

If you're planning to travel to Abkhazia with your dog or other pet, it's important to know that special documents are required to take your pet across the border. Abkhazia is a separate country, so the same documents required for travelling with a pet to any other foreign country will also be required for Abkhazia.

Documents required when travelling with pets to Abkhazia

To travel to Abkhazia with your dog, you will need a **veterinary certificate (Form 1)**, which you will need to present at the railway station, airport and border crossing.

This certificate is issued by the State Veterinary Station based on **your pet's veterinary passport**. The passport must include a record of all necessary vaccinations (including rabies) for your dog or cat, as well as information on treatment for ecto- and endoparasites (such as fleas and worms). Vaccinations must have been administered **between 30 days and 12 months before departure**.

The veterinary certificate must be obtained **within 3 days** of departure and is valid for three days until the animal reaches the final destination specified on the document.

Some government veterinary stations only issue the certificate if the animal is present, while others do not. It is therefore advisable to confirm this information in advance.

If you are travelling by air or train, you will also need a baggage ticket. In addition, each airline has its own rules for transporting animals, so it's important to familiarise yourself with these in advance.

Special requirements for crossing the Russian border with pets

In certain cases, transporting a dog across the border may require a permit from the Russian Kynological Association. This permit states that the animal does not have significant breeding value and is necessary for the pet to be allowed to leave the country.

Russian regulations do not allow all animals to be taken abroad. Animals such as parrots, turtles, monkeys, pythons and others are usually restricted from international travel. Transport of these species requires a permit from the State Committee of the Russian Federation for Environmental Protection. While it is possible to obtain such a permit, the process is challenging and requires proof that your pet was legally acquired. You may also need to provide documentation confirming that your pet was born in Russia.