



Information Package 4

Quarantine requirements for the importation of cats and dogs from approved countries in which rabies is absent or well controlled

QUARANTINE TIME VARIES IN AUSTRALIA (Refer to Step 5)

Further advice can be found at www.aqis.gov.au by email at animalimp@aqis.gov.au
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INTRODUCTION

All cats and dogs entering Australia from a category 4 country require an import permit issued by AQIS. To obtain an import permit, an application to import cats and dogs to Australia must be completed. An import permit will be returned to the person nominated on the application form. **The AQIS import permit contains Veterinary Certificates A and B** which must be completed and endorsed by an Official Government Veterinarian in the country of export prior to the departure of the animal. The steps below provide detailed information for completing the entire import process.

The person listed as the importer on the AQIS import permit is responsible for the collection of the animal from quarantine and payment of all fees associated with the importation and [quarantine accommodation](#) of the animals imported to Australia.

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Step 1: General Eligibility

Time Frame: Confirm eligibility before proceeding.

Residency: Cats and dogs must have been continuously living in the country of export for a minimum of six (6) months immediately prior to export, or since direct importation from Australia (please view page 9), or since birth.

Cats and dogs must not be under quarantine restriction at the time of export.

Age: Cats and dogs must be at least 12 weeks old at time of export.

Pregnancy: Female cats and dogs must not be more than **3 weeks pregnant** nor be suckling young at time of export.

Breed: Under the legislation of the [Australian Customs Service](#) dogs of the following pure-breeds are prohibited and are not eligible for importation into Australia:

- dogo Argentino
- fila Brasileiro
- Japanese tosa
- Pit bull terrier or American pit bull
- Presa Canario

The Australian Customs Service can be contacted on ph: +61 2 6275 6666 or on 1300 363 263 (within Australia).

Under the legislation of the [Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts](#) (DEWHA), Cats derived from a serval cat (*Felis serval*) are not eligible for import into Australia in accordance with the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). This includes cats derived from crossbreeding a domestic cat (*Felis catus*) with a serval cat or with a savannah cat (*Felis catus* x *Felis serval*).

Any other domestic/non-domestic animal hybrids (eg. bengal cats or wolf crosses) are not eligible for import unless they are proven to be 5 or more generations removed from their pure-bred non-domestic ancestors. Contact the [Wildlife Permits and Enforcement Section](#), Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts on ph: +61 2 6274 1111 for further information.

Step 2: Microchip

Time Frame: Before the blood sample is collected for the rabies antibody test.

Cats and dogs must be identified by a microchip that can be read by an Avid®, Trovan®, Destron® or other ISO compatible reader. The microchip must be implanted before any testing takes place.

AQIS strongly recommends that at each visit to the veterinary until the animal is exported, the animal is scanned to ensure that the microchip can be read and is correct.

Step 3: Check Rabies Vaccination

Time Frame: Within the 12 months prior to export.

Every cat and dog must be vaccinated against rabies with an approved inactivated rabies virus vaccine within the 12 months prior to export and when the animal was at least 3 months old.

The rabies vaccination certificate must be presented to the Official Government Veterinarian when completing the Rabies vaccination and Rabies Neutralising Antibody Titre Test (RNATT) Declaration of the application form for an AQIS import permit.

Step 4: Locate an Official Government Veterinarian, A Government Approved Veterinarian and a Government Approved Laboratory in the AQIS approved country of export.

Time frame: Before collecting blood for the rabies antibody test.

An Official Government Veterinarian: is a government officer usually employed by the government veterinarian administration (eg in the USA - [The United States Department of Agriculture](#)) in the exporting country. Official Government Veterinarians generally do not work in private practice. Official Government Veterinarians are able to sign certificates on behalf of the government's veterinary administration. Official Government Veterinarians endorse Veterinary Certificate A and completes Veterinary Certificate B which are a part of the AQIS import permit. The Official Government Veterinarian may assist you with locating a "government approved veterinarian" and a "government approved laboratory".

