EU Pet Travel Checklist

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Pet: From: To: Arrival:

Start 4-5 months ahead if a first rabies vaccination and blood test are needed.

3–4 months before travel

- [ ] Check the entry rules for your country of departure and EU destination.
- [ ] Confirm that your journey qualifies as non-commercial pet travel.
- [ ] Have your pet's microchip scanned and verify the number.
- [ ] Check microchip registration and contact details.
- [ ] Check rabies vaccination validity.
- [ ] Arrange rabies vaccination if needed.
- [ ] Check whether a rabies antibody test is required.
- [ ] Arrange blood testing and allow for any waiting period.

1–2 months before travel

- [ ] Confirm the airline, ferry or road transport requirements.
- [ ] Reserve your pet's place with the transport provider.
- [ ] Purchase a suitable travel carrier.
- [ ] Begin carrier training.
- [ ] Practise opening, closing and securing the carrier.
- [ ] Check your travel route, connections and entry points.
- [ ] Arrange accommodation that accepts your pet.
- [ ] Check whether your pet's GPS tracker works in your destination country.
- [ ] Introduce your pet to its GPS tracker and allow time to get used to wearing it.
- [ ] Confirm airline rules for GPS trackers and other battery-powered devices.
- [ ] Ask how the airport handles security screening for cabin, hold or cargo pets.

14 days before travel

- [ ] Arrange the veterinary appointment for your travel documents.
- [ ] Confirm the animal health certificate's required issue dates.
- [ ] Check whether official endorsement is necessary.
- [ ] Prepare any required non-commercial travel declaration.
- [ ] Check all paperwork for errors.

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Tick boxes directly, then save a copy with your progress.

7 days before travel

- [ ] Check medication supplies and order anything missing.
- [ ] Prepare prescriptions and veterinary notes where needed.
- [ ] Pack food, water bowls and cleaning supplies.
- [ ] Prepare familiar bedding and absorbent pads.
- [ ] Check carrier locks, latches and ventilation.
- [ ] Save emergency veterinary contacts.
- [ ] Confirm your pet's transport reservation.
- [ ] Charge your pet's GPS tracker and pack its charger.

24–120 hours before arrival, where applicable

- [ ] Arrange the required tapeworm treatment for your dog.
- [ ] Ensure the veterinarian records it correctly.
- [ ] Check the timing against your scheduled arrival.

Travel day

- [ ] Carry all original travel documents and useful copies.
- [ ] Pack medication and essential supplies.
- [ ] Allow extra time for airport or ferry check-in.
- [ ] Keep the carrier securely closed.
- [ ] Discuss secure screening arrangements before anyone opens the carrier.
- [ ] Follow veterinary, airline and border-control instructions.

After arrival

- [ ] Complete any required entry checks.
- [ ] Check local microchip registration requirements.
- [ ] Update your contact details.
- [ ] Find a local veterinarian.
- [ ] Check what documents you'll need for your return journey.
- [ ] Inspect hotel or rental accommodation for dangerous hiding spots before releasing your cat.
- [ ] Check windows, balconies and possible escape routes.
- [ ] Give your pet time to recover from the trip.