

Taking your pet dog or cat to the UK from Spain

You can enter or return to the UK with your pet cat or dog if it:

- is at least 12 weeks old
- has a pet passport
- has been microchipped
- has been vaccinated against rabies
- dogs must also usually have a tapeworm treatment
- declaration of intent not to sell

PASSPORT

- Must have details of ownership and be signed by the owner
- Must show details of the microchip – number, date and placement
- Must show rabies vaccination details
- Must show tapeworm (Echinococcus) treatment details

MICROCHIP

- Must have been chipped before or at the same time as the rabies vaccination – if chipped after will need another rabies vaccination
- Details of the microchip must be included in the passport
- (you will also have a microchip document showing ownership, it is not listed as necessary, but if you have it I recommend you take it)

RABIES VACCINATION

Your pet's vaccination record in their passport must show:

- your pet's date of birth
- microchip number, date it was put in or read, and where it is on your pet's body
- vaccination date (and dates of boosters)
- vaccine manufacturer and product name, for example Nobivac
- vaccine batch number
- date the vaccination is valid until
- the vet's signature and contact details

ECHINOCOCCUS – (Tapeworm treatment)

- A vet must treat your dog for tapeworm and record it in the pet passport every time you want to take it to the UK
- The treatment must have been given no less than 24 hours and no more than 120 hours (5 days) before you enter the UK.
- You don't need to treat your dog for tapeworm if you're coming directly to the UK from Finland, Ireland, Malta or Norway.
- The treatment must:
- be approved for use in the Spain

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- contain praziquantel or an equivalent proven to be effective against the Echinococcus multilocularis tapeworm
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Short trips

If you're leaving the UK for a short trip, your dog must be treated by a vet before you go. You must wait for 24 hours before re-entering the UK and return within 120 hours or you'll need to get another treatment abroad.

You should treat your dog again within 28 days of returning to the UK

DECLARATION OF INTENTION NOT TO SELL

On entry to the UK, you may be asked to sign a declaration to say you are not going to sell the pet.