



Animal &  
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## APHA Briefing Note 03/20

### An update regarding pet travel as we now enter a transition period

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#### Purpose

To inform OV's that pet owners can travel with their pets in the same way as they do now during the transition period, until 31 December 2020.

#### Background

The Government's Withdrawal Agreement Bill has now been agreed by Parliament and received Royal Assent, so the UK will leave the European Union on 31 January 2020 and then enter a transition period until 31 December 2020.

During the transition period, pet owners will be able to continue to travel with their pets in the same way as they do now (using a Pet Passport) until the end of 2020, as there are no immediate changes to the process.

Pet owners that don't have a current UK-issued EU Pet Passport, will need to speak to their vet.

More information is available on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) and we will continue to engage with you at regular intervals to keep you informed of what you need to know and the actions that you will need to take.

We are extremely grateful for your engagement so far.

#### Further Information

If you have any questions about pet travel, please email the [pettravel@apha.gov.uk](mailto:pettravel@apha.gov.uk) mailbox.