

Travelling to Europe with Your Dog?

Northern Ireland Update Included

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Travel to the EU

with your Furry Friend

Our Timeline to Step by Step Hassle Free EU Pet Travel

When	Task	Information
As soon as you get your dog.	Microchip- Ensure your pet is microchipped and you record the number.	Microchip comes before their Rabies Vaccination. You must have a recorded vet certificate of this number.
At least 22 days before travel (After your pup is 12 weeks old).	Rabies Vaccination	<p>After their first vaccination, dogs will need regular boosters of this. As long as you don't leave a gap, you won't have to wait to travel after the booster. The following must be recorded by the vet when having this vaccination:</p> <p>Your pet's date of birth, microchip number, date it was put in or read, and where it is on your pet's body.</p> <p>The Rabies vaccination date, vaccine manufacturer and product name, for example Nobivac.</p> <p>Vaccine batch number</p> <p>Date the vaccination is valid until</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The vet's signature and contact details
As soon as you know your travel dates.	Book with an appointment with an 'Official Veterinarian' to get your AHC Certificate	Don't just assume this will be your regular vet- it often isn't and if it is then they may charge more than you are expecting. You will need to provide this vet with evidence of the above. We use Abbey Well Vets in Folkestone if using Le Shuttle. (Check with your entry boarder about pg 8 requirements).
Within the 10 day window before Travel	Obtain you AHC and travel.	Your certificate is valid for travel 10 days from the date of issue so don't collect too early. Your dog will need to be scanned to get this and the microchip number must match when scanned at the boarder of entry. You can then stay in the EU for 4 months as long as you reenter before the 4 months deadline.
5 days (120hrs)- 1 day before travel	Schedule an appointment for Tape Worm Treatment with your vet and record on the AHC.	<p>Only required if traveling to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finland Ireland Malta Northern Ireland Norway

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Start your Journey to become
A Travel Loving Dog Mum

Travel back to UK with your Furry Friend

Our Timeline to Step by Step Hassle Free UK (Re) Entry with you Pet

When	Task	Information
Within 4 months of entry	Plan to Travel back to the UK brining you AHC with you.	As before your AHC must contain: <ul style="list-style-type: none">The AHC must contain: your pet's date of birth microchip number, date it was put in or read, and where it is on your pet's body

to the UK.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Rabies, vaccination date, vaccine manufacturer and product name, for example Nobivac • Vaccine batch number • Date the vaccination is valid until • The vet's signature and contact details
As soon as you know your return travel dates.	Schedule a local vets appointment in a country close to the boarder for the Tape Worm Treatment.	<p>The Treatment must contain: praziquantel or an equivalent proven to be effective against the Echinococcus multilocularis tapeworm.</p> <p>Often vets on lists you find online charge more. We always look for village vets and email beforehand to book an appointment. It is much cheaper and we've found some wonderful vets this way.</p>
5 Days- 24hours before travel	Attend your vet appointment for Tape Worm Treatment	<p>Ensure the vet signs pg4 of the AHC including the following before you leave:</p> <p>Time & Date of vaccination</p> <p>Brand & Batch Number</p> <p>Stamp & Signature of the vet as well as their credentials.</p> <p><small>*You do not need to treat your dog for tapeworm if you're coming directly to Great Britain from Finland, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Malta or Norway.</small></p>
At least 24 hours - 120 hrs after the recorded working treatment	Make your way to the boarder with the AHC.	Your pets microchip will be scanned and their AHC checked.

2025 News

Pet passports are being reintroduced, which will make it easier for people to bring their cats and dogs into the EU.

This will eliminate the need for animal health certificates for every trip. There is no further news or dates yet.

Northern Ireland

- The new Pet Travel Document (PTD) will be in place for the dog's lifetime.
- Dog users who are travelling from Great Britain to Northern Ireland can now apply for a free pet travel document that's quick and easy to get online, and will last the pet's lifetime.
- The pet must be microchipped and the owner must sign a form saying the animal will not be brought into the Republic of Ireland.
- Rabies Vaccination Requirement is no longer needed.
- Northern Ireland residents returning home from Great Britain do not require the travel document but their pet must be microchipped.

To get one visit this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-northern-ireland-pet-travel-document>

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