

New Pet Travelling Rules to the EU from 1st January, 2021

Are you planning to travel with your pet in the near future?

As of 1st January, 2021 the rules for Pet travel have changed!!

We have now been informed by the government that the UK will have 'Part 2' listed status. This means that from 01/01/2021 all existing UK Pet Passports will **NO LONGER BE VALID**.

If you wish to travel with your cat, dog or ferret, you need to apply for an Animal Health Certificate (AHC) which is valid for a limited period only and will only be issued by a Vet registered as an Official Veterinarian.

These certificates:

- ✓ Cannot be issued to you more than 10 days before you travel
- ✓ Can only be used for a single trip for entry to the EU or Northern Ireland and they cannot be reused
- ✓ Can be used for onward travel within the EU for 4 months after the date of issue

Rabies vaccinations are still mandatory but Travel is not permitted until 21 days AFTER a rabies vaccination and animals under 12 weeks are no longer permitted to be exported.

Regarding vaccinations, worming treatments and microchipping, the requirements stay the same:

- Your pet must be microchipped
- Your pet must have a valid rabies vaccination
- Tapeworm treatment requirements will vary according to the country you are travelling to

Regarding pets entering Great Britain from the EU or Northern Ireland from 1st January, there will be no change to the current health preparations or documents.

For more detailed information on pets travelling after 1st January, 2021 please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/pet-travel-to-europe-from-1-january-2021>

If you are planning to travel with your pet in 2021, we are here to help and we strongly advise to allow plenty of time for the necessary preparation.