

EXPORTING YOUR PET FROM UAE TO ANOTHER COUNTRY



Requirements and procedures for export are very much dependent on the country that you are going to and may be very quick and easy or may take several months (sometimes 7 months or more) of planning !

Amongst the countries that require more planning are: UK, Australia, New Zealand, Malta, Sweden, Japan, Norway and some others.

We urge you to contact us plenty ahead of time in order that we can plan travel arrangements and make sure that your animal does not need to spend excessive time in quarantine or kennels.

You will find a lot of information of the “Travel Info and FAQs” page, but here is some more specific information regarding export:

1. You will need to obtain an export health certificate issued by the Ministry of Environment and Water 10 days before travelling.
2. In order to get this certificate, you will need a “Fit to Fly” health certificate, which GVC can issue for you.
3. Depending on which country you travel to you will possibly need an import permit from this country.
4. Flight BOOKINGS for your pets can only be made 10 days before departure once you have the necessary documentation. You can only RESERVE flights before this time.
5. There are 2 main methods of obtaining tickets for your pets.

If you are travelling on the same flight as your pet, you can try to book them as excess baggage, but only some airlines allow this. This can sometimes be a slightly cheaper option, but does not mean that your pet will travel in the cabin with you. This is dependent on the size and weight of your pet.

The second option is to book your pet as manifest cargo, with a separate airway bill. This way, your pet will be checked in and collected at the cargo section of the relevant airport. Pets must be checked in 4 hours before departure.

GVC can offer you the following Export service options:

1. A full service package including documentation, airline booking, delivery to and clearance at the airport as well as arranging further transportation or a pickup service in the destination country.
2. Documentation and flight booking only
3. Documentation only
4. Any variation of the above