Is the pet’s passport valid?

Has your pet been micro-chipped and is the microchip number correctly entered in the passport?

Was your pet vaccinated after the microchip was implanted?

Have you found a vet in France able to treat your dog for tapeworm?

Has the tapeworm treatment been done more than 24 but less than 120 hours before your scheduled arrival time in Ireland?

Has the vet validated the entry for tapeworm treatment which must include the date and time of administration in the passport with an official veterinary stamp and signature?

Does the tapeworm treatment record include the name of the product used?

Do you have a muzzle and have you familiarised your pet with it?

Does your animal have water, absorbent bedding and adequate ventilation in your car for the crossings?

Since 29 December 2014, EU rules for travelling with a pet dog, cat or ferret into France have changed.

For more information about the Pet Travel Scheme visit www.agriculture.gov.ie/pets or call 01 607 2827 or if calling from outside Ireland +353 1 607 2827.

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Taking your pet on holiday

The pet travel scheme
Brittany Ferries are approved carriers for cats & dogs travelling under the rules of the scheme. To comply with the rules you will need the following:

1. A valid Department of Agriculture approved pet passport showing that your pet has been micro-chipped and vaccinated.

2. The valid Department of Agriculture approved pet passport must show that the dog has been treated against tapeworm. The treatment must take place between 24 and 120 hours before the scheduled arrival time in Ireland. (Does not apply to cats and ferrets).

3. A minimum of 21 days must elapse after rabies vaccination before pets can return to Ireland.

4. All pet passports issued after 29 December 2014 must be the new style passports. Any old style passports issued AFTER 29 December 2014 will be refused.

Arrival at port
You should ensure that your pet is exercised and toileted before you board.

Checking in
The check-in time when travelling with your pet is 90 minutes before scheduled departure time (shown on your travel ticket). When you check in we will place a ‘pet sticker’ on your car windscreen, this must stay in place until you have left the port of arrival. Your pet and its passport documents will be checked on arrival in Ireland and before embarkation in France.

During the crossing
Dogs
Dogs must use kennels provided onboard. You will be given instructions on the procedure for the transfer of your dog from the car to the kennel by the crew on embarkation. With the exception of assistance dogs, pets are only permitted in the areas designated for pets onboard the ship. These will be signposted onboard. Dog owners will be given a key and can visit and exercise their dog at any time during the crossing in the designated areas onboard. Your dog must be muzzled and on a lead at ALL times when out of the kennel.

Cats
Cats must remain in your vehicle and we will arrange visits to the car deck during the crossing - this will be weather permitting and times are at the discretion of the crew on the day. Please report to the Information Desk onboard for details of times and arrangements.

Rabies vaccinations
Your pet must be a minimum of 12 weeks of age before the rabies vaccination can be administered.

You will need to ensure that there is sufficient space, food & water. You should also leave your window slightly open to give them air.

You will be responsible for cleaning up after your pet onboard - suitable dustbins are provided in the designated pet areas.

Muzzles
All dogs must be muzzled while being checked at our ports, during the short transfer between your car and the kennel on embarkation and disembarkation and while being exercised. The transfer will be escorted by a crew member in groups using lifts passing through other passenger decks. You must provide your own muzzle and we recommend you familiarise your dog with it before travel. We reserve the right to refuse carriage if your dog is not muzzled. Dog owners are responsible for the behaviour of their pets at ALL times.

Helpful points to note
• Consider the length of the journey and how this may affect your pet. The pet must be fit to travel and we recommend that you consult your vet before the journey. Brittany Ferries cannot accept liability for any adverse reaction that your pet has to the journey or facilities provided.
• Pet travel is very popular and space is limited and subject to availability. Early booking is recommended to avoid disappointment.
• We do not accept pets travelling with foot passengers, cyclists or motorcyclists.
• Pet owners/escorts are solely responsible for being aware of, and complying with, the regulations of the country they visit with their pet. There may be prohibitions or certain regulations for specific breeds and they may be refused entry or carriage.

Important information
It is the sole responsibility of the owner/escort to ensure the correct documentation for bringing a pet into Ireland. We will check this for you but cannot be held responsible for any errors in the documentation - it is essential that you check your compliance with the regulations fully. Incorrectly completed and dated documents may result in your pet being refused travel or quarantined at your expense. You should give particular attention to the timing of the tapeworm treatment when returning to Ireland.

Please note that many vets fail to enter the time of the tapeworm treatment - this is essential and should be checked before leaving the vet.

Call passenger services 021 4277 801 for further information (+ 353 21 4277 801 if calling outside Ireland)