

The below is only relevant if you select a Silver, Gold or Platinum product, where Overseas Travel cover is included

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As you may be aware, the transition period following Britain's exit from the EU expires on 31st December 2020. One of the areas impacted by the change in our relationship with the EU is how you can safely travel with your pet overseas.

An agreement has now been reached between Her Majesty's Government and the European Union as to the requirements you will need to follow for any pet that will travel overseas from 1st January 2021. This is as follows:

- You must have your dog or cat microchipped
- Vaccinate your dog or cat against rabies – your pet must be at least 12 weeks old before it can be vaccinated
- Wait 21 days after the primary vaccination before travel
- Visit your vet to get an AHC for your pet, no more than 10 days before travel to the EU

As long as you keep your pet's rabies vaccinations up to date, you will not need to get repeat vaccinations for repeat trips to the EU or Northern Ireland.

Getting an animal health certificate (AHC)

You must take your pet to your vet no more than 10 days before travel to get an AHC. The AHC needs to be signed by an official vet. Check with your vet that they can issue AHCs for pets.

You must take proof of:

- your pet's microchipping date
- your pet's vaccination history

Your pet's AHC will be valid for:

- 10 days after the date of issue for entry into the EU or NI
- onward travel within the EU or NI for 4 months after the date of issue
- re-entry to GB for 4 months after the date of issue

Travelling to Finland, Republic of Ireland, NI, Norway or Malta

If you're travelling with your dog directly to Finland, Republic of Ireland, NI, Norway or Malta, it must have treatment against tapeworm (*Echinococcus multilocularis*). Your dog will need to receive treatment 1 to 5 days before arriving in any of these countries. Your vet must enter full details on the AHC following treatment.

You will not be able to travel with your pet if you have not completed these steps.

Please do contact your vet if you have any queries relating to any future travel you have

planned. You can also view the guidance from the Government at: www.gov.uk/guidance/pet-travel-to-europe-from-1-january-2021

We will update the policy documents available on this website as soon as possible.

Please note that the above guidance will apply to any reference of adherence to the PETS Scheme from 1st January 2021 within the current policy wording.

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