A Government Approved Veterinarian: You should contact the government veterinary administration in your country to determine which veterinarians you can use to prepare the animal for export. This government approved veterinarian will prepare the animal for export to Australia and fill in the details of this preparation on Veterinary Certificate A of the AQIS import permit.

Government Approved Laboratories: are approved by the veterinary service in the country of export for testing samples from animals destined for export. AQIS accepts the use of laboratories approved by the veterinary service within the country of export for testing for export purposes provided that the testing laboratory is in an AQIS approved country.

AQIS does not have a list of Government or Official Veterinarians. To locate appropriate veterinarians and testing laboratories contact the government quarantine, agriculture or food departments in the country of export.

A list of useful contact links can be viewed at www.daff.gov.au/aqis/import/live-animals/links

Step 5: Rabies Neutralising Antibody Titre Test (RNATT)



Time frame: Between 60 days and 12 months prior to export.

For **pregnant** animals: between 150 days and 12 months prior to export.

Note: AQIS recommends that if the animal has never been previously rabies vaccinated to wait at least 4 weeks after the rabies vaccination before the blood sampling takes place. This enables the animal to produce sufficient antibodies to record a positive result.

The date that the blood is drawn for the RNATT will determine the amount of time the animal must stay in quarantine in Australia. **One hundred and eighty (180) days must elapse between the date that the blood was taken for the RNAT test (with a satisfactory result) and the date the animal is released from quarantine in Australia.**

Cats and dogs must be in the country of export for a minimum of 60 days from the date the blood was collected for the RNAT test, prior to arrival in Australia.

Cats and dogs must be in quarantine for a minimum of 30 days in Australia.

Time from when blood was drawn for the RNATT prior to arrival in Australia	Minimum quarantine period in Australia
150 days or more prior to arrival in Australia	30 days
135 days prior to arrival in Australia	45 days
120 days prior to arrival in Australia	60 days
90 days prior to arrival in Australia	90 days
60 days prior to arrival in Australia	120 days

Arrange for a Government Approved Veterinarian to scan the animal's microchip and collect a blood sample for the RNATT. The animal's microchip number must be written on the blood tube and on the laboratory submission form. **The blood sample for RNATT must be drawn in an AQIS approved country.**

The microchip number and blood draw date must be consistent between the RNATT laboratory report and RNATT declaration before an import permit can be issued. Ensure that all numbers of the microchip including the manufacturer's number are included on the sample tube and the submission form for the RNATT to the referring laboratory.

A government approved laboratory must carry out testing. The testing laboratory must be within an AQIS approved country. The laboratory report must include the animal's microchip number and a result of greater than or equal to 0.5 IU/ml. If a result of less than 0.5 IU/ml is obtained you must re-vaccinate the cat or dog and repeat the process.

The RNATT is only valid for 12 months from the date of blood sampling. If you need to repeat the animal's RNATT you must re-test within a year of the initial RNATT blood sampling date to demonstrate continuous protection against rabies and to avoid another lengthy wait before being eligible for entry into Australia.

To ensure that the cat or dog is eligible for the minimum possible quarantine period, forward with your application evidence of RNATT results and rabies vaccinations over the last 2 years.

Step 6: Official Government Veterinarian to complete the Rabies



Vaccination and Rabies Neutralising Antibody Titre Test (RNATT)

Declaration.

The Rabies Vaccination and Rabies Neutralising Antibody Titre Test (RNATT) Declaration must be completed by an Official Government Veterinarian **NOT** the accredited veterinarian (your preparing veterinarian). Copies of the RNATT laboratory report and rabies vaccination certificate need to be shown to the Official Government Veterinarian in order for the RNATT declaration to be completed.

Step 7: Apply for a Permit to Import



Time frame: After you have received a copy of the RNATT laboratory report and the RNATT declaration is completed by an Official Government Veterinarian.

AQIS import permits are valid for six (6) months from the date of issue.

