

# Checklist for bringing your pet dog, cat or ferret back into Great Britain after visiting an EU Country



**To return to Great Britain (England, Wales and Scotland) your pet must have:**

- Readable microchip.
- Valid rabies vaccination.
- Either: A valid animal health certificate, OR an accepted pet passport.
- For dogs only - tapeworm treatment, administered by a vet 24-120 hours prior to arriving in Great Britain.

You may be prevented from travelling with your pet if you do not have the correct pet health preparations or documentation.



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See overleaf for  
more details

# To ensure you have a smooth return to Great Britain and avoid delays at the border, make sure that your pet has the following:

Please speak to your local vet about ways to keep your pet safe and healthy when travelling.

If you need more information on pet travel requirements, please visit [www.gov.uk/bring-pet-to-great-britain](http://www.gov.uk/bring-pet-to-great-britain)



- ✓ A readable microchip.
  - Make sure you know the location of your pet's microchip, so it can be checked easily at the border.
  - The microchip implantation or reading date entered on the certificate or passport must be on or before the primary rabies vaccination date.
- ✓ A valid rabies vaccination.
  - Make sure your pet's anti-rabies vaccination is valid for the entirety of your travel period, including your return to Great Britain.
  - Great Britain vets can only input rabies vaccination details in pet passports that were issued in GB under EU law before 1 January 2021.
- ✓ A valid animal health certificate or an accepted pet passport\*.
  - When returning to Great Britain, you are responsible for confirming that the details in your official documents (your pet's health certificate or pet passport) have been entered correctly by the issuing vet.
  - Animal health certificates are only valid to return to Great Britain for up to 4 months from the date they were issued by your vet.
  - If you do not have a valid animal health certificate or pet passport, you can use a Great Britain pet health certificate.
  - \* For a full list of acceptable pet passports please see [gov.uk/bring-pet-to-great-britain/pet-passport](http://gov.uk/bring-pet-to-great-britain/pet-passport).
- ✓ For dogs only, a valid tapeworm treatment.
  - This must be administered by a vet. The treatment must be given between 24 to 120 hours **before** arriving back into Great Britain and **recorded in your official document**.
  - Your dog will not need a tapeworm treatment if you are coming directly from Finland, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Malta or Norway.
  - Short trips: tapeworm treatment can also be administered in Great Britain before you travel if you are returning to Great Britain within 5 days of the treatment.

## Remember:

- Are you (also) visiting any countries outside of the EU on your trip? There are different rules and documentation required for returning to Great Britain if you are travelling from a country outside of the EU ('part 2 listed') or a 'not listed' country, such as Turkey or Morocco. Check [gov.uk](http://gov.uk) for more information.
- If you are planning to import a new pet (including rescue pets) into Great Britain from abroad you must follow extra rules, called Balai rules. Check [gov.uk](http://gov.uk) for more information.