

Pet Passports

European Union

Pet passports were introduced to allow you to return your pet to the UK, after having been abroad within the EU, without the need for 6 months quarantine.

Your pet must be:

- Microchipped
- Vaccinated (*after* the microchip has been placed) against rabies.
If your pet has been previously vaccinated against rabies but did not have a microchip, the vaccination must be repeated
- Issued with an EU passport
- Given tapeworm treatment (dogs only) by a vet, not less than 24hrs and not more than 120hrs (1-5days) before its scheduled arrival into the UK

Your pet may enter or re-enter the UK only after 21 days have elapsed since the rabies vaccination was given.

There is no longer a mandatory requirement to treat for ticks. We do however still strongly recommend doing this, in order to protect your dog and yourself.

Other Countries

Entry rules from non-EU European countries and countries from other continents will differ. Please contact Animal Health (Defra) via the Pet Passport Helpline on 0370 241 1710, via their website at <https://www.gov.uk/take-pet-abroad> or by email at pettravel@ahvla.gsi.gov.uk if you need advice regarding these.

We are not an official source of advice or information on the entry requirements of any other country and you are advised to obtain information from Animal Health.

Animal Health is the definitive source for rules and regulations which can be obtained from their website or from the Pet Travel Scheme Helpline. This is also the best source of information about the various entry requirements for all other countries and information on import and export

You are strongly advised to access this information before obtaining a pet passport, travelling abroad with your pet or contemplating Export or Import of any companion animal.