Moving To England From The USA

Dog Checklist

To get started on your dog's relocation from the US to the UK, read this blog post.

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Dog Checklist

Set milestone dates for staying on track until the big moving day.
Always check Gov.uk for the latest country requirements.
Tasks are related to a "non-commercial" UK health certificate.

Can the dogs go? **3 months out**

Decide by: _____

- [ ] Passes UK requirements:
  - [ ] Not more than 5 dogs
  - [ ] Older than 6 months
  - [ ] Not a banned breed
  - [ ] Meets all the UK reqs

Notes:

Planning A Move **< 3 months to go**

Key date: _____

- [ ] Check your airline if dogs are allowed
- [ ] Get 3rd party quotes ex. starwoodpet.com
- [ ] Decide whether to use a 3rd party or not
- [ ] Notify realtor re: pet-friendly rental
- [ ] Contact PetLets.com for realty help
- [ ] Apply for TOR (or get from goods mover)
- [ ] Buy a kennel that meets airline specs
- [ ] Set kennel up for dog to get used to

Notes:

Initial Vet Check **> 21 days**

Key date: _____

- [ ] Confirm microchip is working 1st
- [ ] Rabies vaccination (after microchip)
- [ ] Wait 21 days after rabies vaccination

Notes:

Pet Certificate **< 10 days**

Key date: _____

- [ ] Vet completes a GB Pet Health Certificate
- [ ] Get GB Pet Health Certificate endorsed by APHIS. Must include a self-addressed pre-paid express return shipping label.

Notes:

Final Prep **< 5 days**

Key date: _____

- [ ] Tapeworm vaccination
- [ ] Contact the airline broker in the UK to arrange a time to meet with the Clearing Agent to collect your dog(s)
- [ ] Photocopy all records

Notes:

Departure & Arrival Day

Flight day: _____

- [ ] Tape a bag of food to the crate
- [ ] Ask flight attendant to confirm dog(s) made it on board
- [ ] Collect dog(s) from Pet Clearance
- [ ] Register dog in the UK Pet Microchip DB

Notes:

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Pet Shipper Quotes

Collect at least 3 quotes from recommended pet shippers

Pet Shipper 1:_____

Notes:

Includes / Cost: _____

- [ ] Travel Insurance
- [ ] Door to door handling
- [ ] TOR form & fee
- [ ] Flight _____
- [ ] VAT / Customs Tax
- [ ] Clearing Fees
- [ ] Pet Shipper Service Fee
- [ ] Vet Fees
- [ ] EU Health Certificate

Pros + **Cons -**

Pet Shipper 2:_____

Notes:

Includes / Cost: _____

- [ ] Travel Insurance
- [ ] Door to door handling
- [ ] TOR form & fee
- [ ] Flight _____
- [ ] VAT / Customs Tax
- [ ] Clearing Fees
- [ ] Pet Shipper Service Fee
- [ ] Vet Fees
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Pet Shipper 3:_____

Notes:

Includes / Cost: _____

- [ ] Travel Insurance
- [ ] Door to door handling
- [ ] TOR form & fee
- [ ] Flight _____
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US to UK Pet Resources

Trusted & recommended resources used by American expats living in the UK

Commercial Airlines That Ship Pets

*The number of airlines to fly your pet to the UK are limited so booking early is essential

1. American Airlines PetEmbark Cargo
2. British Airways via IAG Cargo - requires a 3rd party shipper to book the flight
3. BARK Air

International Pet Shippers

1. Starwood Pet Travel
2. Petsfly.com
3. Pet-Express
4. World Pet Travel
5. AirVets
6. Air Pets International (formerly called Air Pets America)
7. Air Animal
8. Pender Air
9. Animal Land Pet Movers
10. World Care Pet Transport
11. Pack Your Pets
12. Silver Birch Pet Jets (Military only) Cambridgeshire, UK

Need more background about moving your dog?
Read this blog post: International Pet Shippers
And for more pet shippers, use IPATA

Pet US/UK Relocation Facebook Groups

Facebook Groups exist for people to ask questions and unite around a common issue - how to move your dog to the UK and back. Fill out each FB Group's form to join.

Request to join:

- [ ] PCSing With Pets To The UK
- [ ] US Pets To UK Via Chunnel & Alternate Routes
- [ ] US/UK Dog & Pet Repatriation Private Charter Jet Group

Essential Websites For UK Pet Entry Reqs

- UK Government Rules On Importing A Pet
- USDA APHIS For Vaccination Requirements & Order Of Steps
- Approved Sea & Rail Routes For Pets Into UK
- Approved Charter & Commercial Airlines For Pets Into UK

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Be the person your dog thinks you are.

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