

Pet Travel and Brexit

With all the confusion surrounding Brexit it is easy to overlook that the Pet Travel Scheme is also involved in the process. By now we would have hoped that the situation would have been clarified but we are still in the situation where there are three different possibilities and it is real possibility that the Pet Passport in its current form may not be sufficient for travel.

Currently without an agreement there is a high chance that before being allowed to travel your pet may be required to have a Rabies blood test then have to WAIT 3 MONTHS from the date of the blood test (so if your pet was blood sampled on 1st February they would not be able to leave the country until 1st May). If they have not had a rabies vaccination already then there is a minimum 30 days between vaccination and blood test meaning the whole process will take 4 months minimum.

You may also need a health certificate within 10 days of travel, they have not released exact details of this but this should be a relatively straightforward process.

Unfortunately the blood test costs nearly £ 100 and you may find that in the next month or so they come to an agreement and the Pet Passport remains valid but if you are planning to travel in the early summer it may be wise to plan ahead and work on the worst case scenario.

Full information is available from the government website:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/pet-travel-to-europe-after-brexit>

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