

# COVID-19 Guidance on Accompanied Pet Travel via Licensed Chartered Aircraft from the EU

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

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

## 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](#), Channel Jets and [Condor Ferries](#)). For information on your booking, please contact your service provider directly.

The following information is for the transport of pet dogs, cats and ferrets (which we shall refer to collectively as 'pets'), accompanied by their owners, on licensed chartered aircrafts from **Mainland EU Member States and Switzerland**.

It is recommended that engagement with the Office of the Director of Civil Aviation is made before any proposed flight is agreed to ensure compliance with the Air Navigation (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law 2012. Contact details can be found [here](#).

Pets must comply with the requirements of the [Pet Travel Scheme](#) (PETS).

## 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?

- Copies of the relevant pages of the pet travel documentation must be provided to the charter airline **at least 24 hours in advance** of intended travel. These will be forwarded on to the Fixed Based Operator (i.e. ASG or Aiglle) and the GSPCA (Guernsey Society for the Protection of Cruelty to Animals)/States Veterinary Officers.
- The microchip of pets should be checked before the flight to avoid possible PETS failures on arrival in Guernsey. For dogs, it is a PETS requirement that the microchip must be checked by a vet before tapeworm treatment is administered, irrespective of the vet's familiarity with said pet.



- Valid pet travel documentation should accompany each pet, which must include a record of completed tapeworm treatment for dogs and proof of up to date rabies vaccination.

## What happens upon arrival in Guernsey?

- Once landed, you will be greeted by a staff member from a Fixed Based Operator (ASG or Aigle) and member of the GSPCA/one of the States Veterinary Officers.
- All individuals will be required to **sanitise their hands**. It is advised that GSPCA/FBO staff wear a pair of disposable gloves.
- It is advised that **face masks** are be worn by all individuals.
- You will be asked to remain on board the aircraft whilst the PETS check is completed.
- The GSPCA/States Vets will ask for the pet travel documentation to be presented to check its validity.
- The GSPCA/States Vets will then provide you with a disinfected microchip reader and ask you to scan your pet so that they can ensure that the chip number corresponds to the documentation. The microchip reader will be disinfected after each use.
- In the event that an owner is unable to successfully scan a microchip, then the GSPCA/States Vets will take the animal outside the aircraft and attempt to scan the microchip.
- If the pet travel documentation is correct, and the microchip correlates with the documentation, then provided there are no further concerns, you and your pet will then be permitted to enter the island.
- You **must** adhere to the instructions for getting from the airport to the address where you will self-isolate. This information can be found [here](#). Do not stop off anywhere between the airport and your self-isolation address!
- EU-based aircraft crew members should not leave the aircraft (apart from remaining within the footprint of the aircraft on stand to permit necessary pre-flight safety checks), they must refuel and leave as soon as possible. If there are any problems with departure, the individuals must self-isolate in Guernsey for 14 days.
- Further information on self-isolation can be found [here](#).

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.

## What do I do once my pet is at home?

- Follow the [Pets and livestock guidance](#) for further information.
  - Please note: You cannot walk your dog whilst self-isolating, nor can family/friends/professional dog walkers. Cats should be kept indoors for the period of self-isolation.
- It is advised that you bath your pet to reduce the likelihood that the virus is on its fur. Please see the [COVID-19 Guidance on Bathing Pets & Livestock](#).



- **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.**