



Essential checklist

- Has your pet been micro-chipped and is the microchip number correctly entered in the passport?
- Was your pet vaccinated after the microchip was implanted?
- Have you found a vet in France or Spain able to treat your dog for tapeworm?
- Has the tapeworm treatment been done more than 24 but less than 120 hours before scheduled arrival time in the UK.
- Has the vet validated the entry for tapeworm treatment which must include the date and time of administration in the passport with an official veterinary stamp and signature.
- Does the tapeworm treatment record include the name of the product used?
- Do you have a muzzle and have you familiarised your pet with it?
- Does your animal have water, absorbent bedding and adequate ventilation in your car for the crossings?

Since 29 December 2014, the rules for bringing a pet dog, cat or ferret into the UK have changed. For guidance notes visit www.gov.uk/government/publications/pet-travel-guidance-on-changes-to-the-eu-scheme-from-29-december-2014 or for in-depth information about pet travel in the EU visit www.gov.uk/pet-travel-information-for-pet-owners. Alternatively you can call the DEFRA helpline on 0370 241 1710.

It is the sole responsibility of the owner/escort to ensure the correct document is provided for bringing an animal to the UK.

We will check this for you but cannot be held responsible for any errors in the documentation - it is essential that you check your compliance with the regulations fully. Incorrectly completed and dated documents may result in your pet being refused travel or quarantined at your expense.

You should give particular attention to the timing of tapeworm treatment when returning to the UK.

Pet travel scheme



Travelling to France and Spain with your pets, including what must be checked by owners and vets to ensure compliance before you travel.

Identification of animal
Microchip implantation
Vaccination against rabies
Tapeworm treatment (dogs)

Taking your pet on holiday and what must be checked

The pet travel scheme

Brittany Ferries are approved carriers for cats, dogs and ferrets travelling under the rules of the scheme. To comply with the rules you will need the following:

1. A valid **DEFRA approved** pet passport showing that your pet has been micro-chipped and vaccinated. Order of preparation is critical, the microchip must be implanted before the rabies vaccination.
2. The valid **DEFRA approved** pet passport must show that the dog has been treated against tapeworm for return to the UK. The treatment must take place between **24 and 120 hours** before the scheduled arrival time in the UK. (Does not apply to cats and ferrets).
3. A minimum of 21 days must elapse after rabies vaccination before any movement of pets between European countries.
4. All pet passports issued after 29 December 2014 must be the new style passports. Any old style passports issued **AFTER** 29 December 2014 will be refused.

Arrival at the port

You should ensure that your pet is exercised & toileted before you board.

Checking in

The check-in time when travelling with your pet is 60 minutes before scheduled departure time (shown on your travel ticket) when leaving the UK and 90 minutes when returning from France or Spain. When you check in we will place a 'pet sticker' on your car windscreen, this **must** stay in place until you have left the port of arrival. Your pet and its passport documents will be checked on arrival in the UK and before embarkation in France & Spain.

During the crossing

We have kennels on our routes to Bilbao, Santander and St Malo and a number of pet friendly cabins on some of our services to Bilbao and Santander, where your dog or cat can stay with you during the crossing.

On ships where there are no kennels your pet will remain in your vehicle. You will need to ensure that there is sufficient space, food and water and familiar toys or blankets for your pet during the journey. You should also leave the windows or roof open sufficiently to give them adequate ventilation.

You will be given instructions on the procedure for the transfer of your pet from the car to the kennel or pet friendly cabin by the crew on embarkation. With the exception of assistance dogs, pets are only permitted in the areas designated for pets on board the ship. These will be signposted on board.

Visiting your pet

If your dog is travelling in a kennel to Spain you will be given a key and can visit and exercise the animal at any time during the crossing in the designated areas on board. Your dog must be muzzled and on a lead at **ALL** times when out of the kennel. If your dog is staying in your vehicle, or in a kennel to St Malo, we will arrange visits during the crossing - this will be weather permitting and times are at the discretion of the crew on the day. Please report to the Information Desk on board for details of times and arrangements.

You will be responsible for cleaning up after your pet on board, suitable dustbins are provided in the designated pet areas.



Muzzles

All dogs must be muzzled while being checked at our ports, during the short transfer between your car and the kennels or pet friendly cabin on embarkation and disembarkation and while being exercised. The transfer will be escorted by a crew member in groups using lifts passing through other passenger decks. You must provide

your own muzzle and we recommend you familiarise your dog with the muzzle before travel. We reserve the right to refuse carriage if your dog is not muzzled.

Dog owners are responsible for the behaviour of their pets at **ALL** times.

Helpful points to note

- Consider the length of the journey and how this may affect your animal. The animal must be fit to travel and we recommend that you consult your vet before the journey. Brittany Ferries cannot accept liability for any adverse reaction that your pet has to the journey or facilities provided.
- Pet travel is very popular and space is limited and subject to availability. Early booking is recommended to avoid disappointment.
- We do not accept pets travelling with foot passengers, cyclists, motor cyclists or freight.
- Pet owners/escorts are solely responsible for being aware of, and complying with, the regulations of the country they visit with their pet. There may be prohibitions or certain regulations for specific breeds and they may be refused entry or carriage.

