

The website of the Central Board of Excise and Customs, Government of India (www.cbec.gov.in/travellers.htm) states the following for importing pets into India:

IMPORT OF PET ANIMALS

“Domestic pets like dogs, cats, birds etc. are permitted to be imported. Import of pets (dog and cat only) upto two numbers per passenger are allowed at one time subject to production of required health certificate from country of origin and examination of the said pets by the concerned quarantine officer.

Imports of pets over and above this quantity shall be allowed only against an Import sanitary permit issued by the Department of Animal Husbandry and dairying or against an import license issued by the DGFT (Director General of Foreign Trade).”

In the USA, the Rabies vaccine, administered to dogs, carries a validity of three years. The Indian quarantine rules require that the Rabies vaccine administered to the pet is not earlier than one year. Hence, if the vaccine administered in the USA is more than a year old the pet will have to be revaccinated for import into India.

The “quarantine officer” mentioned above means a “Government Quarantine Officer/Vet” concerned who issues certificates for import and export of pets.