

**UPDATE FOR PET PASSPORT HOLDERS - CHANGES
TO THE PETS SCHEME FROM 1ST JANUARY 2021
(AFTER DEPARTURE FROM THE EU)
DECEMBER UPDATE**



From 1 January 2021, pet passports will no longer be valid for travel to the EU from the UK. Official Animal Health Certificates (AHC) will be required for dogs, cats and ferrets. We will be issuing these to owners travelling with their pet to the EU from 1 January 2021.

Owners may travel back to the UK with UK or EU issued passports while they are still valid.

Your pet must:

Have a functioning microchip or tattoo

Have an up to date rabies vaccination or a new rabies vaccination at least 21 days before travel

Enter the EU via a designated Traveller's Point of Entry

(https://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/pet-movement/eu-legislation/non-commercial-non-eu/tpe_en)

Have an Animal Health Certificate written in the official language of the country of entry into the EU

Receive treatment against Echinococcus (a tapeworm) 24-120 hours before returning to Great Britain. Finland, ROA, Northern Ireland, Norway and Malts have an extra requirement for the pet to receive a tapeworm treatment BEFORE departure from the UK.)

The Animal Health certificate is:

- Valid for ten days from the date of issue
- Valid for a single trip into the EU
- Valid for onward travel within the EU for four months
- Valid for re-entry to Great Britain for four months after the date of issue

Please call us to discuss your travel plans at least one month before departure to ensure your pet is prepared for travel.

The best place to check for the most up to date information is on the government website: www.gov.uk/guidance/pet-travel-to-europe-after-brexit

For UK nationals living in the EU, wanting to travel around the EU with a UK issued pet passport, please see this link to ensure compliance https://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/pet-movement_en

Further information can also be found <https://www.gov.uk/topic/animal-welfare/pets>

If you have any queries please contact the Practice or email ernest@armstrongvets.com and we will endeavour to help.

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