Complete the import permit application form located at the end of this information package, refer to the checklist and view the [how to complete an application to import cats and dogs](#) page on the AQIS website to ensure that the application form is completed accurately. Forward the import permit application with all relevant documentation to:

<p>AQIS - Live Animal Imports GPO Box 858 Canberra 2601 Australia</p>	<p>Fax: +61 2 6272 3110 Email: animalimp@aqis.gov.au Phone: +61 2 6272 4454</p>
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Copies of the documentation are only required to approve an AQIS Import Permit, originals are not required. Emailed applications must be scanned first as signatures are required.

AQIS aims to approve all import permit applications within ten (10) working days, provided that all required information has been received at the time of submission.

The omission of any required information will result in an extended processing period. We will attempt to email you requesting the missing information or documentation.

Please allow additional time for the import permit/s to be received by fax or delivered by mail.

TOTAL FEES FOR DOG AND CAT APPLICATION – MANUAL LODGEMENT			
<i>If the importer or exporter is not the same for each dog or cat separate applications must be submitted</i>			
Total number of dogs and cats	Manual Lodgement (AUD\$130.00)	Assessment fee for import permit (AUD)	TOTAL
First dog or cat	\$130	\$200	\$330
Second dog or cat	(Only one manual lodgement fee is charged if the applications are received together)	\$80	\$410
Third dog or cat		\$80	\$490
Fourth dog or cat		\$80	\$570
Fifth dog or cat		\$80	\$650

If payment is by cheque, the application form should be posted. If payment is by credit card you may post, fax or scan and email the application. Amex, Visa and MasterCard credit cards are accepted. Bank cheques must be made out to the “Collector of Public Monies – AQIS” and in Australian dollars.

Refunds will not be granted if you are unable to import the animal/s within the import permit validity dates. A re-issue of an import permit for an extended three (3) months can be granted (this is assessed on a case by case basis) at a fee of **AUD\$130** (Manual Lodgement) and must be requested prior to the import permit expiry date.

Step 8: AQIS Permit to Import



Time Frame: An AQIS import permit will be sent to the person/company nominated on the application form immediately following approval by AQIS of your application.

Note: *The import permit can only be faxed, posted or emailed to a single location*

A copy of the import permit may be used. The import permit contains Veterinary Certificates A and B.

You may continue to prepare the animal/s for export before the AQIS import permit and veterinary certificates are received.

Step 9: Book Quarantine Accommodation



Time Frame: On receipt of the AQIS import permit.

The issuance of an import permit does not guarantee a space at your preferred [Animal Quarantine Station](#)

BOOKINGS MUST BE MADE FOR CATS AND DOGS.

On receipt of the import permit you will need to contact the preferred [Animal Quarantine Station](#) directly to make a reservation for your animals.

Provision of an airway bill number to the [Animal Quarantine Station](#) will be required to confirm the reservation closer to the date of departure.

Information regarding the operation of the Animal Quarantine Stations along with the station contact details can be viewed at www.daff.gov.au/aqis/cat-dogs/accom.

Step 10: Commence Travel Arrangements

Time frame: A copy of the AQIS import permit is required to start travel arrangements

Cats and dogs can only arrive into Australia through the following airports; Sydney (New South Wales), Melbourne (Victoria) or Perth (Western Australia).

AQIS does not place any restrictions on the airline you choose, however the animal must travel as “Manifested Cargo” (not in the cabin) and in an International Air Transport Association (IATA) approved container for cats and dogs. Strict compliance with container specifications is vital for the safe and secure transport of your animal. Problems **occur** if the animal can escape from this container or if any part of its body (nose, limbs, or tail) can protrude. Your airline can help you with these requirements.

During transport to Australia cats and dogs may transit (stay on the same plane) or trans-ship (change planes) in all countries (AQIS approved or not), however the original seals on the cages must not be broken. Trans-shipment may also require approval from the quarantine authority in the country of trans-shipment. AQIS strongly advises booking direct flights due to health and welfare concerns, eg animals missing connecting flights and remaining in airports for extended periods of time.

