

Nepal - Pet Entry Requirements and NOC

For dogs and cats.

Source: confirmed directly by the Animal Quarantine Office, Kathmandu, by email on 4 September 2026.

Authority: <https://dls.gov.np/>

Nepal publishes no pet import rules online. Everything in this document was confirmed to Pawgo in writing on 4 September 2026 by the Animal Quarantine Office, Kathmandu, the government office that issues the entry document and inspects animals at Tribhuvan International Airport. The document your airline will ask for is a No Objection Certificate (NOC), not an import permit, and it is free.

How to obtain the NOC

There is no application form and no fee. Email the Animal Quarantine Office at least 72 hours before you arrive:

- Email ktmqarantine@gmail.com at least 72 hours before arrival. The office confirms that 72 hours' notice is acceptable.
- Attach your flight details (date, flight number, arrival time at Tribhuvan International Airport), a copy of your passport, the veterinary health certificate, and the rabies vaccination card.
- The office issues the NOC. No payment is required, for the NOC or for any other part of the quarantine process.
- On arrival, go to the quarantine cabin in the arrivals hall with the ORIGINALS and copies of every document.
- A healthy animal with complete, endorsed paperwork is inspected and released. The quarantine officer may hold an animal whose documents are incomplete, or one suspected of infectious disease, and has the authority to refuse entry and return it to its country of origin.

Fee: none. "There is no fee required for the whole process of quarantine (issuance of NOC to issuance of quarantine certificate for entry to Nepal)."

Notice period: 72 hours before arrival.

Customs duty is a separate matter handled by the Department of Customs, not by the quarantine service.

Contact: Animal Quarantine Office, Kathmandu - ktmqarantine@gmail.com

Requirements confirmed by the authority (4 September 2026)

- Microchip: required. Must be an ISO-compliant 15-digit microchip (ISO 11784 / 11785). Tattoos and other marks are not accepted.
- Microchip before vaccination: recommended, not required.
- Rabies vaccination: required. May be given from 3 months of age, and at least 21 days must pass between the vaccination date and your DEPARTURE date.
- Booster: recommended, not required. A booster is subject to the same 21-day rule, so one given inside that window does not help.
- Rabies antibody (titer) blood test: not required.
- Parasite treatment (tapeworm, internal and external): highly recommended, not mandatory.
- Veterinary health certificate: required, issued within 10 days of arrival. It must be issued by the government veterinary agency of the exporting country; a private clinic's certificate is accepted only if

attested or endorsed by the government veterinarian.

- Quarantine: none for a healthy animal with complete documents.
- Banned breeds: none at present. The office notes this is likely to change, so re-check before you travel.
- Points of entry: any border. Each has its own quarantine check post. The Kathmandu office handles Tribhuvan International Airport.
- Number of pets: no limit set by the quarantine service; your airline or customs may set one.
- Species: dogs and cats.

Prepared by Pawgo (pawgo.fr) from the authority's direct guidance, 4 September 2026. This is a Pawgo summary for travellers, not an official government form. Requirements can change - verify with the Animal Quarantine Office, Kathmandu before you travel. Build a personalized, dated plan for your trip at pawgo.fr.