

Frequently asked questions – new pet travel to EU

Does the client have to be present at the time of AHC completion?

No, this is between the OV and his/her client to decide.

Does the vet need to see the pet before issuing an AHC?

Yes, the OV must ensure the animal ID is verified before any entry is made in the AHC.

Is it adequate to enter the species once if all the animals are dogs for example?

All the relevant data must be included to identify each animal.

Can a non-OV administer a tapeworm treatment and an OV issue the AHC based on medical records?

Yes. Based on the RCVS 1st principle of certification, OVs can certify matters which are the subject of supporting evidence from another veterinarian. Tapeworm treatments can be administered by any registered veterinarian.

Are EU pet passports still valid travel documents?

EU pet passports previously issued in Great Britain or Isle of Man are no longer valid for travel to the EU, but other EU pet passports are still valid provided the rabies vaccination is up to date (IOM/GB vets cannot enter any new information other than tapeworm treatment into these passports)

If a dog/cat travels from Europe, can vets in GB/IOM add things to an EU passport such as rabies vaccination boosters?

GB/IOM OVs are only permitted to enter tapeworm treatment in an EU pet passport. Should the animal require a booster or to be revaccinated whilst in GB/IOM it can receive this, but it will need to return to the EU on an AHC (it will be then up to the EU vet if they want to transfer the information into the EU pet passport or not).

Regarding section 1.28 of the AHC, what happens if the vet does not have enough space to write all of the animals' details?

The vet can prepare a schedule (information on how to do this is available in the Improve OV training).

Are entries made in EU pet passports by an IOM OV before 1/1/2021 still valid?

Yes these are still valid. However, as of 1st January 2021, GB OVs are not permitted to complete entries for rabies vaccinations in EU pet passports.

Can the information in a UK/IOM pet passport be used as evidence for rabies vaccination?

Yes, the former pet passport issued before 1st January 2021 to a pet owner resident in the UK/IOM may serve as supporting documentation.

What does commercial travel mean?

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If the pet is intended to be sold or transferred to another owner; if the number of animals accompanying the owner/authorised person during a single movement exceeds 5 (see Improve OV training for some exceptions); or if the animals are travelling more than 5 days earlier or later than the owner.

Should the OV score out the unused boxes in the tapeworm treatment table?

No, as these will be used when returning to GB/IOM.