

Pet Travel Scheme

UK Approved ports for pet travel:

The following ports are approved for international pet arrivals in the UK. Please be aware that the opening times and required notice periods vary for each port, so please check with our operations team for further information on dutyops.uk@luxaviation.com Tel: +44 (0) 1708 688420.

Farnborough - Biggin Hill – London Stansted - Heathrow – Gatwick - London Oxford - Blackpool – Cambridge – Doncaster - Leeds Bradford - – Bristol – Glasgow – Edinburgh - Manchester.

It is the Clients responsibility to ensure all documents are correct. Under no circumstances will LEA accept liability for the failure of the clearance of pets, due to incorrect documentation.

EU pet travel scheme:

On 29th December 2014 changes were made to the pet travel scheme. Please see below details of the changes:

All dogs, cats and ferrets travelling with their owner will still require:

- Microchipping
- Vaccination against rabies
- A blood test 30 days after vaccination (if returning or travelling from an unlisted third country)
- A pet passport issued by an authorised vet (or third country certificate issued by an official vet)
- A waiting period after primary vaccination and prior to travel: o 21 days if travelling from another

EU country or a listed third country

- A waiting period following blood sampling of 3 months if travelling from for unlisted third countries
- Treatment against the EM tapeworm (dogs only). This treatment need to be complete within 120hrs of your arrival in the UK and must be clearly documented on the relevant section of the pet passport(s). There are exceptions to some of these preparations in certain circumstances.

If you are planning to travel with your pet you must read the detailed guidance at: www.gov.uk/pet-travelinformation-for-pet-owners.

The key changes affecting pet owners are outlined below:

The introduction of checks across the EU: If you travel with your pet in the EU you may be asked for your pet's passport when entering other countries. This is because all EU countries are required to carry out some checks on pet movements within the EU. You must make sure that your pet is fully compliant with the rules of the EU pet travel scheme before you leave the UK. In particular, you must wait 21 days from the date of your pet's primary rabies vaccination before you travel (the day of vaccination counts as day 0 not day 1). Your vet can advise you on this point. If you have a new style pet passport they will put a 'valid from' date in the primary vaccination entry; this will be the earliest date you can travel.

New pet passport: A new style pet passport will be introduced from 29 December 2014. However if you already have a passport for your pet you do not need to get a new one. Existing passports will remain valid for the lifetime of the pet (or until all the treatment spaces are filled). The new style passport will include laminated strips designed to cover those pages with the pet's details, microchip

information and each rabies vaccination entry. This will help prevent anyone tampering with this information once it has been completed by a vet. The vet issuing the pet passport will also need to fill in their details on a new 'Issuing of the passport' page and must make sure that all their contact details are included when they certify vaccinations and treatments. The UK pet passport will also now include a unique passport number printed on every page. These changes will improve the traceability and security of the pet passport and enable us to contact the vet who issued the passport if anything goes wrong.

3. A new minimum age for rabies vaccination: From 29 December 2014 your pet must be at least 12 weeks old before you can get it vaccinated against rabies for the purposes of pet travel. These rules will be the same across the EU and help pet checkers carry out compliance checks. It will also prevent very young pets being moved across the EU. 3

4. New rules for those travelling with more than five pets: If you have more than five pets and wish to travel with them within the EU and/or return to the UK (unless you are going to a show or competition) you will need to comply with additional rules. These include:

- travelling from a registered premises
- using an authorised transporter and
- registering the movement on the TRACES system

If you are travelling from outside the EU you will also need to enter through a Border Inspection Post. Shows and competitions If you are travelling with more than five pets (aged over six months) and can present written evidence that they are registered to attend a show, competition or sporting event (or training for such an event) you do not need to comply with these extra rules and can continue to travel under the EU pet travel scheme. The evidence you provide will need to show at least the name of the event, together with the address and date(s) it is taking place. You may also be asked to sign a declaration confirming that you are eligible to make use of this exemption. This requirement may change – we're consulting on some of these details – so you should check the website for up to date information before you travel.

5. Requirements for pets entering the UK/EU: If you are entering the UK (or another EU country) and your journey began outside the EU you must sign a declaration confirming that you do not intend to sell or transfer ownership of your pet.

6. Clearer definition of cat, dog and ferret: The new EU Regulation specifically states that the only species of pet animal that can travel under the EU pet travel rules are:

- *Canis lupis familiaris* – domestic dog
- *Felis silvestris catus* – domestic cat
- *Mustela putorius furo* – ferret

The reason for this change is to make sure that wild animals can't be moved under rules designed for pet travel.

Don't forget

- Your pet must receive the correct treatments in the correct order. In particular, your pet must have been microchipped before it receives its rabies vaccination. If your pet was vaccinated before being microchipped then it will need to be re-vaccinated after the microchip is inserted
- If you take your pet abroad it may be exposed to diseases which we do not have in the UK. We recommend you consult your vet about your pet's health and fitness to travel before you take it

abroad. Ask your vet for advice on the appropriate treatments for the part of the world you are travelling to.

- The pet travel rules apply to all dogs, cats and ferrets travelling with their owners (including assistance and guide dogs). You are responsible for ensuring your pet meets all the rules for entering the UK under the pet travel scheme. Make sure you have had the procedures carried out in the correct order and that your pet's documentation is correctly completed. If you do not, your pet may not be able to enter the country or may have to be quarantined on arrival. This will mean delay and cost you money.
- If you are bringing a dog, cat or ferret into the UK in order to sell it or pass it to a new owner (e.g. for rehoming), you cannot travel under the pet travel scheme. Instead you must comply with the rules of the Balai Directive. Further information is available: www.defra.gov.uk/animal-trade/imports-non-eu/iins/live-animals/iins-other-animalsbalai/iin-bllv-5/
- Stringent penalties are in place for those that break the pet travel rules in order to bring animals into the UK illegally. Pets that are non-compliant pose a potentially serious risk to both animal and human health.