



WHAT SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN YOUR PET RELOCATION ESTIMATE



Many different companies offer pet relocation. Some are part of veterinary clinics, some are freight forwarders or shipping agents, and some are solely pet relocators. But what does that mean for you and what do you need to consider in order to make the right choice?

Well, cost can certainly be a factor, but how do you know that your relocation estimate is complete and contains costs for all aspects of the relocation process from veterinary fees to overseas agent fees?

Here is a breakdown of everything that needs to be considered as part of the relocation process and possible costs involved.

1. Veterinary Fees



Relocating a pet requires them to be in good health.

You will need to have up-to-date vaccinations as per the destination country specifications.

Your pet will require a microchip.

Depending on the destination country, further procedures such as additional blood tests, additional vaccinations and parasite treatments will need to be initiated according to a specific time schedule.

These can be quite substantial and costly and the possible pitfalls of using a pet relocater that is not attached to a veterinary clinic, is that these costs may not be included in your initial estimate and you may receive a nasty surprise when these need to be paid separately to a third-party veterinary clinic.

2. Logistics

Booking the flight

Whether your pet travels as excess baggage or freight cargo, you will want to get a good price and also ensure your pet is travelling with a very reputable carrier, going to the best and/or most convenient destination and avoiding any unnecessary stopovers that will extend the time spent in their travel crates.

Travel Crates

Make sure you have the right size and type of travel crate. This is essential as there are strictly enforced guidelines and these should be fully understood in advance. Choosing a crate that is too small may prevent your pet from being uploaded on the scheduled flight and will cause additional cost as well as stress and unrest due to having to reschedule flights and possibly even re-issue documentation and paperwork.

Having an experienced Pet Relocation Team measure your pet for their crate is essential in order to prevent the above.

Make sure your pet relocation service includes all the required collections and airport drop offs – this seems obvious but do check the details as these may not be covered if considered optional.



3. Arrival



Your pet has made it safely to their new home country!

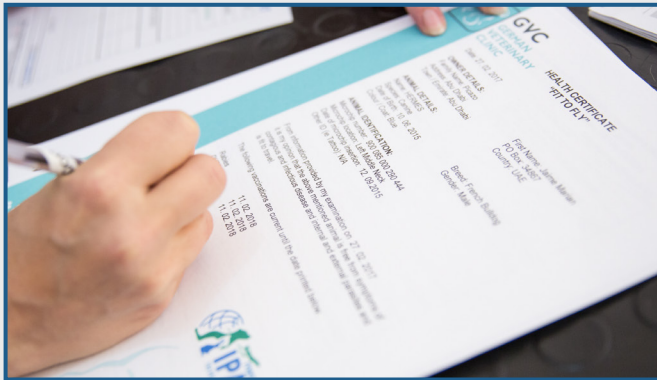
Some countries have mandatory quarantine periods, whilst others insist that a recognised relocation agent is utilised to release a pet from customs. These costs may or may not be included in your estimate and can be substantial so make sure that you are fully informed.

Plus, are there any forward travel requirements from the destination airport? If yes, have these been considered within the overall relocation process and costs?

These details must be clear and included as necessary to avoid potential mishaps.

4. Legal

Yes, last but definitely not the least, is everything that is legally necessary for your pet to travel on both the departure as well as the arrival side. This includes all the permit applications (import, export, health certificates, customs clearance etc.) and



don't forget the official "Fit to Fly" exam by a UAE licensed veterinarian that is mandatory to ensure your pet can start their journey.

Then, there are the breed or species-specific regulations that come in to play for a variety of animals due to seasonal and/or country demands.

Having incorrect or missing paperwork can really cause problems and, of course, additional costs. When done correctly, the paperwork is a relatively minor time and cost consumer, however, a mistake here can be hugely costly both financially and in terms of the animal's welfare.

Despite all the potential problems, the fact remains that pet relocation is a series of simple steps... but you do want these to be managed correctly so that they combine to create a nice smooth, stress-free process and you need to know what cost are involved in each of these steps.

At GVC, we have been successfully working in the Pet Relocation Industry for over a decade and our team have a wonderful volume of collective experience that means that we can welcome each pet and provide a bespoke and personal customer journey (as well as the actual pet journey).

With all the critical Veterinary Services in-house, a fully integrated Relocation Team and a vast network of overseas agents, GVC offers the same standards of welfare considerations for our pet travellers as we do for all our clinical customers.

Our estimates are comprehensive and transparent and our team are able to discuss and advise on every step of the process. Plus, we offer a free travel consultation as one of the many benefits within our Pet Health Club.

Call 02 556 2024 or email transport@germanvet.ae to book an appointment with our Relocation Specialists. You may also visit **[germanvet.ae](https://www.germanvet.ae)** to learn more.

