

Bringing Your Pet to India — Advance NOC, Baggage Rules & Checklist (2026)

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BRINGING A PET TO INDIA — THE CHECKLIST, IN ORDER

1. CONFIRM YOUR ROUTE

- Baggage rule: you have lived abroad 2+ years and are moving back to India — up to 2 pets (dog/cat)
- Re-import: the pet originally travelled OUT of India with you
- Neither: a DGFT import licence is needed — a different, commercial route. Talk to us before assuming you qualify.

2. MICROCHIP FIRST

- ISO-standard microchip, implanted BEFORE the rabies vaccination
- Every later document must quote the chip number

3. RABIES VACCINATION — THE WINDOW

- More than 1 month, but within 12 months, before the flight
- Certified on the official record, tied to the chip number

4. OFFICIAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE

- From the origin country's authorised vet, close to travel
- Certifying freedom from rabies and infectious disease

5. ADVANCE NOC FROM AQCS

- Applied for before you fly, with all the above attached
- Do not finalise the pet's booking until the NOC position is clear

6. THE FLIGHT

- Owner's name on the ticket matches the NOC application
- Unaccompanied pet: must arrive within 1 month of the owner
- Arrive where an Animal Quarantine station operates — we confirm the right airport for your route

7. ON ARRIVAL

- AQCS examination; original health certificate retained
- Provisional clearance issued; final clearance after 30 days
- Quarantine observation is at the officer's discretion

DECLARATION TO CARRY

- That the animal is a bona fide pet, not for sale, gift or breeding