



DAERA Authorised Private Veterinary Practitioners

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Audience: Authorised Private Veterinary Practitioners who are authorised for pet travel certification and issue pet passports

Subject: Update to guidance on issuing pet passports to non-EU residents in exchange for an Animal Health Certificate

This bulletin is to advise anyone who completes EU pet passports of updates to DAERA guidance being applied with immediate effect.

Exchanging Third Country Animal Health Certificates for EU Pet Passports

With immediate effect, as of **26/03/2026**, it is no longer acceptable to exchange any third country animal health certificate (AHC) for an EU pet passport.

It is also no longer acceptable to amend or update an EU pet passport with a non-EU address.

Pet passports should only be completed where the owner/keeper is a resident of an EU Member State or Northern Ireland.

Entry into NI from GB

EU Pet Travel Regulations require pets entering NI from GB to be accompanied by a valid Animal Health Certificate (AHC) or, if the final destination is limited to NI, a NI Pet Travel Document (PTD). Pets must enter NI via a Travellers' Point of Entry (TPE) and the AHC must be validated by DAERA officials to allow for 4 months onwards travel to the EU from Northern Ireland.

Further information on pet travel is available below:

- [DAERA – Travelling with Pets](#)

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please can they be directed to DAERATradeExports@daera-ni.gov.uk

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