

RABIES: WHAT TO KNOW FOR TRAVELING SAFELY WITH YOUR PET



LET'S BRING THE
RABIES RISK TO
ZERO!

According to WHO estimates, every nine minutes someone in the world dies from rabies, a preventable disease that is still present in many countries worldwide. To prevent its introduction into Italy, there are specific rules to follow when traveling with your pet (dog, cat, ferret).

-> WHAT IS ALWAYS REQUIRED:

- **Identification**

Microchip (or tattoo if done before 03/07/2011)

- **The European Passport**

issued by the Veterinary Service of your local health authority (ASL) of residence

- **The anti-rabies vaccine**

currently valid. The first dose of the vaccine can be administered starting from 12 weeks of age of the puppy, and you must wait 21 days for the vaccination to be valid.

TRAVELS WITHIN THE EU

The conditions described above

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If you travel to Finland, Ireland, Malta, Norway, Northern Ireland, or the UK: treatment against **echinococcus**

administered between 120 hours (5 days) and 24 hours before departure.

Always check with the embassy of your destination country!

TRAVELS OUTSIDE THE EU

The conditions described above + additional conditions required by the destination country

- **A rabies antibody titer higher than 0.5 IU/ml**

is required to re-enter Italy from countries that are not rabies-free (not included in the list Annex II of Reg. 2026/636). The blood sample must be taken at least 30 days after the anti-rabies vaccination, before departure, and recorded in the European passport.

- **Make sure that the anti-rabies vaccination is still valid for your return to Italy!**

- If you need to re-enter Italy from non-EU countries, in case your animal does not have a passport, you will need to request a **health certificate for non-commercial movements** issued in the country of departure, no more than 10 days before the animal's arrival in the EU!

- If you travel to an EU country or Northern Ireland **from Andorra, Switzerland, Monaco, Norway, San Marino, or Vatican City**, your pet can enter the EU also with a passport issued in one of these countries.

 **For more information, visit the website:**

https://europa.eu/youreurope/citizens/travel/carry/pets-and-other-animals/index_en.htm

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