

Live Animal Transport on Oman Air flight

Guests who intend to accompany their pet dog or cat, may do so by submitting form “Live Animal Transport Request” form along with other relevant documents (see the form for list of relevant documents) to Oman Air at least 7 days prior to the commencement of their travel. Guest shall be aware that due to safety reasons, animals are accepted only on the basis of prior approval obtained from Oman Air. Guest shall submit the relevant documents along with completed form. Approvals may be communicated within 4 days of the receipt of the form. It is Guests’ responsibility to ensure that all relevant documents pertaining to the live animal carriage are valid, current and support the air transportation.

When animals transferring MCT as checked-in baggage, the flight connection time (in Muscat) must not exceed 6 hours, unless special arrangement made in advance. The total transport time shall be less than 17 hours.

In order to comply with Oman regulations, Oman Air will not transport any live animal, including birds in aircraft cabins. Live Animals will only be accepted to be loaded into suitable aircraft compartments, taking into account the needs of the animals.

Oman Air will not accept or transfer live animals shipments from/to other carriers including codeshare flights that is operated by the partner airline. Guests who intend to travel on Codeshare flights where partner airline is the Operating Carrier (Oman Air is the Marketing Carrier), prior approval must be obtained from the partnering carrier. Oman Air will not accept any live animals for transport, free of charge (FOC), except for Special Assistance animals, provided advanced arrangements made at least 7 days prior to travel.

Restrictions / Limitations

In general, cats and dogs above 10 weeks old are accepted as part of guest baggage. Any other live animal may be accepted as cargo. Animals displaying sedation or tranquilisation behavior may be declined from acceptance. Animals assumed to be pregnant shall be supported with a “Fitness to Travel” certificate from a qualified veterinary officer.

Due to safety concern of the animals, certain breeds of brachycephalic (snub nosed) dogs and cats listed below are restricted from acceptance.

Dogs: French Bulldog, English Bulldog, Bulldog, Boston Terrier, Boxer, Brussels Griffon (Petite Brabancon), Chinese Pug, Chow Chow, Dutch Pug (Mopshond, Mops Hund, Carlino), English Toy Spaniel (King Charles Spaniel), Lhasa Apso, Japanese chin (Chin), Japanese Pug, Japanese Spaniel, Pekingese, Pug, Shar-peis, Shih Tzu, Tibetan Spaniel, Valley Bulldog, French Mastiff (Dog de Bordeaux). Presa Canario, Dogo Canario, Neapolitan Mastiff, English Mastiff, Bandog

Cats: American Burmese, Exotic, Himalayan, Persian, British Shorthair, Burmese.

Following breeds of fighting/dangerous dogs or their crosses are restricted;

Bull Terrier, Pit Bull, Pit Bull Terrier, American Pit Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier, Irish Staffordshire Bull Terrier, Irish Blue, Red Nose, American Bulldog, Bull Mastiff, Japanese Tosa, Tosa Inu or Tosa Fighting Dog, Dogo Argentino, Argentinian Mastiff or Argentinian Fighting Dog, Fila Brasileiro, Fila Baziliano, Brazilian Mastiff, Brazilian Fighting Dog Wolf-Dog hybrids, Boerboel, Dog de Bordeaux, Karabash, Kangal, Caucasian Ovcharka, Rottweiler.

Advance Arrangements

- Guest must inform Oman Air by, of the intended transport of Live Animal submitting the completed form “Live Animal Transport Request”, at least 7 days prior to the travel, along with copies of relevant documents, allowing Oman Air minimum 4 working days to approve or reject.
- Guest shall arrange necessary documents such as animal veterinary certificates, permits, etc in order to comply with origin, destination and transfer/transit station requirements.
- Originals of above documents must be produced during departure, upon arrival and incase needed during transit/transfer.
- Guest must ensure that sufficient food and water for the entire journey is available in the container.
- Microchip the pet. This must done by the veterinary officer for identification purposes. The microchip should meet ISA standards 11784 or annex A to ISO Standard 11785 or provide your microchip reader.
- Vaccinate the pets against rabies.
- Treat the pet for tapeworm or ticks 24 to 48 hours prior to the travel.

Preparing for Transportation

- Ensure correct container type is used as detailed in the current IATA Live Animal Regulations (IATA LAR). Visiting the IATA website www.iata.org/animals is recommended.
- Check containers are soundly constructed in the permitted materials and in good condition. Containers must be free from sharp projections that might cause scratches or wounds to handling staff and animals.
- IATA LAR (Container Requirements No. 1) details the minimum container size and the container quality requirements for cats and dogs.
- Check container for size and ventilation and that it has suitable inspection and feeding/watering facilities (if required). Water containers must be securely fixed within the container with outside access for filling, unless otherwise specified in the IATA LAR. Food containers must be present either within the container if sealed, or attached to it for use in cases of delay.
- If the container looks too small, is not strong enough or does not have adequate ventilation, reject acceptance.
- Check the door is adequately secured and cannot be accidentally opened with vibration and/or handling.
- The pet’s nose or paws should not be able to fit through any ventilation opening or door mesh.
- **The size of the container must not exceed height 80cm, width 85cm and length 150cm.**
- The maximum weight of animal and cage must not exceed 5kg.