

Outbound – Pet travel (non-commercial movement of pets under the EU pet travel scheme)

Requirements

1. UK is an unlisted country

Pets from the UK will **only** be able to enter the EU at Travellers Points of Entry (TPE)

Fulfil a range of requirements including effective vaccination, blood test (for rabies) antibody TITRE and obtain an Animal health certificate for each journey. Dogs travelling to EU listed tapeworm-free countries (Ireland, Finland and Malta) require tapeworm treatment before travel.

2. UK becomes a Part 2 listed country

Pets from the UK will **only** be able to enter the EU at Travellers Points of Entry (TPE)

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3. UK becomes a Part 1 listed country

Less onerous health preparations making entry to the EU easier and cheaper for pet owners. Dogs travelling to EU listed tapeworm-free countries (Ireland, Finland and Malta) require tapeworm treatment before travel.

WHEN?

Tests must be carried out by an official vet (OV) at least 30 days after rabies vaccination (initial or booster)

If first test successful, pet must wait a 3 calendar month period to ensure no rabies symptoms develop

OV issues an Animal health certificate, valid for 10 days and for 4 months of onward travel in the EU.

Dogs have tapeworm treatment 24-120 hours before arriving in tapeworm free country.

UK listed

Vaccination against rabies minimum of 30 days prior to travel. Dogs have tapeworm treatment 24-120 hours before arriving in tapeworm free country.

WHY DO THESE REQUIREMENTS NEED TO BE MET?

To allow travellers to enter EU member states with their pets (dogs, cats or ferrets)

WHAT HAPPENS IF THESE REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT MET?

Owner cannot take their pet into the EU

HOW SHOULD/COULD THESE REQUIREMENTS BE MET?

1. Timely vaccinations and tests where applicable before travel

WHERE TO FIND MORE INFORMATION

Pet Travel Brexit Guidance - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/taking-your-pet-abroad-if-theres-no-brexite-deal>

Further information - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pet-travel-declaration-for-the-non-commercial-movement-of-animals> - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pet-travel-approved-air-sea-rail-and-charter-routes-for-the-movement-of-pets>

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