

NEW EU PET PASSPORT FOR ANIMAL TRANSPORT WITHIN EUROPEAN UNION

Effective 3 July, 2004 the EU will introduce a mandatory EU Pet Passport for transportation of cats, dogs and ferrets within the EU.

KLM does not accept ferrets for transportation as checked baggage.

Dogs and cats travelling to one of the EU states require an official EU Pet Passport which can be issued by an official vet.

All pets must always have a vaccination against rabies.

Pets travelling to the UK, Ireland and Sweden must also have done a blood test at least 3 months before the date of travelling.

The owner of the pet is obliged to install an identification chip or tattoo on the pet by a vet. Until 1 October, 2004 the old vaccination certificate may be accepted if the new EU passport is not yet available. However the new rules will apply as from 3 July, 2004, like the identification chip or tattoo.

The passport must contain the following details:

- Owner (name and full home address)
- Description of the dog or cat e.g. colour of the fur (picture of the animal is optional)
- Identification type (chip or tattoo)
- Vaccination against Rabies (date and brand)
- Rabies serological test
- Tick treatment
- Echinococcus treatment
- Other vaccinations