

After the 1st January 2021, for the purposes of taking your pet with you to Europe, the United Kingdom will be considered as a third country with 'Part 2 listed status'. Here's an explanation of what this means for taking Dogs, Cats or Ferrets abroad on holiday:-

- Current Pet Passports will no longer be valid
- Animals will need to be issued with an Animal Health Certificate (AHC) within 10 days of travel
- AHCs are valid for a single entry into the EU and for up to 6 months onward travel
- Re-entry to the UK has to be within 6 months of entry to the EU
- Animals have to be vaccinated against rabies at least 21 days before entry to the EU
- Animals have to be at least 15 weeks old
- Dogs have to receive tapeworm treatment 1-5 days before re-entry to the UK and if travelling to Finland, Norway or Ireland.
- We advise that dogs receive another tapeworm treatment within 30 days of returning to the UK as well.
- Animals that originate from outside the UK or EU will need to have a blood test to show they have antibodies taken at least 3 months before travel
- The purpose of the trip must not be to sell the animal or transfer ownership
- If you are not travelling with your animal you must authorise a person or carrier to travel with them and the animal must accompany you or the authorised person within 5 days.
- A maximum of 5 animals can travel together with one owner/authorised person
- An AHC for a single animal will cost £200 payable at time of booking. This is non-refundable if the paperwork has been completed.
- There will be an additional charge of £90 per additional animal.
- Short Notice AHC i.e less than 3 weeks will have an additional surcharge of £100
- If you are selling your animal or travelling outside of the EU, then an Export Health Certificate is required which has to be applied for through the Animal Health and Plant Agency (APHA).

If you are planning to take your Pet abroad we will require a minimum of 3 weeks to prepare the AHC. The information we will require from you to complete the AHC is:-

- Your full name and address
- The country through which you will enter the EU
- The address of your first destination in the EU
- Details of your animals' rabies vaccination, microchip number, breed, sex, date of birth and colour
- If another person or carrier is taking your pet for you, a written declaration from you giving that person authority, is required
- Evidence of the animal travelling with you or within 5 days of your travel- eg train, ferry or flight tickets

Remember, always discuss your travel plans and check what you need with your pet export company. Always check on the government website for the most up to date information.

Please see the below checklist from the APHA regarding bringing your pet back to the UK

https://www.improve-ov.com/instructions/instructions-file.php?unique_id=677f9ffdd9d0f&file_type=Form&action=view