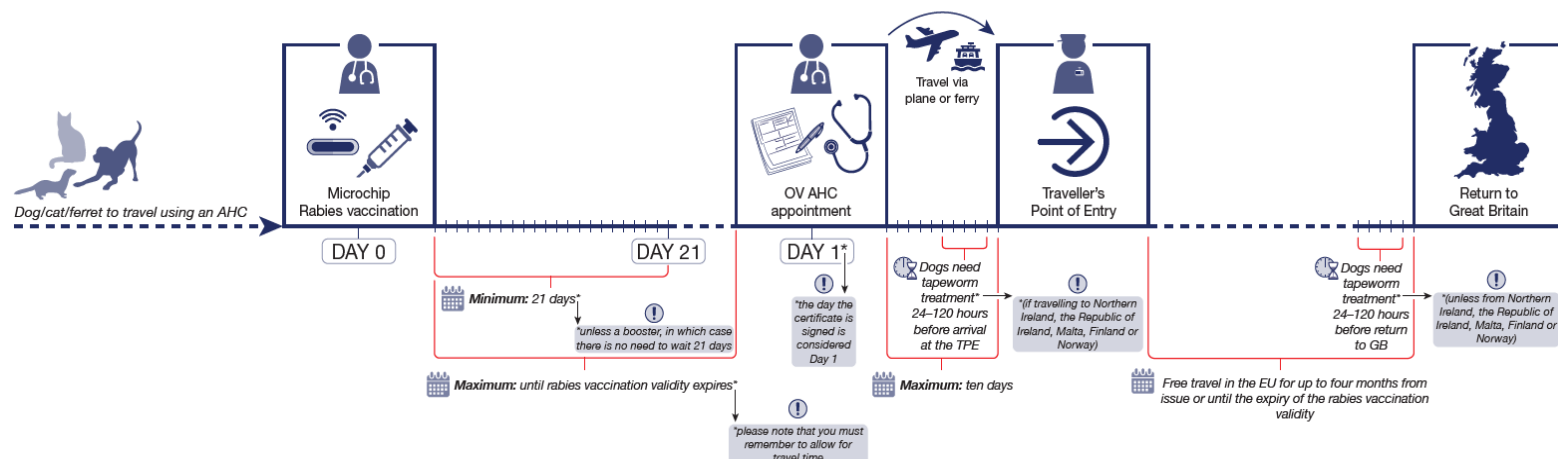
Up to 5 pets can be represented under one Animal Health Certificate.

Certain special circumstances exist for travelling with animals under 15 weeks old, and for travelling with more than 5 animals. Please speak to a veterinary surgeon about these circumstances.

Pets travelling to Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, Malta, Finland and Norway, must receive a tapeworm treatment between 24 and 120 hrs before travelling.

All animals must receive a tapeworm treatment between 24 and 120 hrs before re-entering the UK, unless returning from tapeworm free countries (Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, Malta, Finland and Norway)

EXAMPLE TRAVEL TIMELINE:





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FURTHER INFORMATION

Once you have finalised your travel plans and all of the required elements are in place (Microchip/rabies vaccination etc), We will ask that you fill out and sign an **ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE QUESTIONNAIRE**, and will make an appointment for you to check and sign the document, which must be within 10 days of the date of travel. In order to give enough time to generate the document we ask that you return the document at least **10 WORKING DAYS** prior to your appointment.

Once you have completed and returned this document, we will make up the animal health certificate with the information you have provided, please make sure this information is correct. Failure to provide the correct information on the questionnaire will result in a delay in provision of your documents (which may prevent your pet from travelling) and, in some cases, the need to generate a new certificate, for which there will be an additional fee.

Animal health certificates are 10-page documents which require meticulous preparation by our veterinary professionals, in order to prevent errors which may result in your pet being quarantined by border control. The fee for generating these documents reflects the time and effort required.

Animals that do not meet the requirements to travel under an **ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE** (e.g. Animals travelling with intended transfer of ownership, more than 5 animals travelling to (except to attend a show), animals travelling for commercial purposes, animals travelling more than 5 days before or after the owner is travelling, must travel with an **EXPORT HEALTH CERTIFICATE**.

Animals travelling under an AHC must enter the EU or NI via an approved **TRAVELERS POINT OF ENTRY** (TPE). A list of these can be found [at https://food.ec.europa.eu/animals/movement-pets/travellers-points-entry_en](https://food.ec.europa.eu/animals/movement-pets/travellers-points-entry_en)

AHC cannot be issued to Hybrids of cats or dogs, such as F1 Savannah or Bengal cats, or dogs crossed with wolf species. Other crossbreeds of these species (NOT F1) with domestic cats can travel under and AHC, but it is at the discretion of the certifying vet, and recommended that the owner travel with the pedigree as proof of the animals breeding.

Clients that travel regularly to the EU or NI and have a permanent address within the EU or NI may wish to consider apply to their veterinary surgeon in their country of residence for an EU pet passport. Old style blue EU pet passports are still valid for travel from the UK to the EU and NI and back into the UK. However, it is no longer possible for UK veterinary surgeons to make any changes to an EU passport (except regarding clinical examinations or pre-travel tapeworm treatments). The passport must be issued and the rabies vaccination certified by a qualified veterinary surgeon in the EU or NI.

Where the pet is travelling with someone other than the stated owner of the animal e.g. 3rd party, friend or pet courier company, it is advised that the owner write a written declaration giving their permission for this 3rd party to be travelling with the animal. Under these circumstances it is then acceptable that the owner signs the declaration on the Animal health certificate.

Further information on pet travel can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-rules-for-pet-travel-from-1-january-2021>