

## Animal Health Certificates

Since 1st January 2021 pet passports issued in Great Britain are no longer valid for travelling to the EU with your pet.

If you are planning to travel with your dog, cat or ferret to the EU or Northern Ireland from England, Scotland or Wales, you will now have to get an Animal Health Certificate (AHC) no more than 10 days before you depart. Up to 5 pets can be added to a certificate.

An Animal Health Certificate is a document that must be completed and certified by an Official Veterinarian (OV) who has been approved by the APHA (Animal and Plant Health Agency).

Animal Health Certificate can only be issued to pets who have been:

- microchipped.
- had a rabies vaccination at least 21 days before the Animal Health Certificate appointment (unless it is a booster vaccination).

If you are travelling with a dog to Northern Ireland, Ireland, Norway, Finland or Malta, they will also need tapeworm treatment between 24 and 120 hours before you **enter** into these countries. This will need to be certified by a vet on your Animal Health Certificate.

Please contact [ahc.evergreenvets@gmail.com](mailto:ahc.evergreenvets@gmail.com) and we will send you a pre-appointment form for you to complete. If your pet needs a rabies vaccination you will be offered an appointment for the vaccination.

As part of the pre-appointment form, you will be asked to enter your pet's details and some travel information. If your pet wasn't vaccinated for Rabies at Evergreen we will need to see their vaccination certificate. A photograph of this can be emailed and you will need to bring the original document to the AHC consultation.

Once we receive the completed form back we will book your AHC appointment with the vet

Pets must enter the EU via a designated Travellers' Point of Entry (TPE).  
See List of TPEs

[Travellers' points of entry \(europa.eu\)](http://europa.eu)

Once your Animal Health Certificate is issued you cannot change the country of entry through which you are entering Europe.

Animal Health Certificates are valid for entry into the EU for 10 days from the date of issue (date of issue is day 0).

They are valid for **one trip only** - if you exit the EU boundary, you will need a new Animal Health Certificate in order to enter again.

Once inside the EU, the Animal Health Certificate can be used for ongoing travel within the EU for up to four months from the **date of issue** of the Animal Health Certificate **OR** until the date of expiry of the rabies vaccination – whichever comes first.

Tapeworm rules apply for pet **dogs** only.

### **Leaving the UK**

Tapeworm treatment is only required if you are travelling from the UK directly to **Northern Ireland, The Republic of Ireland, Malta, Finland or Norway**. This must be administered by a veterinary surgeon within 24 and 120 hours of the time you enter these countries, and the vet must record this information in Section II of your Animal Health Certificate. It is not a requirement for the vet to be an OV to administer tapeworm treatment.

### **Returning to the UK**

Each time you return to the UK, tapeworm must be administered by a veterinary surgeon within 24 and 120 hours of the time you re-enter the UK. The vet must record this information in Section II of your Animal Health Certificate. This does not apply if you are travelling back directly from Northern Ireland, Ireland, Malta, Finland or Norway.

Please note, as the exporter it is your responsibility to check that your travel arrangements are correct. Please see the following websites for more information:

<https://www.gov.uk/bring-pet-to-great-britain>

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