If you are not able to organise travel yourself, there are animal transport agents in most countries who can make arrangements on your behalf. The following website lists pet transport companies worldwide; www.ipata.com

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There is an additional fee of **AUD\$25** applicable to the pick-up of cats and dogs if arriving in Australia outside the business hours of 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. You are also required to seek the approval of the relevant quarantine station for after hour’s pick-ups prior to import. There are no pick-ups on Australian public holidays or weekends.

AQIS accepts no responsibility for animals that escape en route, and all transport costs are at the expense of the importer.

Step 11: General Vaccinations



Time frame: Between 1 year and 14 days prior to export.

Vaccinations must be valid for the entire quarantine period in Australia. If the general vaccinations expire prior to your pet's release from quarantine, booster vaccinations will be administered at the owner's expense. All vaccinations must have been administered within an 'AQIS' approved country.

Dogs must be vaccinated against distemper, infectious hepatitis, canine parvovirus (parvo), para-influenza and *Bordetella bronchiseptica* (kennel cough). If *Bordetella bronchiseptica* (kennel cough) vaccination is not available in the country of origin, dogs may be vaccinated for kennel cough on arrival in Australia at the owner's expense.

Note: *Vaccination against Leptospira interrogans are not recommended as they can interfere with testing which may result in your dog/s being ineligible for export to Australia.*

Cats must have been vaccinated against feline enteritis (also known as feline panleucopenia or feline distemper), rhinotracheitis and calicivirus.

Step 12: Additional testing requirements from Malaysia only

Time frame: Within 45 days prior to export.

All cats and dogs from Malaysia must be tested for Nipah virus by the Serum Neutralisation test at the [Australian Animal Health Laboratory](#) (AAHL), Victoria, Fax: +61 3 5227 5555 Ph: +61 3 5227 5000, from a blood sample collected within 45 days prior to export and record a negative result.

Please retain this laboratory report.

Step 13: Dogs Only – Brucellosis, Leptospirosis, Ehrlichiosis, External Parasites and Leishmaniosis

Time frame: Within 30 days of export.

Blood tests: Arrange for a government approved veterinarian to scan the dog's microchip and draw blood samples for brucella, ehrlichia (tropical canine pancytopenia), leptospira and leishmaniosis testing. The dog's microchip number must be recorded on the blood tube and on the laboratory submission form. The blood must be sent to a government-approved laboratory for testing. The laboratory report must be in English and link the dog's microchip number to the result.

If there is no microchip number on the laboratory report or the testing requirements are not met the dog may be re-exported or re-tested whilst in quarantine at the importers expense.

These results must be recorded on Veterinary Certificate A of the AQIS import permit. Copies of all laboratory test results must be endorsed by an Official Government Veterinarian and accompany the dog to Australia. Contact AQIS if the dog does not meet the requirements of these tests.

Brucellosis: Dogs must be tested for *Brucella canis* infection by a serum agglutination test within 30 days of export. The test must produce a negative result. Once blood is collected for this test the dog must not be mated or inseminated prior to export to Australia.

Leptospirosis: Dogs must be tested for *Leptospira canicola* by a microscopic agglutination test within 30 days of export.

Dogs that record a negative result (less than 50% agglutination at a serum dilution of 1:100) are eligible for import.

Dogs that record a result of positive at 1:100 or more, but negative at 1:800, must be **re-tested** 14 days or more after the first test. The second test must also show a titre result of negative at 1:800 or less.

Dogs that record a result positive at 1:800 or more are ineligible for import.

Note: *Vaccination against Leptospira interrogans are not recommended as they can interfere with testing which may result in dogs being ineligible for export to Australia.*

Ehrlichiosis: Dogs must be tested for *Ehrlichia canis* infection by the indirect fluorescent antibody test (IFAT). The test must produce a negative result at a dilution at 1:40.

