



COVID-19 Guidance on Unaccompanied Animal Imports/Imports using an Authorised Transporter

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

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

Please also read the [non-COVID related animal travel information](#)

Further information can be sought from the States Veterinary Officers for animal imports from outside the common travel area by emailing svo@gov.gg or calling 01481 221161.

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.
- Carriers/transporters should ensure that the animal is provided with water and comfortable and appropriate accommodation such as crates/pet carriers, including bedding, during transport.
- Transporters should hold transport authorisations from their competent authority.

Animal handover

- It is advised that all individuals involved in animal handover should wear appropriate PPE (mask, gloves) and have hand washing facilities/hand sanitiser available to them for use after the handover.
- All surfaces and objects (touch points) will be cleaned and disinfected thoroughly using appropriate products and equipment.
- Where appropriate, documentation should be sent electronically. Documentation which must accompany animals during transportation should be placed inside a plastic wallet that can be disinfected.
- Importers should be ready to collect animals as soon as they land.
- Animals should be taken to their destination address immediately by the importer and bathed/wiped over with an animal friendly wipe to reduce the likelihood that the virus is present on the fur. Please see the [COVID-19 Guidance on Bathing Pets & Livestock](#).
 - If bathing/wiping is not appropriate, handling of the animal should be kept to a minimum for 72 hours.

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.