

Accompanied Baggage Travel • Abu Dhabi

Planning to bring your pet into the UAE as *accompanied baggage* (in-cabin or in-hold)? You'll need to fly into Zayed International Airport (Abu Dhabi).

Ethad Airways allow one pet per passenger, while the UAE permits up to two pets per person (passport). If you are travelling with another passenger and more than one pet, both pets can be under one UAE Import Permit and this is preferable as UAE Customs fees are charged per UAE Import Permit, not pet.

Only Ethad Airways has official *UAE Ministry of Climate Change & Environment (MOCCA)* approval for accompanied baggage arrivals. That said, since a MOCCA veterinarian is now based at the passenger terminal, other airlines may allow it too. Turkish Airlines, for example, definitely do.

For full information:

Ethad Airways: <https://www.etihad.com/en-ae/plan/travel-companion/travelling-with-pets>

Turkish Airlines: <https://www.turkishairlines.com/en-int/any-questions/traveling-with-pets>

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IMPORTANT - UAE Pass:

You must be registered with **UAE Pass**.

This is required to set up your account with the *UAE Ministry of Climate Change & Environment (MOCCA)* - required for both the import permit and pre-release process. This is the only login option for MOCCA.

The **UAE Pass** App is the UAE government's official digital ID app. It lets you prove who you are online to access many government and semi-government services. For details on how to register for **UAE Pass**, please see: <https://www.uaepass.ae>

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How DKC Can Help:

With our **AUH Accompanied Baggage Package Service**, DKC can take care of everything that needs to be done in advance of your arrival on the UAE side:

- Setting up your MOCCA account, applying and securing the UAE Import Permit.
- Applying for and obtaining the mandatory Customs Bill of Entry (BoE).
- Completing the MOCCA system pre-release process, including the MOCCA payment for the official inspection.

Everything will then be ready for your arrival. The on-arrival MOCCA vet inspection and final release take place inside the passenger terminal, which is only accessible to travellers.

If required, we also offer **optional add-on services**:

- Arranging a pet-taxi service for you and your pet/s.
- Registration with Dubai Municipality (relevant *if residing in Dubai*).
- Boarding at our Pet Hotel.
- Veterinary Services at our 24hr DKC Veterinary Clinic.

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What YOU will need to do:

...aside from meeting the UAE entry requirements for your pet/s of course!!

- Register with UAE Pass.
- Book the flight for yourself and your pet(s) and obtain the airline confirmation/approval for your pet.



- Provide DKC with the required documents and information within the specified timeframes.

While DKC will be applying and gaining the Customs BoE on your behalf, and handing the pre-release process, both are time sensitive. We will clearly advise what we need and when!

Fees

DKC AUH Accompanied Baggage Package Service Fee: AED 1,050

MOCCAE fees vary based on species and number of pets, whilst Customs fees vary based on airline, submission timing and are per UAE Import Permit.

The Customs fees given below are based on travel with Etihad Airways, and the Customs BoE being applied for more than 48 hours prior to your arrival. Please see further below for the additional applicable Customs fees when applicable.

1 Cat – Total AED 1,766 (breakdown below):

AED 1,050	DKC Service Fee
AED 456	UAE Ministry Fees: Import Permit (AED 203) and Pre-Release Veterinary Inspection (AED 253)
AED 260	Customs BoE (applied for more than 48hrs in advance of flight arrival)

2 Cats – Total AED 2,222 (breakdown below):

AED 1,050	DKC Service Fee
AED 912	UAE Ministry Fees (per pet): Import Permit (AED 203) and Pre-Release Veterinary Inspection (AED 253)
AED 260	Customs BoE (applied for more than 48hrs in advance of flight arrival)

1 Dog – Total AED 2,016 (breakdown below):

AED 1,050	DKC Service Fee
AED 706	UAE Ministry Fees: Import Permit (AED 203) and Pre-Release Veterinary Inspection (AED 503)
AED 260	Customs BoE (applied for more than 48hrs in advance of flight arrival)

2 Dogs – Total AED 2,722 (breakdown below):

AED 1,050	DKC Service Fee
AED 1,412	UAE Ministry Fees (per pet): Import Permit (AED 203) and Pre-Release Veterinary Inspection (AED 503)
AED 260	Customs BoE (applied for more than 48hrs in advance of flight arrival)

1 Cat & 1 Dog – Total AED 2,472 (breakdown below):

AED 1,050	DKC Service Fee
AED 1,162	UAE Ministry Fees (per pet): Import Permit (AED 203) and Pre-Release Veterinary Inspection (AED 203/503)
AED 260	Customs BoE (applied for more than 48hrs in advance of flight arrival)

Additional Customs Fees, when applicable:

Arrival on an airline other than Etihad:	Add AED 105
If you have more 2 pets and require separate import permits:	Add AED 260 (Etihad), or AED 365 (other airlines)
Application for the BoE <i>within</i> 48hrs of arrival:	Add AED 105.

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If you're not familiar with the difference between the various methods of pet travel (i.e. accompanied baggage, in-hold, in-cabin, manifest cargo), read our document "[Pet Travel Options](#)".

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Why only Abu Dhabi?

Historically: MOCCAЕ permitted arrivals into the UAE as manifest cargo only and the airlines were fined if not abiding by this UAE rule.

Currently: MOCCAЕ officially granted approval to Etihad Airways to accept as accompanied baggage, leading to a MOCCAЕ veterinarian being stationed at the passenger terminal of Zayed International Airport (AUH), equipped with the necessary resources to carry out on-arrival inspections and clearances. This has resulted in some other airlines with flights landing in AUH to accept.

Dubai airports: Airlines are generally unlikely to accept pets as accompanied baggage at DXB or DWC, except on private jet/charter flights which arrive on the cargo side, where MOCCAЕ veterinarians are present. If an airline does accept your pet as accompanied baggage, the airline must pre-alert MOCCAЕ and advise you whether a veterinarian will attend the passenger terminal (unlikely) or if your pet will need to be moved to the cargo area for processing. Additional handling and transport charges will apply in that case.