

Henlow Veterinary Hospital

TRAVEL RULES

CURRENT RULES for travelling to an EU COUNTRY or NORTHERN IRELAND
from January 2021 with DOGS, CATS and FERRETS.

TRAVEL GUIDE

Please visit www.gov.uk/taking-your-pet-abroad before travelling to get the most up to date information on pet travel. This guide is to help you but must be read in conjunction with the government website.

This advice applies to less than 5 animals travelling, and for non commercial purposes only. You must fill in our attached questionnaire at least 48 hours in advance of your appointment, and make payment. Without this we will not be able to fill in your paperwork.

You can no longer use a pet passport issued in Great Britain (England, Wales and Scotland) for travel to an EU country or Northern Ireland. You can still use a pet passport issued in an EU country or Northern Ireland but only if the rabies vaccination was carried out in an EU country or Ireland.



HOW to get an Animal Health Certificate (AHC)

You can bring your pet to Henlow Veterinary Centre to get an animal health certificate.

This needs to be issued between 24 hours and 10 days of your entry into the EU. For pets travelling to countries requiring tapeworm treatment before travel please book your appointment within 1 and 5 days of travel.

WHEN TRAVELLING to an EU Country or Northern Ireland, your pet needs:

- A microchip
- A valid rabies vaccination given at least 21 days before first trip abroad.

Rabies vaccination can be carried out at Henlow Veterinary Centre- please book in if necessary. The cost is currently £70; this will be taken in advance. If you fail to turn up for your appointment or give less than 48 hours' notice of a change or cancellation this will not be refunded.

- An animal health certificate (unless you have a pet passport issued in an EU country or Northern Ireland)
- Tapeworm treatment for dogs if you're travelling directly to Finland, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Norway or Malta

Your pet will need a new animal health certificate for each trip to an EU country or Northern Ireland from Great Britain.

The certificate needs to be signed by an 'official veterinarian' (OV). At present the two OV's in the practice are Anna Marshall-Brown and Delia Bridge. Please ask for one of these vets when booking in. The AHC requires lots of time to fill in before and after your pet has been examined, with certified copies made and sent to the government, so please allow 45 minutes for your appointment; plus an extra 15 minutes per additional animal.

At present the cost is £175 for the first animal if a registered member of our practice; £200 if an Ampt Hill client; £250 if not registered at our practice. If you are travelling with more than one pet there is an additional £100 per pet. Tapeworm treatment (if required) is at an additional cost based on the size of your pet and must be given in the practice. The payment for an AHC will be taken in advance; this will be forfeited if you do not turn up for your appointment or fail to give us more than 48 hours' notice for a change in appointment.

When you visit HVC, you'll need to take proof of your pet's:

- Microchipping date
- Rabies vaccination history

Your pet's animal health certificate will be valid after the date of issue for:

- 10 days for entry into the EU or Northern Ireland
- 4 months for onward travel within the EU
- 4 months for re-entry to Great Britain

TAPEWORM Treatment for Dogs

Your dog must have a tapeworm treatment from a vet between 24 hours and 120 hours before re-entering the UK. This must be recorded in your AHC.

The treatment must:

- be approved for use in the country it's being given in
- contain praziquantel or an equivalent proven to be effective against the *Echinococcus multilocularis* tapeworm

For a short trip (less than 5 days), an OV at HVC can give this treatment before you go.

An OV at HVC must treat your dog for tapeworm and record it in the animal health certificate if you're travelling directly to:

- Finland • Ireland • Malta • Northern Ireland • Norway

For all of these situations please check the vet has put the following details in the 'Echinococcus treatment' section of your dog's pet animal health certificate:

- the name and manufacturer of the product
- the date and time they treated your dog
- their stamp and signature

