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Traveling to the UNITED KINGDOM with pets



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Important Information:

When travelling with your pet(s), there may be animal health requirements specific for that destination. As soon as you know your travel details, contact your local veterinarian to assist with the pet travel process. Factors to consider may include meeting time frames for obtaining a health certificate, updating vaccinations, microchipping, diagnostic testing, or administration of medications/ treatments.

Other factors to consider while traveling:

Breed restrictions, Age restriction, Appropriate kennel size, Airline requirements, Pre-notification and/or consulate approval to specific country, On-base housing pet requirements/ restrictions, etc.

Remember...

- ◆ *It is the responsibility of the pet owner to make sure their pet has met the requirements of the destination country.*
- ◆ *Failure to meet the requirements may result in problems gaining certificate endorsement or difficulties upon arrival in the destination country.*
- ◆ *Health certificates must be legible, accurate, and complete.*

Helpful Resources:

For the most up to date information on pet travel to the UNITED KINGDOM please visit the following websites:

⇒ <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/pet-travel>

⇒ <https://www.gov.uk/control-dog-public/banned-dogs>



If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your local veterinary treatment facility. Thank you in advance for your attention to and assistance with this matter.

DISCLAIMER:

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UNITED KINGDOM Summary Sheet:

1. Microchip

- Microchipped PRIOR to primary rabies vaccine (ANY rabies vaccination given before microchip implantation is considered by the UK to be invalid).
- Pets MUST travel to the UK with the microchip number included on every rabies vaccination certificate. Rabies vaccination certificates without the microchip number included may result in the pet being held in quarantine upon arrival in the UK at the owner's expense.
- Should be 15-digit ISO compatible.

2. Rabies Vaccine

- Rabies vaccine must not expire before entering the UK. Pets may be subjected to revaccination for rabies if booster is given within its validation and a 21 day quarantine period upon arrival in the UK at the owner's expense.
- After a *primary rabies vaccination, the pet must wait 21 days before it is eligible to enter the EU. (Applies only to pets over 16 weeks of age that have just received a primary rabies vaccination) [*Primary rabies vaccination: It is the first vaccination given at the same time or after microchip implantation OR It is given after the previous rabies vaccination expired]
- Pets less than 12 weeks old that have not been vaccinated for rabies as well as pets 12-16 weeks old that were vaccinated for rabies less than 21 days prior to arrival in the UK are NOT eligible for entry into the UK and may be refused entry or quarantined upon arrival at the owner's expense.

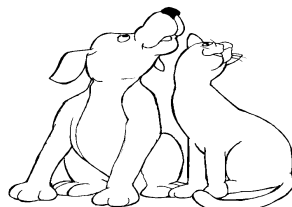
3. Additional Treatments:

- DOGS ONLY:** Internal parasite tapeworm treatment: administer medicine effective against tapeworms (specifically *Echinococcus multilocularis*) between 24 and 120 hours (1 and 5 days) before entering the EU.

4. Veterinary Health Certificate Appointment

- Schedule appointment as early as possible to ensure availability for health certificate appointments.
- If the owner traveling on the same plane as the pet OR owner travels within 5 days before or after the pet: Certificate must be issued within 10 days of entering the UK
- If a designated person* traveling on the same plane as the pet OR designated person travels within 5 days before or after the pet: Certificate must be issued within 10 days of entering the UK [*Designated person: a family member, friend, or other person authorized by the owner to travel with pet]
- If neither the owner nor a designated person is traveling within 5 days of the pet: Certificate must be issued within 48 hours of departing the U.S.
- Name, address, phone number of owner/shipper/recipient MUST match travel orders exactly, unless pet is being shipped separately. If different, power of attorney must be presented with travel orders.
- For the owner/recipient name, each and every person that might possibly pick up pet at the airport MUST BE LISTED.

NOTICE: The UK has a prohibited dog breeds list (website listed under helpful resources)



NOTE: Airlines may have separate and additional requirements. Check with your airline to determine what requirements they may have, if any.



Basic pet travel checklist: UNITED KINGDOM

Vaccines & Treatments?

- Rabies current and/or given prior to arrival
- Additional tapeworm parasite treatment

Microchip?

- ISO compliant 15 digits
- Prior to rabies vaccine

Health Certificate? (2 copies)

- Issued within 5-10 days of travel
- EU pet passport OR EU trilingual health certificate
- Original rabies certificates
- Appropriate health certificate with correct persons listed for pet transport
- Acclimation memo
- USDA accredited signatures and stamps

Questions I may have for my vet:

