

Taking Your Pet Abroad from India — AQCS Export Certificate & Checklist

What an officer checks in this document — and what gets it refused.

What this document must contain

For the AQCS certificate: a veterinary health certificate from a registered vet, the microchip certificate, the complete vaccination record (or the mother's record where the animal is too young), a copy of the owner's passport, the air ticket, two 4x6-inch photographs of the pet, and whatever the destination country specifically requires. The documents, self-attested, are submitted with the animal at the quarantine office seven days before travel; an authorised representative may attend with written authorisation. The certificate is valid for ten days from issue, so the AQCS visit is booked against the flight.

Do

- Start from the destination country's rules, months ahead
- Do the titer test early where the destination requires one
- Book the AQCS visit seven days before the flight
- Carry two 4x6 photographs of the pet to the AQCS visit
- Confirm the airline accepts animals on that route and season

Do not

- Don't book flights before the destination's waiting periods are known
- Don't let the 10-day certificate validity lapse before departure
- Don't assume USA rules are what they were — they changed
- Don't buy a crate the airline hasn't approved
- Don't leave the titer test to the final month

Mistakes that get this document refused

- Titer test discovered too late, adding months to an already-booked plan
- AQCS certificate issued more than ten days before the rescheduled flight
- Airline refuses carriage in summer months and no fallback exists
- Crate not IATA-compliant, rejected at check-in
- Destination forms missing because only the Indian side was prepared

The finished document

A sample of this pet export certificate is on the guide page, free to read:

<https://www.sureshotvisa.com/documents/pet-export-certificate-india>

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