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
The version filled in with your own details — and read by a consultant at our licensed firm before you submit it — is a paid service. Start it from the guide page above.