

Entry Requirements for Cats, Dogs & Ferrets to EU Countries from the UAE

Plus... the following non-EU countries which follow EU regulations:

Switzerland, Norway, Andorra, Faeroe Islands, Gibraltar, Greenland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, San Marino, Vatican City State

Veterinary & Health Certificate Requirements

The requirements below are based on travelling on a direct flight into the EU or via another EU country. Travel via a country classified as high-risk country for rabies (visit: https://europa.eu/youreurope/citizens/travel/carry/pets-and-other-animals/index_en.htm#inline-nav-5) will result in additional entry requirements.

- **Microchip**

Your pet's microchip must have been implanted prior to at least the most recent rabies vaccination. Official documented proof of this is required.

- **Rabies Vaccination**

- Required at least 21 days prior to travel if a primary vaccine or if there has been a lapse in maintaining your pet's vaccination regime.
- If administered as a booster within the validity of the current vaccine, no waiting period applies.
- NOTE: Whilst not an EU requirement, up-to-date annual cat/dog vaccines are required for acceptance by the airlines.

- **EU Pet Passport Holders ONLY**

- Under EU law, any vaccination documented outside of the EU within a "Pet Passport" is not recognised. This law is strictly enforced by Denmark and occasionally by Spain. If relocating to one of these 2 countries, you must gain an official vaccination certificate for your pet's current vaccinations from their vet.
 - But... it may be wise to gain an official vaccination certificate regardless of the EU country you are relocating to. Any of the EU countries could start to enforce this law at a moment's notice.

- **Tapeworm Treatment ONLY for dogs and IF travelling to one of the following EU Countries:**

Ireland, Finland, Malta and Norway.

The treatment must be administered by a registered veterinarian no less than 24hrs, and no more than 120hrs, prior to the scheduled arrival time in the destination country. The treatment must be recorded on the EU Health Certificate and, if relevant, the EU Pet Passport.

- **Health Certificates Required x 2**

- UAE Export Certificate - issued by the UAE Ministry of Climate Change & Environment (MOCCAE).
- EU Health Certificate (pre-completed and endorsed by MOCCAE):
 - Non-Commercial Relocations: Within 10 days of departure. HOWEVER... for dogs moving to one of the 4 immediately-above-mentioned countries requiring a tapeworm treatment, endorsement can only take place *after* the tapeworm treatment has been administered.
 - Commercial Relocations: Within 48 hours.



- **Non-Commercial / Commercial Relocations**

- Non-Commercial Relocations: In order to qualify as a "non-commercial" relocation, the owner must travel from the UAE and enter the destination country on the same day as, or within 5 days of, their pet.
- Commercial Relocations: This applies to one or more of the following conditions:
 - The owner not travelling from the UAE within 5 days, or on the same day as their pet.
 - The pet is being relocated for adoption or rehoming.
 - 5 or more pets being relocated.

Additional on-arrival fees are almost always applicable in the destination country.

- **Pre-Alert & Review of Documents**

A pre-alert must be sent to the relevant Border Control State Veterinarian, along with a copy of the documents, in advance of travel for the following countries:

- Denmark - at least 24hrs in advance.
- Norway - at least 48hrs in advance.
- Ireland - at least 24hrs in advance
- Portugal - at least 48hrs in advance.
- Sweden - at least 24hrs in advance

There are some additional countries which might require a pre-alert, as well:

- France - for cargo arrivals at Paris (CDG).
- Germany - varies by airport.
- Spain - inconsistently required
- Switzerland.