Treatment for External Parasites

Note: *Treatment for external parasites must commence at the same time as taking blood for ehrlichia as this disease is spread by ticks.*

A government approved veterinarian must treat the dog with a long lasting acaricide that is registered for the control of ticks and mites, permethrin, fiprirol eg Frontline® or Permaxin®. Oral products and medicated collars are not satisfactory, neither are products that kill ticks only after biting your animal. Washes and rinses that prevent ticks and tick bites are acceptable. The treatment must be **repeated** according to the manufacturer's instructions for the product used from first use to the date of export in order to prevent infestation with ticks and mites.

Leishmaniosis: Dogs must be tested for *Leishmania infantum*. infection by an indirect fluorescent antibody test (IFAT) or an enzyme linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA). The test must produce a negative result.

Dates of treatment must be recorded on Veterinary Certificate A of the AQIS import permit.

Step 14: Dogs that have lived in Africa - Babesiosis



Time frame: Within 28 days of export.

Note: *This treatment should not be given within 48 hours of treatment for external parasites as the chance of side-effects may increase.*

Option 1: A government approved veterinarian must treat the dog **once** with imidocarb dipropionate (Forray-65®, Hoechst or Imizol® by Coopers) at a rate of 7.5 mg per Kg body weight by subcutaneous injection.

Option 2: A government approved veterinarian must treat the dog **twice** with imidocarb dipropionate (Forray-65®, Hoechst or Imizol® by Coopers) at a rate of 6.6 mg per Kg body weight by subcutaneous injection given two weeks apart.

Details of treatment/s must be recorded on Veterinary Certificate A of the AQIS import permit.

Step 15: Internal and External Parasite Treatment

Time frame: Within 4 days of export. This can be done at the same time as the completion of Veterinary Certificate A of the AQIS import permit.

External parasites:

For dogs: You must have already commenced external parasite treatment for dogs (refer step 13).

The dog must be treated for external parasites within 4 days prior to export.

Oral products, injections and medicated collars are not satisfactory nor are products that rely on the tick biting the dog. Washes, rinses and spot on products that kill ticks on contact are acceptable.

For cats: Cats must be treated with a product approved for the treatment of ticks and fleas.

The active ingredient, dose rate and treatment date/s must be recorded on Veterinary Certificate A.

Internal parasites: Cats and dogs must be treated with a product approved for the treatment of nematodes and cestodes eg Drontal®.

The active ingredient, dose rate and treatment date/s must be recorded on Veterinary Certificate A.

Step 16: Completion of Veterinary Certificate A, Including Pre-Export Inspection



Time frame: Within 4 days prior to export.

Ensure that you read over Veterinary Certificate A prior to the appointment. You will have to bring the animal and all documentation (eg. Vaccination certificates, laboratory reports) to this inspection. The animal will be required to be free from clinical signs of infectious or contagious diseases.

A thorough examination for external parasites, including visible or palpable ticks will need to be performed by the accredited veterinarian with particular attention being paid to the body regions of the forelegs, chest, neck, head, ears, eyes, shoulders, axillae and inner thighs and be fit to undertake the journey to Australia and undergo quarantine in Australia.

Veterinary Certificate A is to be completed by a government approved or by an Official Government Veterinarian.

Any corrections to the entries made on Veterinary Certificate A will only be accepted if the original entry has been struck through and remains legible – correction fluid must not be used. An Official Government Veterinarian must sign each correction. No alterations may be made to the AQIS import permit.

Step 17: Completion of Veterinary Certificate B, sealing animal in the shipping container



Time frame: After the completion of Veterinary Certificate A, usually on the day of departure.

The following documents must be presented to an Official Government Veterinarian at this time for signature and stamp (endorsing) and then travel with your pet/s to Australia.

- Original or copy of the AQIS import permit
- Completed Veterinary Certificate A for endorsement by an Official Government Veterinarian.
- Veterinary Certificate B for completion and endorsement by an Official Government Veterinarian.
- General vaccination certificates for endorsement by an Official Government Veterinarian.
- Rabies vaccination certificate for endorsement by an Official Government Veterinarian.
- RNATT for endorsement by an Official Government Veterinarian.
- [Dogs Only] Brucellosis, Ehrlichiosis, Leptospirosis and Leishmania laboratory reports in English for endorsement by an Official Government Veterinarian.