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Please note that many vets fail to enter the time of the tapeworm treatment - this is essential and should be checked before leaving the vet.



Passport Section III Identification of animal

The microchip number
The microchip number of the animal must be identical to the microchip number of the pet passport.

The date of microchipping
The date of microchipping (including day, month and year of insertion) **MUST** be shown as being before the initial vaccination against rabies.

Passport Section IV Vaccination against rabies

All boxes must be completed:

- Manufacturer and name of vaccine
- Vaccination date and expiry date
- Signature and stamp of authorised vet

The voyage to the UK must take place before the 'valid until' date of the last booster vaccination.

The vaccination must have been done after the microchipping and 21 days must have elapsed before travel.

Your pet must be a minimum of 12 weeks of age before the rabies vaccination is administered.

Passport Section VII Tapeworm treatment

All boxes must be filled in:

- Manufacturer and name of product
- Date of the treatment in the upper box
- Time of the treatment in the lower box
- Stamp and signature of the vet

The treatment must have been carried out between **24-120** hours of scheduled arrival in the UK. For dogs only.

Important information

Standard certification rules apply to completion of the passport:

- No correction fluid
- No alterations without initial and stamp
- Completed in ink

Passengers travelling with dogs

One of the most common problems we see is the mistiming of the tapeworm treatment. Please pay special attention to the 'treatment window', ie **24-120** hours before scheduled arrival in the UK making sure you have arranged an appointment with the vet within the required time. Please be aware of weekend opening times and local holidays.

Passeport Section III Identification de l'animal

Le numéro de la micro puce
Le numéro de la puce de l'animal doit être identique au numéro inscrit dans le passeport.

La date d'implantation de la micro puce
La date de l'implantation de la micro puce (jour, mois et année) **DOIT** être avant la première vaccination contre la rage.

Passeport Section IV Vaccination contre la rage

Toutes les cases doivent être remplies:

- Nom du fabricant et du vaccin
- Date de vaccination et date d'expiration
- Signature et tampon du vétérinaire autorisé

Le voyage vers la Grande Bretagne doit se faire avant la date d'expiration du dernier vaccin.

La vaccination contre la rage doit être après la pose de la puce et au moins 21 jours avant le voyage.

Votre animal familier ne peut être vacciné contre la rage avant qu'il ait au moins 12 semaines.

Passeport Section VII Traitement Echinococcus

Toutes les cases doivent être remplies:

- Nom du fabricant et du produit
- Date du traitement dans la case du haut
- Heure du traitement dans la case du bas
- Signature et tampon du vétérinaire autorisé

Le traitement doit être fait au moins **24** heures et pas plus de **120** heures avant l'heure d'arrivée prévue en Grande Bretagne. Uniquement pour les chiens.

Information importante

Les informations inscrites dans le passeport doivent respecter les règles suivantes :

- Pas de fluide correcteur
- Pas de modifications sans signature et tampon du vétérinaire
- En encre seulement

Les passagers qui voyagent avec des chiens

Le principal problème que nous rencontrons est l'erreur de délai pour le traitement Echinococcus. Merci d'être vigilant sur ce point lorsque vous prenez votre rendez-vous avec le vétérinaire, surtout lors des weekends et jours fériés.

Sección III Pasaporte Identificación del animal

El numero de microchip
El número de microchip de la mascota debe de ser idéntico al número de microchip que aparece en el pasaporte.

Fecha implantación del microchip
La fecha de implantación del microchip (incluyendo día, mes y año de implantación) **DEBE** ser puesto antes de la vacunación antirrábica.

Sección IV Pasaporte Vacunación contra la rabia

Todas las casillas deben de estar completadas:

- Fabricante y nombre de la vacuna
- Fecha de la vacunación y fecha de caducidad
- Sello y firma de un veterinario autorizado

El viaje al Reino Unido se debe de llevar a cabo antes de la fecha de caducidad de la última señal de vacunación.

La fecha de la vacunación debe de tener al menos 21 días antes del viaje y siempre posterior a la fecha de implantación del microchip.

Su mascota tiene que tener un mínimo de 12 semanas de edad antes de poder realizar la vacunación contra la rabia.

Sección VII Pasaporte Tratamiento contra Echinococcus

Todas las casillas deben de estar completadas:

- Fabricante y nombre del producto
- Día, mes y año del tratamiento en la casilla superior
- Hora del tratamiento en la casilla inferior
- Sello y firma del veterinario

El tratamiento debe de ser llevado a cabo entre las **24** y **120** horas antes de la llegada oficial del barco al Reino Unido. Sólo para perros.

Información Importante

Normas de certificación estándar se aplican a la introducción de datos en el pasaporte:

- No utilización de correctores
- No existencia de alteraciones sin firma y sello
- Dichas correcciones deben realizarse en tinta

Pasajeros que viajan con perros

Uno de los problemas más comunes que se detectan es el cálculo del tiempo del tratamiento contra el Echinococcus. Rogamos preste atención al recuadro del tratamiento, asegurándose de que ha solicitado una cita con el veterinario dentro del plazo requerido. Tenga en cuenta los horarios de apertura de fines de semana y fiestas locales.