

TRAVELING DOGS FROM THE U.S. TO HUNGARY

As per EU Pet Travel rules dated 22 April 2026

EUROPEAN LEGAL BACKGROUND

Non-commercial movement of pets (dogs, cats, ferrets) from non-EU countries is regulated by the following EU directive:

https://food.ec.europa.eu/animals/live-animal-movements/dogs-cats-and-ferrets/bringing-pet-eu-non-eu-country_en

REQUIREMENTS

NOTE: ENTRY REQUIREMENTS TO BE RE-CHECKED WITH THE RELEVANT AUTHORITY IN THE COUNTRY OF DEPARTURE BEFORE TRAVEL.

To travel a dog from the U.S. to Hungary the following requirements currently apply:

- Dog must have an **electronic microchip** (or a readable tattoo that has been applied before 3 July 2011).
- Dog to have an **Animal Health Certificate (AHC)** listing the chip number and vaccinations amongst other pet data. The AHC is valid for 10 days from the date of issue by the official veterinarian until the date of the documentary and identity checks at the point of entry in Hungary.
- Dog must have an annual **anti-rabies vaccination** that was administered at least 21 days prior to travel (shall be certified by the administering veterinarian in the relevant section of the animal health certificate (AHC)).
- Dog must have a **tapeworm Echinococcus multilocularis treatment** administered at least 48 hrs prior to travel (shall be certified by the administering veterinarian in the relevant section of the animal health certificate (AHC)).

AIRLINE POLICY

The weight limit for dogs to be able to travel in the cabin with their owner is 8 kgs / 17.6 lbs to include dog crate. Any dog above 8 kgs must travel in the cargo area, except in cases where the dog is a certified emotional support dog (comfort or ESA – Emotional Support Animal) or guide dog.

In this case the following airlines would allow the dog (above 8 kgs / 17.6 lbs) in the cabin area:

- Air France
- KLM Royal Dutch Airlines
- Lufthansa Airlines (only on direct flights either originating or terminating in the United States)
- Swiss International Airlines (only on direct flights either originating or terminating in the United States)

Certified emotional support and guide dogs can travel with their owners in the cabin free of charge with advance notification.