



## Wise Owl Animal Hospital Pet Travel Checklist

### European Union

This handout applies to the following EU Member States:

Austria • Belgium • Bulgaria • Croatia • Cyprus • the Czech Republic • Denmark • Estonia • Finland • France • Germany • Greece • Hungary • the Republic of Ireland • Italy • Latvia • Lithuania • Luxembourg • Malta • the Netherlands • Poland • Portugal • Romania • Slovakia • Slovenia • Spain • Sweden • and the United Kingdom

**Other Countries:** Switzerland • Norway (have adopted EU standards although not members)

#### General Information

- Guam is considered a rabies free island
- This Handout was created on 9.16.15 – please see <http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/liveanimals/pets> for updated information

#### Step One

Time Frame: As Soon As Possible

- ☐ **Microchip your pet**
- ☐ **Get your pet used to its carrier**

Give your pet at least a month before your flight to become familiar with the travel carrier. This will minimize his stress during travel.

**Note:** Microchipping must be done before the next steps and especially **before** rabies vaccination.

#### Step Two

Time Frame: 22 or more days before travel

- ☐ **Primary Rabies Vaccine**

A primary rabies vaccine for this purpose is defined as any of the following:

- 1st rabies vaccination after the microchip was implanted
- 1st rabies vaccination after a lapse in coverage
- 1st rabies vaccination ever

**Note:** *Pets may not travel until **at least** 21 days after the primary rabies vaccine*

*(The day they receive the vaccine is considered Day 0, so if your pet is vaccinated on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month, the earliest they may travel is the 22<sup>nd</sup> of the month).*

#### Step Three

Time Frame: Within 10 days of Travel \*

- ☐ **Third-Country Official Veterinary Certificate (Annex IV form)**
- ☐ **USDA Endorsement of Veterinary Certificate**

This form is only valid for 10 days from the date signed/issued by the veterinarian for travel TO the EU, it is then valid for 4 months for travel WITHIN the EU (5 days for specified countries).

\*Within 5 days of travel for **dogs** traveling to Finland, Malta, Norway, Republic of Ireland or the United Kingdom

**Vet certificate must include the following information:**

Your pet's date of birth, Microchip information (number, date it was put in or read, and where it is on your pet's body), Vaccination date, Vaccine manufacturer and product name, Vaccine batch number, Date the vaccination is valid until, The vet's signature and contact details.

**Note:**

**Guam USDA representative information:**

USDA, Guam FSA Office  
FHB Building  
400 Route 8, Suite 306  
Mongmong, GU 96910-2003  
**Phone:** (671) 472-7568  
**Fax:** (671) 472-7580

*\*We suggest you visit the office in person for quickest processing & Endorsement*

#### Step Four

Time Frame: After Step 3 (You will need the certification # to complete this form)

- ☐ **Declaration Form**

This form confirms that you aren't going to sell or transfer ownership of your pet

**Note:** You don't need to send this document anywhere. However you need to complete it and keep it with you when you move with your pet.

### Step Five\*

**Time Frame:** Between 24 - 120 hours (5 days) before travel

\* **Step 5 ONLY applies to DOGS traveling to Finland, Malta, Norway, Republic of Ireland and the United Kingdom. All others may proceed to Step 6.**

☐ **Tapeworm Treatment/  
Echinococcus treatment** (for  
dogs only)

\*The treatment must have praziquantel or  
an equivalent as its active ingredient

\*\*Your pet can be refused entry into  
these countries or put into quarantine if  
the treatment hasn't been given between  
24 & 120 hours of travel.

**Note:** The name of the manufacturer, date  
& time dog was treated, vet stamp &  
signature must be recorded on the Third-  
Country Official Veterinary Certificate.

### Step Six

**Time Frame:** During plane ticket booking process

☐ Make sure your pet is booked on  
an approved route to the city you're  
traveling to.

**Note:** Some countries (especially Ireland and the UK) only allow pets to  
enter specific cities via pre-approved carriers and routes (and not all airline  
carriers are approved for all cities!). Check with your airline that is an  
approved route for your pet to take to your destination.

### Step Seven

**Time Frame:** 1 or more days before travel

☐ **Transport Pet(s) to Airport** Wise Owl offers services to make your  
departure easier. We are able to board pets a  
few days prior to travel and even take care of  
transporting your pet to the airport the day you  
leave.

**Set up transport with our staff by** filling out  
the Airport Transport Form with all the required  
information. Bring your pet, all their  
documentation, crate (see reminders), food,  
and other necessary items for travel to the  
clinic. We'll take care of the rest!

**Note:** Do not feed your pet for four to  
six hours before the trip. However, you  
can give him small amounts of water.

**Your Pet must travel with all their  
original documentation.** You should  
keep copies with you as well.

### Reminders

- Some countries only allow pets to enter specific cities via pre-approved carriers and routes. For example, an airline might be approved to carry your pet to Edinburgh, Scotland but not to London, England even though they are both within the UK. To view approved routes go to the country's website (accessible through wiseowl.net – Services – Travel with your pet – European Union)
  - **Delta Airlines** and **Singapore Airlines** are approved to London Heathrow and Manchester airports
  - **United Airlines** is approved to Edinburgh, London Heathrow and Glasgow airports
  - **Japan Airlines**, Korean Air and Philippine Airlines are approved for London Heathrow only.
- Make sure to get your pet carrier that meets airline regulations.
- Your pet has to travel within 5 days of you, or someone else you've authorized in writing.
- You can't travel with more than 5 pets unless you're attending or training for a competition, show or sporting event. You'll need written evidence of registration for the event when you travel.
- Pet **rabbits** and **rodents** traveling to the EU must spend 4 months in quarantine. They will also need a rabies import license.
- There are separate rules governing the import of other animals such as **birds** or **hybrids**.
- **Fit your pet with a collar that can't get caught in carrier doors.** It is also advisable to put a temporary ID with your destination and contact information on your pet as well.
- **Make sure that your pet's nails have been clipped** to protect against them getting hooked in the carrier's door, holes, and other crevices.