



Dispensation from Pet Entry Requirements for Indian Citizens

The Government of India – Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (12 March 2026) **allows** special temporary relaxation for Indians returning from war-affected Middle East countries to bring their pet dogs or cats to India, **even if some normal export formalities cannot be completed.**

Below is a summary of the temporary options:

1. Special One-Time Relaxation

- Due to the war situation in the Middle East, some standard pre-export procedures may not be possible.
- The government is allowing **temporary flexibility** to help stranded Indians bring their pets back.

2. Pre-Import Requirements

- Owner must declare the pet has been living with them for **at least 1 month**.
- Provide **vaccination records / pet book / pet passport** (even if some vaccines are delayed).
- If pets come from a nearby country, try to get them checked by **local veterinary authorities**.

3. At Arrival in India

- **AQCS (Animal Quarantine)** will check documents and do a **clinical examination**.
- If documents are complete → pet gets clearance.
- If vaccination or health certificate is missing → **rabies vaccination may be done at the airport**.

4. Quarantine

- If the pet shows health issues, **quarantine may be required**, and costs will be paid by the owner

Please note, MEWA officials at Saudi airports may not accept pets for travel if the MEWA Export Permit and MEWA Health Certificate are not provided.

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