

COVID-19 Guidance on Pet Travel via Commercial Transport Methods

DO NOT travel if you have symptoms of COVID-19.

Always check the most up to date COVID-19 guidelines [here](#).

Please note that any persons travelling into Guernsey will be **required by law** to follow the self-isolation, or enhanced passive surveillance, requirements that are in place at the time of your arrival. This is a legal requirement, and failure to comply is a criminal offence. For further information visit the COVID-19 [website](#).

Should I transport pets at this time?

Please be aware of the risks of virus spread due to pet (and human) travel. If the movement of pets is not necessary, please postpone it.

If you are transporting a pet to the island, the following guidelines should be adhered to.

We advise that you also read the [non-COVID related pet travel information](#) and contact the service provider directly if you have any queries.

How can I transport my pet to Guernsey?

Pets can be transported through the use of private licensed chartered flights and via commercial transport methods ([Aurigny](#) and [Condor Ferries](#)). For information on your booking, please contact your service provider directly.

The following information is for the importation of pet dogs, cats and ferrets (which we shall refer to collectively as 'pets') on **commercial transport methods** (Aurigny or Condor Ferries) from the **United Kingdom (UK), France* and Crown Dependencies (CD's) ONLY** – information regarding the importation of other animals or imports from other countries or territories must be sought from the States Veterinary Officers (svo@gov.gg).

*Please note, that although Condor are not currently running from St Malo to Guernsey, this document provides information in preparation for the recommencement of this route.



Information on unaccompanied pet travel from the UK & Crown Dependencies and accompanied pet travel from the EU via private chartered aircrafts can be found in [separate documents](#) on the [pets and livestock](#) page.

Welfare in transport

- Travel time must be kept to a minimum to protect the welfare of animals being transported – if there is poor weather, it is advised that travel is postponed.
- Transporters should ensure that the pet is provided with comfortable and appropriate accommodation such as crates/pet carriers, including bedding, during transport – see [Travellers Pet Corner](#).

What do I need to do before my pet travels?

- Make a Pet Care Plan in the event that you cannot care for your pet for a period of time. You should have:
 - A plan for who might be able to care for your pet in the event of emergency;
 - Written details as to the care, feeding and medical history of your pet;
 - Your vet's contact details.
- Purchase some disinfectant wipes/detergent to clean the surfaces that your pet has come into contact with before bathing.
- Purchase some pet shampoo/pet safe disposable wipes to clean/bath your pet on arrival.
- Ensure that you have at least 2 weeks supply of pet food, treats, litter, poo bags, bedding etc. should you become ill and need to self-isolate.
- Pets coming from France will need to have the necessary documentation completed and this must accompany pets during transportation for checking in St Malo.
- For new pet owners: Prior to transportation, the owner should be given advice from the breeder/carer on the immediate care of their pet(s), including what food to purchase.
 - Ensure that you have your own collar/leash/crate/pet carrier/bed etc. for your pet.

What happens upon arrival in Guernsey?

- On arrival into Guernsey you **must** adhere to the instructions for getting from the airport/harbour to the address where you will self-isolate. This information can be found [here](#). Do not stop off anywhere between the airport/harbour and your self-isolation address!
- **Contact with your pet must be kept to a minimum until it has been thoroughly bathed/wiped down at home/self-isolation address.**
- Avoid allowing your pet to lick your face and ensure you wash your hands after any handling/interactions.



What do I do once my pet is at home?

- Wash your hands as soon as you gather everything needed to bath your pet.
- **Bath your pet immediately**/thoroughly wipe it with pet safe damp disposable cloth.
 - Cats are particularly sensitive to disinfectants and also fastidiously clean their coats and are therefore at risk of poisoning. If in doubt, shampoo cats using a human baby shampoo and then thoroughly rinse it out.
 - Separate your pet from any other animals in the household until it has been bathed.
 - Contact with your pet must be kept to a minimum until it has been thoroughly bathed/wiped down at home.
- All items associated with your pet must be **cleaned, disinfected and fully dried**, including crate, towels, the owner's clothing, vehicle etc. Wash your hands thoroughly, immediately after cleaning these items.
- Bathing pets and cleaning, disinfecting and drying all things associated with them, is likely to be enough to ensure that the virus is not present on your pet's fur.
 - As always, it is standard veterinary advice to wash your hands after stroking, touching, feeding, or cleaning up after an animal.
 - Should owners show any clinical signs of the virus, they must contact a medical professional/call 01481 756938 or 01481 756969.
- **Contact with your pet must be kept to a minimum if you are showing any clinical signs of COVID-19 or have had a positive result.**
- Follow the [Pets and livestock guidance](#) for further information.

All waste such as gloves, wipes, masks etc. must be placed in a plastic bag, tied up, then inserted into a second plastic bag, tied up, and quarantined for 72 hours before being left out for collection.

Specific advice to cat and ferret owners:

Evidence suggests that cats and ferrets can contract COVID-19 from humans, as well as other cats/ferrets.

Cats and ferrets should be **kept indoors for at least 2 weeks upon arrival in Guernsey.**

If your pet has respiratory or gastrointestinal symptoms, contact your vet for advice.