

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

Veterinary & Health Certificate 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, subject to the immunity onset period stated in the vaccine datasheet.
- If administered as a booster within the validity of the current vaccine, no waiting period applies.
- NOTE: Whilst not a UK requirement, up-to-date annual cat/dog vaccines are required for acceptance by the airlines.

- **Tapeworm Treatment - Dogs ONLY**

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 UK. The treatment must be recorded on the GB Health Certificate and, if relevant, the EU Pet Passport.

- **Commercial Moves**

- Additionally require a vet inspection within 48 hours of departure. This must be prior to the UAE Ministry of Climate Change & Environment (MOCCAE) endorsement.
- For dogs, this usually coincides with the tapeworm appointment.

- **Health Certificates Required x 2**

- UAE Export Certificate - issued by the UAE Ministry of Climate Change & Environment (MOCCAE).
- Non-Commercial or Commercial: Great Britain, Channel Islands and Isle of Man (GB) Health Certificate (pre-completed and endorsed by MOCCAE):
 - Non-Commercial Relocations: Within 10 days of departure. HOWEVER... for dogs, the endorsement can only take place after the tapeworm treatment has been administered.
 - Commercial Relocations: Within 48 hours.

- **Entry Ports & Bureaucracy**

(It is the UK, after all! 😊)

- Pets may enter via the following airports: Heathrow, Gatwick, Manchester, Newcastle, Glasgow and Edinburgh.
- If the owner isn't travelling from the UAE into the UK on the same day or within 5 days of their pet's arrival, entry is limited to: Heathrow, Gatwick, Glasgow or Edinburgh.
- Private jet/charter or ferry? Other approved entry points apply - visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pet-travel-approved-air-sea-rail-and-charter-routes-for-the-movement-of-pets>



- **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 UK (any airport is fine) 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 of, 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 applicable on the UK side.

- **Customs clearance**

Must be done by a pre-approved agent at the entry airport (i.e. it is not possible to handle this yourself directly).

- **Transfer of Residency (ToR)**

- If your ToR is not in-place at the time of your pet's UK arrival, you will be charged VAT.
- Your household shipping company should inform you about the ToR (which includes a section for pets) so that you can make the application in good time to avoid UK VAT. However, just shout if you'd like us to send you some information.