

Exporting your pet to AUSTRALIA



At New Plymouth Vet Group we have MPI approved vets to issue export certificates for cats and dogs travelling to Australia.

There are requirements to be met prior to bringing your pet to NPVG to be certified for transport. Here is a list of these requirements:

What breed is your pet?

For dogs: the following dog breeds are not permitted to enter Australia:

- American Pit bull
- Pit Bull Terrier type,
- Japanese Tosa
- Fila Brasileiro
- Dogo Argentino
- Presa Canario

If in doubt, your vet at NPVG can send photos of the dog to Australia Customs for acceptability before you export.

For cats: the animal must not be derived from crossbreeding a domestic cat with a Serval cat or Savannah cat, or has been proven to be 5th generation or more away from any purebred non-domestic ancestor.

How old is your pet?

The animal must be older than 8 weeks old at time of export certification.

Has your pet been microchipped?

A microchip must be inserted before export certification, **not** on the day of certification.

Is your pet pregnant?

Pets must be no more than 40 days pregnant at time of departure, and not suckling young.

Has your pet resided in New Zealand since birth?

- If your pet has been previously imported from another country, the bio-security clearance documents from any prior international travels must be provided at export examination.
- If your pet has resided in countries other than Australia or New Zealand, please contact your approved vets at New Plymouth Vet Group to discuss further requirements. Blood tests or parasite treatment may be required prior to export.

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Have you contacted a registered pet exporter?

A list of registered pet exports can be found here:

<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/news-and-resources/resources/registers-and-lists/pet-exporters/>

It is recommended to use a registered pet exporter to help arrange flights, crates and other requirements.

What date is the travel arranged for?

As long as all of the requirements are fulfilled your pet can be booked in for export examination with an approved vet at NPVG within FIVE (5) days of departure.

Travel details

Please bring the flight details (date and flight number) for your pet's flight from New Zealand to Australia, and the address in Australia your pet is going to, for the export examination.

Who will be bringing your pet in for export examination?

If you, the owner, cannot be present at the export examination and the exporter will be bringing your pet into the clinic for this, an Owner Statutory Declaration must be completed prior to the export exam and signed by a Justice of the Peace. The original of this declaration must be brought to the export examination.

For more information please refer to the MPI website:

<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/exporting/animals/pets/cats-and-dogs-to-australia/>

- Download the Overseas Market Access Requirements (OMAR) for cats and dogs in Australia.
- Use a registered pet exporter (recommended).
- Get a suitable crate and other provisions for travel.
- Get an export certificate.
- Do you need an owner's statutory declaration?
- Be familiar with the official assurance programme.

If you have further questions about exporting your pets, you can email MPI: animalexports@mpi.govt.nz.