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Pet Travel to Europe Post Brexit

Over the time the pet travel scheme has been in existence many pet owners have enjoyed taking their pets on holiday with them to the EU. As the scheme evolved the rules became less restrictive and provided travellers conformed to these rules most travel with pets within the EU was problem free.

We have been given contingency advice by the Animal and Plant Health Agency (A P H A) who manage the Pet Travel Scheme on behalf of the government in the event of a no deal Brexit.

If there is no deal then the UK's health status for pets with respect to the EU will resort to that of an unlisted country. In the event of no deal then pet passports issued in the UK would not be valid for travel to the EU.

So if you want to travel to the EU after 29th March 2019, if there is no deal then the following contingency plan is advised.

“ 1 You must get your dog, cat or ferret microchipped and then vaccinated against Rabies before it can travel. Your pet must have a blood sample taken at least 30 days after the rabies vaccination. You will need to talk to your vet about whether you need a rabies vaccination or booster before this blood test.

2 Your vet must send the blood sample to an EU approved laboratory.

3 The blood test must show that the vaccination was successful (Rabies antibody titre of at least 0.5 IU/ml).

4 You must wait 3 months from the date of the successful blood test before travelling.

5 You must take your pet to an Official Veterinarian (OV) no more than 10 days before you travel to get a health certificate.”

The health certificate is valid for entry into the EU for 10 days and is valid for re-entry to the UK for 4 months. (Existing tapeworm treatment will still apply).

So if there is no deal and you have travel arrangements already in place for April or May 2019 then you need to act now and seek the advice of your vet. Leave yourselves 4 months before you plan to travel to the EU.

Better still avoid taking your pets in the immediate period after 29.03.19 to give things a chance to become clearer. Please consult your vet.