

A small, fluffy dog with black and white fur is sitting on a dark suitcase. The dog is looking towards the camera. The suitcase is open, and the dog's front paws are resting on the edge. The background is a plain, light color.

# Travel Rules

You are no longer authorised to use a pet passport issued in England, Scotland and Wales for the purpose of travelling abroad to the EU or Northern Ireland. You can however use an EU or Northern Ireland issued passport assuming the rabies vaccine has been given in either of those places, too, and the passport has been updated by them, or a rabies vaccine can be given within the UK, but the passport will not be allowed to be updated, as this will invalidate the passport. We can however provide proof of a rabies vaccination for you to take on your travels.

We would recommend visiting [www.gov.uk/taking-your-pet-abroad](http://www.gov.uk/taking-your-pet-abroad) for the most up to date information on the travel rules if you are wishing to take your pet to the EU or Northern Ireland.

This advice is only specific for when travelling with less than 5 animals, or when using a non-commercial route only. Please note, that pre-payment must be made for all Animal Health Certificates.

To ensure that you will be able to travel, your pet must have an up to date rabies vaccine, which needs to be given at least 21 days before your date of travel, and your pet must have a valid microchip. An Animal Health Certificate will then be processed by one of our certified vets, and an appointment will need to be attended, with your pet, within 1 and 10 days of travel.

Tapeworm treatment will need to be dispensed for dogs if you're travelling directly to Finland, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Norway or Malta, and have been given within 1-5 Days of travel.

You will need to contact the surgery for a new AHC for each individual trip going to the EU or Northern Ireland. Prior to your appointment, we request that all clients complete our 'AHC Form' which will identify the details needed for us to process the paperwork on your behalf. Once complete, please email back to us at [info@hitchinvets.co.uk](mailto:info@hitchinvets.co.uk)