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# Health Certificates: Shipments WITH DOGS from the U.S. to the United Kingdom/Great Britain (England, Scotland, Wales, Channel Islands and Isle of Man)

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## Important!

***Before choosing one of the health certificates below, you must read [United Kingdom/Great Britain \(England, Scotland, Wales, Channel Islands and Isle of Man\) pet travel requirements](#).***

**NOTICE:** In the UK, it's against the law to own certain types of dog. [View prohibited dog breeds](#).

## Five (5) or less dogs, cats and/or ferrets

**Choose the option below that best fits your pet's travel plans.**

Selecting the appropriate option will give you access to the required health certificate with pre-lined out statements to indicate the pet's rabies vaccination

status and type of travel. If the line outs do not print, the USDA Accredited Veterinarian must manually add the line outs and initial them in pen.

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## Owner traveling on the same plane as the pet(s)

Dogs must be treated for tapeworm, specifically *Echinococcus multilocularis*, by a USDA Accredited Veterinarian **between 24 and 120 hours (1 and 5 days) before** entering the UK.

The pets must arrive in the UK **within 10 days** from the date APHIS endorses the health certificate. For pets traveling to the UK by sea, the 10 days is extended by the duration of sea travel.

**Pets 15 weeks of age or older** whose rabies vaccination was given more than 21 days before arriving in the UK, OR pets 1 year of age or older who have been continuously vaccinated for rabies since receiving their primary rabies vaccination will complete the certificate below.

[Veterinary Health Certificate for Dogs, Cats, and/or Ferrets 15 weeks of age or older \(non-commercial\)](#) (277.65 KB)

**IMPORTANT:** [Please read rabies vaccine and other requirements.](#)

Entering the UK through London Heathrow? [Have your paperwork pre-checked by Heathrow Animal Reception Center](#) (194.33 KB) prior to APHIS endorsement.

**NOTICE: Pets less than 15 weeks old** that were either 1) not vaccinated for rabies or 2) vaccinated for rabies less than 21 days prior to entry into the EU are **NOT ALLOWED.**

**Designated person\* traveling on the same plane as the pet(s)**

*\*Designated person is a family member, friend, or other person authorized by the owner to travel with the pets.*

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**NOTICE: Pets less than 15 weeks old** that were either 1) not vaccinated for rabies or 2) vaccinated for rabies less than 21 days prior to entry into the EU are **NOT ALLOWED.**

**Pet Transport Company or Airline Cargo is solely responsible for shipping the pet AND the owner or designated person\* has traveled or will travel within 5 days of the pet(s)**

*\*Designated person is a family member, friend, or other person authorized by the owner to travel with the pets.*

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**NOTICE: Pets less than 15 weeks old** that were either 1) not vaccinated for rabies or 2) vaccinated for rabies less than 21 days prior to entry into the EU are **NOT ALLOWED.**

**Neither the owner nor a designated person\* is traveling within 5 days of the pet(s)**

*\*Designated person is a family member, friend, or other person authorized by the owner to travel with the pets.*

**Notice:** The pets **must leave the U.S. within 48 hours** from the date the Accredited Veterinarian issues the "Commercial" health certificate.

**Accredited Veterinarians Notice:** For proper triage of **commercial** EU/UK certificates, Dogs and Cats, Dogs only, and Cats only commodities are now available for all EU/UK countries on VEHCS. Please select these commodities as appropriate when submitting commercial certificates to EU/UK countries.

**Pets 15 weeks of age or older** whose rabies vaccination was given more than 21 days before arriving in the UK, OR pets 1 year of age or older who have been continuously vaccinated for rabies since receiving their primary rabies vaccination will complete the certificate below.

[\*\*Veterinary Health Certificate for Dogs, Cats, and/or Ferrets 15 weeks of age or older \(commercial\)\*\*](#) (353.74 KB)

**IMPORTANT:** [Please read rabies vaccine and other requirements.](#)

**NOTICE: Pets less than 15 weeks old** that were either 1) not vaccinated for rabies or 2) vaccinated for rabies less than 21 days prior to entry into the EU are **NOT ALLOWED.**

## **Six (6) or more dogs, cats and/or ferrets**

**Choose the option below that best fits your pet's travel plans.**

Selecting the appropriate option will give you access to the required health certificate with pre-lined out statements to indicate the pet's rabies vaccination status and type of travel. If the line outs do not print, the USDA Accredited Veterinarian must manually add the line outs and initial them in pen.

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**Pets less than 15 weeks old**

**NOTICE: Pets less than 15 weeks old** that were either 1) not vaccinated for rabies or 2) vaccinated for rabies less than 21 days prior to entry into the EU are **NOT ALLOWED.**

## **Pets 15 weeks of age or older**

Dogs must be treated for tapeworm, specifically *Echinococcus multilocularis*, by a USDA Accredited Veterinarian **between 24 and 120 hours (1 and 5 days) before** entering the UK.

