



# British Veterinary Centre Pet Transport

## Export to specific countries

*Please also see:.....*

- **Advance Preparation for Pet Travel**
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*.....available as downloadable pdf on the BVC web-site)*

### **TRAVEL FROM UAE:**

The UAE authorities require for all pet dog / cat exports:

1. **Current rabies vaccination** before export is allowed. *If only one vaccine has been given it should be done a minimum of 30 days before travel.* This means that for puppies and kittens, where the first rabies vaccine is given at not less than 3 months of age, there is a minimum travel of age of 4 months.
2. **Export certificates** for all cats and dogs leaving the country, even if the receiving country does not require these. We can obtain these documents on your behalf if you wish.

**NOTE: In general, for international travel, rabies vaccines must be current. This usually means that at least one rabies vaccine has been given between 30 and 365 days prior to the travel date**

### **TRAVEL TO:**

#### **Australia and New Zealand**

Both countries require that your pet is microchipped for identification and blood tested to check for rabies immunity well in advance of travel. We suggest you **make plans at least seven months before your planned departure**. If you do not know your departure date we can arrange a blood sampling protocol to enable you to leave at relatively short notice. Without advance preparation your pets will not benefit from the reduced quarantine period now possible in Australia and New Zealand. Dogs going to New Zealand or Australia will also need blood tests to confirm the absence of Brucellosis, Ehrlichiosis and Leptospirosis and specific treatment against certain endoparasites and ectoparasites at specified times in advance of travel. If all medical results are favourable your pet will have a one-month quarantine stay in Australia or New Zealand. Pets must travel cargo. All quarantine arrangements must be made in advance and travel is subject to quarantine facility availability

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### **Canada**

Transport to Canada is relatively straightforward. Current rabies vaccine status should be evident on your pet's vaccine record and then plans can be made 2 – 3 weeks in advance.

### **Europe (except UK, Ireland, Sweden, Malta)**

Effective from December 2004 all cats, dogs and ferrets entering the European Union coming from a "category 2 rabies free country" (which includes the UAE) are required to be:

1. micro chipped (or clearly visible tattooed)
2. document proving a valid Rabies vaccination (meaning the vaccination must be given within the last year)
3. EU Veterinary Health Certificate issued 10 days or less before departure by a registered veterinarian (British Veterinary Centre is so registered) in the country of origin (UAE).

### **India**

Import of live animals to UAE from India is now permitted although has at times been officially banned by the UAE authorities. Application for pet import can be made and permission may be granted depending upon the ruling of the Ministry of Agriculture. We are happy to help with application procedures at client's request.

### **Japan**

**There is a 7 month preparation process including**

1. **Microchip – must do in advance of below measures.**
2. Two rabies vaccines
  - a. First at least 210 days pre arrival
  - b. Second at least 30 days after first
3. Rabies antibody test (blood sample) after second vaccine (ideally within one or two days)
4. 180 day delay after rabies blood sample
5. Obtain import paper (40 - 90 days before arrival)
6. Japanese health certificate (2- 10 days before arrival)

Irregularities in documentation or failure to read microchip will result in pets entering quarantine for 120 days.

### **Malaysia**

Call us if you plan to take your pet to Malaysia. An export permit from UAE authorities is required, and current rabies vaccination. Import of animals from Malaysia to the UAE is currently permitted.

### **Oman**

Requires advance notification and an official import permit from the Omani agriculture department.

### **Pakistan**

Please contact us for the latest information regarding shipment to Pakistan.

### **Philippines**

Please check with the BVC transport service for the latest details regarding export to the Philippines.

### **Saudi Arabia**

Requires paperwork from Saudi and UAE government departments, with official embassy attestation, before pets may be transported. Please allow us to advise further on the procedure for taking pets to Saudi Arabia. It's a little more complicated than for most countries but we have flown many pets to Saudi and all have arrived safe and well!

### **Singapore**

Requires:

1. 30 days quarantine for dogs and cats from the UAE. This is mandatory, at owners' expense and must be in the government's Jurong animal quarantine center. Rabies vaccine is given on arrival regardless of previous vaccine history (unless only transiting through Singapore).
2. Import Licence from Singapore authorities

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3. Export Certificate from UAE authorities
4. Veterinary Health Certificate
5. Pets must not be pregnant or physically incapacitated
6. Owners of any dog above 3 months of age must apply for a license to keep the dog in Singapore.
7. Only one dog of an approved breed is allowed in a Housing and Development Board (HDB) dwelling unit and no dog is allowed in other non-residential HDB premises. Not more than three dogs are allowed in each non-HDB premises.

The following breeds of dogs and their crosses are not allowed to be imported into Singapore (and many other countries):

- Pit Bull (which includes the American Pit Bull Terrier also known as the American Pit Bull and Pit Bull Terrier)
- American Staffordshire Terrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier, the American Bulldog, and crosses between them
- Neapolitan Mastiff
- Tosa
- Akita
- Dogo Argentino
- Fila Brasileiro
- Crosses of the above mentioned breeds.

The following breeds of dog need to be muzzled while in public places: Bull Mastiff, Bull Terrier, Doberman, German Shepherd with its related breeds such as the Belgian Shepherd and the East European Shepherd, and Rottweiler.

Birds will need CITES permission if endangered (e.g. most parrots or birds of prey). There is no quarantine for individually owned pet birds.

### **South Africa**

1. Quarantine period of 14 days for dogs arriving from the UAE (cats do not have quarantine)
2. Valid vaccinations
3. Microchip is now mandatory
4. South African Import permit
5. Must travel cargo (excess accompanied baggage not allowed)

### **United Kingdom** Requires:

1. Microchip identification (Do this first - vaccines or health checks done before the chip are not valid!)
2. Vaccination after the microchip has been implanted
3. Rabies immunity Test **6 months in advance of arrival in UK**

NOTE: Only one rabies test is required provided vaccines are kept up to date thereafter. If your pet's booster vaccine date is exceeded, the blood test procedure must start again.

4. UAE and UK government export / import documentation
5. Antiparasite treatment 24 - 48 hours before departure (signed by vet)

***See [www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/quarantine/pets](http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/quarantine/pets) for more information.***

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