

# Exporting your Dogs or Cats to AUSTRALIA

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



This can be an involved process so please be sure to give yourself plenty of time to get organised so there are no surprises at the border!

1) **Enrol yourself with a pet exporter.** A list of these can be found on the MPI website:

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

2) **Ensure your pets are seen by a vet well before your intended flight date.** This is to check that they are fit and well, they have a working microchip, and that they are up to date with vaccinations.

3) **If your dog has lived in another country** (other than Australia) before coming to New Zealand, there will be additional blood tests for Leishmania infantum required well before your intended travel date. Your dog has to have been released from quarantine in New Zealand for a minimum of 21 days before this blood test can be performed. The results can take up to 3 weeks to return. There are additional fees associated with this.

4) **If your dog or cat has been imported from another country,** they must have been living out of quarantine in New Zealand for a minimum of 180 days before they are eligible to fly to Australia.

5) **If your dog has lived in Africa at any time during its life,** it will need to be treated for Babesia canis. This product has to be imported into New Zealand and can take up to 60 days from the time of ordering. There are additional fees associated with this.

6) **Not all pets that travel to Australia** can be certified by a private veterinarian. If they meet any of the following criteria, we can only help you prepare for export and then an Official MPI vet must do the certification:

- If your pet has been issued with an import permit by Australia DAFF
- If your dog has ever lived in mainland Africa
- If your pet is scheduled to return to NZ within 30 days of export to Australia
- If your pet is moving to a third country within 30 days of export to Australia

7) **Your pet has to be over 8 weeks of age**, and (if female) less than 40 days pregnant at the time of travel.

8) Animals which are very **aggressive or very anxious may not be suitable to travel**.

9) **There are breeds that are prohibited for travel to Australia:**

Cats: Savannah cat, Safari cat, Chausie, Toyger cat or Bengal cat.

Dogs: Pit Bull Terrier, American Pit Bull, Japanese Tosa, Fila Brasileiro, Dogo Argentino, Perro de Presa Canario or Presa Canario

10) **Book with a listed export vet within 5 days of the pet's flight date.** These vets are:

- Megan Finlay – St Aubyn Veterinary Clinic
- Gemma Lambourn – St Aubyn Veterinary Clinic
- Anne Terrill – New Plymouth Vet Group

At this consult, your pet will be examined, the required paperwork will be filled in, and they will be administered flea and worm treatment.

It is important that you bring with you to this appointment: your pet's vaccination books, their flight number and date, and the address in Australia where they will be living.

The cost of the **export consult is \$225 per animal**, and the **cost of the paperwork is \$400 per animal**. There will be the additional fee of the flea and worm treatment on top of this.

If the owner of the pet cannot bring the pet for the final export check, another person (the owner's representative) may bring the pet on their behalf. This person must also bring the Owner Statutory Declaration (OSD). This must be downloaded from the MPI website to ensure the most current version is used:

<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/35274-Appendix-2-Owner-Statutory-Declaration-OSD-form-to-support-export-certification-for-cats-and-dogs-to-Australia>

The owner must sign this in front of a Justice of the Peace within 90 days of the date of export.

If you have further questions about exporting your pets, email MPI:  
[animalexports@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:animalexports@mpi.govt.nz)