Taking pet dogs and cats to the United Arab Emirates

If your situation differs in any way from the proposed process, or if you have information from the veterinary authority of the importing country that differs from the process described below, please contact your local state veterinarian to discuss the matter.

Exporters are advised to verify the requirements of the importing country by contacting the veterinary authorities, or their representatives in South Africa, in advance of each consignment.

Requirements

You will need to apply for an import permit, which is valid for 30 days, for the UAE. Please have a look at this website:


as well as


Requirements for pets:

a. Microchip

b. The pet has to be shipped in manifested cargo as per IATA regulations, Check the IATA conditions for carrying pets( http://www.iata.org ).

c. Pets under 4 months are not allowed

d. An original certificate for Rabies Serum Neutralization test (RSNT) from a laboratory approved by the competent authorities in the exporting country done during a minimum period of 12 weeks and not more than 12 months prior to shipment date showing that the animals have been subjected to (Antibody titration test) for rabies after a period not less than 21 days following the last date of basic (initial) vaccination or that was after a booster done in a previous vaccination period with a minimum level of (IU/ml 0.5).

e. The following breeds of dogs are not allowed to be imported into UAE

i. All Kinds Pit Bull,

ii. Japanese Tosa (Tosai; Tosa Fighting Dog),

iii. Argentinian Fighting Dog (DogoArgentino; Argentinian Mastiff),

iv. Brazilian Fighting Dog (Fila Brasileino; Brazilian Mastiff),

v. Wolf Dog Hybrid ( Any dog mixed with a wolf),
vi. American Staffordshire terrier.

f. Vaccinations:
   i. For Dogs
      1. Rabies, a valid vaccination applied according to the instruction of the vaccine manufacturer, initial dose should not be given before the animal is at least 3 months of age and at least 21 days before the animal is due to arrive in the UAE.
      2. Canine Distemper Virus (CDV)
      3. Canine Parvo Virus
      4. Infectious Canine Hepatitis.
      5. Leptospirosis (Ictohaemorrhagea – Canicola)
   ii. For Cats
      1. Rabies, a valid vaccination applied according to the instruction of the vaccine manufacturer, initial dose should not be given before the animal is at least 3 months of age and at least 21 days before the animal is due to arrive in the UAE.
      2. Feline Pan Leukcopenia.
      3. Feline Rhinotracheitis.
      4. Feline Calicivirus

g. Treatments within 10 days before departure:
   i. Anti-external parasites using (Fipronil or Permethrin).
   ii. Deworming (Anthelmintic) using (Praziquantel).

The import permit will list if any other specific tests, vaccinations or treatments are required as well as the relevant timing of these.

Procedure

- Your pet should be taken to your local private veterinarian for a health check within 7 days of travel.
- Your veterinarian should complete the veterinary health certificate specifically for the United Arab Emirates (VHC). Blank forms may be obtained from the State Veterinary office (SV) or our website www.elsenburg.com.
- The signed VHC as well as your pet’s vaccination booklet and supporting documents should be brought to the SV office for certification. You should also have your driver’s licence or ID book available.
- Certificates cost can be found on the departments schedule of fees (Cost in 2015 R106 each) payable before or at the appointment.
- Any other queries can be directed to the State Veterinarian on duty via the contact details below.
Office names, locations, contact details and availability for certification

Milnerton Veterinary export certification office
- Contact details: vetexport@elsenburg.com, tel: 021 808 5400, fax 021 808 5125
- Our new office operational since June 2015 is located at 22 Lobelia Street, Milnerton, alternatively the GPS co-ordinates are:
  - GPS Co-ordinates: 33.866870 S 18.503029 E
- At the Veterinary export certificate office in Milnerton clients are assisted from 08:30am to 12:00pm. Outside of these hours clients are assisted by appointment only.

Head office of the Department of Agriculture at Elsenburg /Boland state vet office
- Contact details: svboland@elsenburg.com, tel: 021 808 5253, Fax: 021 808 5125
- Our offices are located at the Head office of the Department of Agriculture at Elsenburg.
  When searching on Google maps, use ‘Provincial Department of Agriculture’ alternatively the GPS co-ordinates are:
  - GPS Co-ordinates Elsenburg Head Office: 33.845259 S 18.834722 E
- Clients are assisted by appointment only on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 08:30am to 12:00pm

Malmesbury State vet office
- Contact details : samanthab@elsenburg.com, tel: 022-482 1380; Fax 022 487 1924
- Our offices are located at on the corner of Spoorweg and Municipal Streets, Malmesbury.
- GPS coordinates 33.465701 S, 18.721446 E
- Clients are assisted by appointments only – please make an appointment timeously by contacting Samantha Burger as the State Vet is not always available.

Vredendal State vet office
- Contact details : deidred@elsenburg.com, tel: 027-2133106; Fax 027-213 3109
- Our offices are located at on the corner of Matzikama Street and North Road, Vredendal.
- GPS coordinates 31.662625 S, 18.507298 E
- Clients are assisted by appointments only – please make an appointment timeously by contacting Deidre Daniels as the State Vet is not always available.

George State vet office
- Contact details : gabriels@elsenburg.com, tel: 044 874 7909; Fax 044 873 3342
- Our offices are located at 4 Varing Avenue George.
- GPS coordinates 33.57.31 S, 22.27.16 E
- Clients are assisted by appointments only – please make an appointment timeously by contacting the office as the State Vet is not always available.

Beaufort West State vet office
- Contact details : veronicaj@elsenburg.com, tel: 023 414 2154; Fax 023 414 3980
- Our offices are located in Blyth Street, Beaufort West.
- GPS coordinates 32.375009 S, 22.589063 E
- Clients are assisted on Tuesday and Friday only from 10h00 -12h00- please contact Veronica Johannes as the State Vet is not always available.

Swellendam State vet office
- Contact details : sanitag@elsenburg.com, tel: 028 514 1670; Fax 028 514 2679
Our offices are located in the main road, 67 Voortrek Street, direct at the back of ABSA bank.

- GPS coordinates 34.02126 S 20.44140 E
- Clients are assisted by appointments only – please make an appointment timeously by contacting Sanita Gunter as the State Vet is not always available.

**Worcester State vet office**

- Contact details: christik@elsenburg.com tel: 021 808 5059.
- Our offices are located at 30 Van Arckel street, Worcester.
- GPS coordinates 33.623641 S, 19.457008 E
- Clients are assisted by appointments only – please make an appointment timeously by contacting Dr. Christi Kloppers, as the State Vet is not always available.