**Notice:** The pets **must leave the U.S. within 48 hours** from the date the Accredited Veterinarian issues the "Commercial" health certificate.

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[Veterinary Health Certificate for Dogs, Cats, and/or Ferrets 15 weeks of age or older \(commercial\)](#) (353.74 KB)

**IMPORTANT:** [Please read rabies vaccine and other requirements.](#)

**NOTICE: Pets less than 15 weeks old** that were either 1) not vaccinated for rabies or 2) vaccinated for rabies less than 21 days prior to entry into the EU are **NOT ALLOWED.**

## **Pets more than 6 months old traveling to participate in competitions, exhibitions or sporting events**

Dogs must be treated for tapeworm, specifically *Echinococcus multilocularis*, by a USDA Accredited Veterinarian **between 24 and 120 hours (1 and 5 days) before** entering the UK.

**Choose the health certificate below based on the travel situation.**

Written documentation of the receipt of entry to the event may need to be provided at the time of entry into the UK.

The pets must arrive in the UK **within 10 days** from the date APHIS endorses the health certificate. For pets traveling to the UK by sea, the 10 days is extended by the duration of sea travel.

**Pets 6 months of age or older** whose rabies vaccination was given more than 21 days before arriving in the UK, OR pets 1 year of age or older who have been continuously vaccinated for rabies since receiving their primary rabies vaccination will complete the certificate below.

### **Owner traveling on the same plane as the pets**

[Veterinary Health certificate for Dogs, Cats, and/or Ferrets \(non-commercial\)](#) (275.51 KB)

### **Designated Person\* traveling on the same plane as the pets**

[Veterinary Health certificate for Dogs, Cats, and/or Ferrets \(non-commercial\)](#) (275.02 KB)

**Pet Transport or Airline Cargo is solely responsible for shipping the pets AND the owner or designated person\* has traveled or will travel WITHIN 5 DAYS of the pets**

**Veterinary Health Certificate for Dogs, Cats, and/or Ferrets (non-commercial)** (278.08 KB)

*\*Designated person is a family member, friend, or other person authorized by the owner to travel with the pets.*

**IMPORTANT:** [Please read rabies vaccine and other requirements.](#)

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## **Countries Participating in the European Union**

Austria

Belgium

Bulgaria

Croatia

Cyprus

Czech Republic

Denmark

Estonia

Finland

France

Germany

Greece

Hungary

Republic of Ireland

Italy

Latvia

Lithuania

Luxembourg

Malta  
Netherlands  
Northern Ireland\*  
Norway\*\*  
Poland  
Portugal

Romania  
Slovakia  
Slovenia  
Spain  
Sweden  
Switzerland\*\*

\* Northern Ireland is part of the United Kingdom (UK), but will continue to follow European Union (EU) requirements even though the UK is no longer part of the EU.

\*\* Norway and Switzerland are **not** part of the EU but have adopted EU legislation for import of most species of live animals.

## Important Travel Considerations

### Considerations for airline travel and cruises:



Airlines and shipping lines have their own policies and requirements for transporting pets. Check with your airline or shipping representative to determine what requirements they may have.

[Learn how you can improve the safety of dogs and cats during air travel.](#)

[View additional information for pet owners, airlines, and others about APHIS endorsement of international health certificates \(239.52 KB\).](#)

If pets or support animals accompany you on a cruise, you must comply with entry rules for **every** country or port where your pet or support animal exits the ship.

## **Will you be returning to the United States with your pet?**



[View APHIS Requirements](#)

**ALERT:** CDC is the primary authority for dog imports. For requirements or questions about dogs entering or returning to the United States, visit the [CDC website](#).

## **If you are transiting (passing through) the European Union:**



If your pet is traveling through (transiting) a country in the European Union (EU) on the way to a third, non-EU country, you will also need a transit health certificate for your pet for the EU. The transit health certificate will be the same as if your pet's final destination was the EU country. Use the information and steps above under "Travel Requirements Based on Pet Type" to determine which health certificate should be used. [View a list of EU countries](#).

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## Need Help?

[Guidance for Pet Owners](#)

[Read an overview of the process for taking your pet to another country and related resources.](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[View frequently asked questions about traveling with your pet.](#)

## Still Have Questions?

USDA-Accredited Veterinarians

Contact a USDA-accredited veterinarian for questions about your destination country's entry requirements for pets (including any needed vaccinations, tests, or treatments) and for issuance of health certificates.

[Find a USDA-Accredited Veterinarian](#)

USDA Endorsement Offices

Contact your nearest APHIS Veterinary Export Trade Services Endorsement Office for questions about endorsing a health certificate for pets.

For VEHCS help see the [VEHCS help page](#). Routine APHIS VEHCS processing services are staffed Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM Central Time (CT) excluding federal holidays, the time listed in VEHCS reflects GMT.

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## Looking for Another Country?

Find your destination country requirements by using the dropdown menu below. If your country is not listed in the menu, visit [Pet Travel: Unknown Requirements](#).

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