

# Travel procedure for animals

According to the European Commission

([http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/liveanimals/pets/nocomm\\_third\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/liveanimals/pets/nocomm_third_en.htm)), it takes a minimum of 4 months to prepare a dog or cat to travel to Europe.

The steps that need to be taken to prepare a cat or dog for traveling are:

1. The dog or cat needs to be microchipped.
2. Rabies vaccination - preferably two: the first has to be given at the age of 3 months, the second a month later. (The second is just make sure that the blood test results are okay.)
3. Blood test - after the rabies vaccination, the serum of a blood sample needs to be tested for rabies antibodies at an approved laboratory in Europe ([http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/liveanimals/pets/approval\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/liveanimals/pets/approval_en.htm)).  
On this website of the approved laboratory is a form to be found that needs to be filled in and sent together with the serum sample.
4. When tested positive, 3 months have to pass before the animal is allowed to travel.
5. The health certificate  
[http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/liveanimals/pets/docs/reg\\_577\\_2013\\_part3\\_annex4\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/liveanimals/pets/docs/reg_577_2013_part3_annex4_en.pdf)  
has to be filled in and signed by the government just before traveling.