

UAE IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR CATS AND DOGS



To import a pet into the UAE, you must have an import permit issued by the Ministry of Environment and Water. It will take around 5 working days to process the import permit and the validity of the permit is 30 days from the date of issue.

In order to obtain this permit, which GVC can do for you, the following points apply:

1. The animal must be over 4 months of age
2. Rabies vaccination at least 30 days prior to but within 1 year of import
3. Other vaccinations:
Dogs: DHPL
Cats: FHV - 1, FPV, Feline Calicivirus
4. Microchip identification – must be ISO Standard, **NOT AVID**
5. All documentation (vaccination book, Health Certificate) must be in **ENGLISH** or in the original language with English translation
6. Each person can import a maximum of 2 animals per import permit.

If you would like GVC to obtain the import permit for you or to assist you with the import of an animal, please email or fax a COPY of following documents:

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- Your passport including residence visa where relevant
- Your animal's vaccination certificate:
 1. The first page stating Name, Age, Species, Breed, Gender, Microchip – number and – location in **ENGLISH** or original language with translation into English
 2. The page with the relevant vaccination information including product name, batch number and EXPIRY DATE OF THE VACCINATION
- The signed, attached "Letter Of Authorisation" giving us permission to operate on your behalf.

The following documents must arrive with the animal:

- Original Health Certificate – this must be a **GOVERNMENT ISSUED AND SIGNED** health certificate in **ENGLISH** or original language translated into English. This should be in A4 format with “Health Certificate” stated at the top of the document. Please note that for European passports, signature of the “Clinical Examination” page at the back of the passport is **NOT ACCEPTED**. This Health Certificate must be issued within 10 days of travel.
- Original Vaccination Certificate
- Original Certificate of Rabies Neutralisation (where applicable)
- A copy of the import permit (we will send this to you)

When entering the UAE, the ministry has stated that all pets must travel as manifest cargo. They may not arrive as excess baggage or in the cabin.

Please note: The following breeds or types of dog are prohibited from being imported into UAE:

- Pit Bull Terrier or American Pit Bull Terrier
- Japanese Tosa (Tosa Inu, Tosa Fighting Dog)
- Argentinian Fighting Dog (Dogo Argentino, Argentinian Mastiff)
- Brazilian Fighting Dog (Fila Brasileiro, Brazilian Mastiff)
- Cross breeds with any of the above
- Wolf Dog Hybrid (any dog mixed with a wolf)

GVC offers the following services for pet import:

1. Full service, which includes processing the permit, collection of your pet upon arrival at the airport including customs clearance and clearing the veterinary department and home delivery if required.
2. Permit processing only. In this case you or a friend / representative can collect the permit at the clinic so you have the permit when you collect your pet at the airport.
3. Permit processing and courier service to your country of departure. The courier services will be added to your invoice.

There is a fee of 400 AED payable at the veterinary department of the airport on collection of the animal. This fee must be paid by e-Dirham card.

In the case that you chose permit processing only, we will supply the e-Dirham card with the permit.