

Brexit and your pet passport

If, on the 29th March 2019, we leave the EU with a 'no deal' this would mean the UK would be classed as an unlisted country on the pet passport scheme and we would have to follow new rules.

How does this affect me and my pet?

If you definitely want to travel outside the UK after 29th March 2109, then we will need to take the following steps :-

1. If your pets Rabies vaccination has been given in the last 30 – 180 days (4 – 6 weeks) then we would need to do a blood test to prove the levels of Rabies antibodies are adequate.

If your pets Rabies vaccination does not fall within this time period then we would recommend revaccination otherwise there is a high chance that your pet would 'fail' the blood test. This is because the antibodies the blood test looks for are most active within the pets blood stream in the above time frame.

2. If the blood test result is a 'pass', then you will have to wait 3 months until you can travel outside the UK with your pet.

If the blood test result is a 'fail', then we have to re-vaccinate, wait 30 days, and then re-do the blood test. This process would have to be repeated until a 'pass' is achieved.

What if I'm not sure I want to travel next year?

Then we would probably suggest you take a wait and see approach. This is because we are not sure whether the extra steps will be needed and waiting may avoid unnecessary vaccination and blood testing. You must be aware that if you change your mind, then you would have to wait 4 months until you could travel outside the UK with 'pets name'.

What costs are involved?

A rabies vaccination is £53.11

A rabies blood test is £106.80

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