



Advice on Animal Health Certificates

- Pet Passports are no longer valid
- Pets will now need an Animal Health Certificate instead.
- This needs to be issued in the 10 days before travel.
- It is valid for ONLY ONE TRIP – You will need a new one for every trip.
- It is valid for trips up to 4 months, but if you come back to the UK, you will need another certificate before you can leave again.
- Animals DO NOT need a Rabies Blood Test if they are travelling from UK to EU only, and back to UK.
- It is a 10 page form. You will need to book a double appointment. If you already have a passport, please bring it with you to the appointment as we will need to take information from that.
- Dogs travelling to Ireland, Northern Ireland, Malta and Finland also require worming treatment at least 24 hours and no more than 120 hours before travel.
- Animals now require a Rabies Vaccination and Animal Health Certificate to travel to Northern Ireland and Republic of Ireland.
- Pets must be at least 12 weeks old to have a Rabies Vaccination, and this must be at least 3 weeks before the Animal Health Certificate is issued.
- Re-vaccination(Nobivac) is due every 3 years. Timing is important; the vaccination need to be done on or before it is due, not a day late, otherwise there is a 3 week wait before you can travel again.
- If you are in any doubt, contact the PETS Helpline on 03702411710, or visit www.gov.uk/take-pet-abroad.
- Please note if you have a European Passport or are able to obtain one, the rabies vaccination needs to be up to date and stamped in Europe.