Copies may be used however the paperwork arriving in Australia with your pet must bear original signatures and stamps.

An Official Government Veterinarian must record the identification number of the seal on Veterinary Certificate B, and seal the animal into the cage. Under no circumstances must the animal be released from its cage once sealed. Ensure the animal is prepared for travel before the cage is sealed.

A water container should be fixed inside the cage. An external funnel with a hose leading into the water container should be provided to allow water to be replenished without opening the cage. Sufficient absorbent bedding should also be provided (soiled bedding may be destroyed on arrival in Australia). The container should also be marked “Live Animal”.

Step 18 Check pet in with the airline



Time frame: Confirm with your airline.

In most cases the animal will be checked in at the freight terminal, not the passenger terminal.

The AQIS import permit containing Veterinary Certificates A and B, blood test results and vaccination records must travel to Australia with the animal. These documents may be originals or copies but must bear the original signature and stamp of an Official Government Veterinarian of the country of export.

Make photocopies of all documents. AQIS recommends that you retain one set of photocopied documents to be with you at all times.

If, in exceptional circumstances, the animals container must be opened during transit or transshipment it must be resealed and a certificate provided to AQIS by an Official Government Veterinarian, port authority, or captain of the aircraft detailing the circumstances. Instructions to this effect should be attached to the outside of the container before departure from the port of export.

On Arrival in Australia

On arrival the animal will be met by AQIS staff and transported directly to the Animal Quarantine Station. **There is no visiting of animals at the airport upon arrival in Australia.**

AQIS provides housing, bedding, food, water and care for the animal for the duration of its stay. All quarantine costs must be met by the importer, an invoice for these charges will be posted to the importer after arrival of the animal in Australia and must be paid prior to release.

Should the animal require veterinary care, AQIS will contact the importer and arrange for a private veterinarian. Private veterinarians will charge the importer directly.

Heartworm - Dogs

Heartworm disease of dogs is endemic in Australia. Heartworm is caused by the micro-organism *Dirofilaria immitis* and is spread by mosquitoes. The larvae migrate to the heart and develop into worms. No testing or treatment is required for importation into Australia. A range of drugs are available to prevent heartworm disease.

For dogs that have never been exposed to heartworm, there is at least a four months window during which preventative treatment can be safely started. The occurrence of heartworm in dogs varies widely in different parts of Australia.

Importers should talk to a veterinarian about whether treatment is necessary in their area and types of drugs that are available, after the dog is released from Quarantine.

If you would like the dog to be placed on heartworm medication contact the relevant Quarantine Station directly. Importer's can arrange a private veterinarian to take a blood sample to check for heartworm infection prior to administering medication. The private veterinarian will bill the importer directly for all costs involved.

Cats and dogs exported from Australia and are returning after a period of less than 6 months from being exported.

Cats and dogs exported from Australia less than 6 months prior to return will only be eligible to return to Australia, provided the animal has resided continuously in the country since being imported directly from Australia. This concession allows the animals to undergo the minimum period of post-entry quarantine (30 days) on return to Australia. To be eligible the following conditions must be met prior to leaving Australia.

- The animal must be microchipped with an ISO approved chip, and
- An AQIS accredited veterinarian must vaccinate the animal against rabies and 4 weeks later,
- An AQIS accredited veterinarian must collect and send a blood sample to the Australian Animal Health Laboratory (AAHL) for a rabies neutralising antibody titre test (RNATT).
- The RNATT report from AAHL must record the animal's microchip number and a result of greater than 0.5 IU/ml. This laboratory report should be signed and stamped by AQIS prior to the export of the animal.

All other standard AQIS import conditions must be met in full.



AQIS Quarantine Fees – Cats and Dogs

The total fee for quarantine service is calculated after the animals arrive in Australia; the importer will be invoiced for these services. The total of the invoice is payable prior to collection of the animal/s from quarantine. AQIS will accept payment by; cash, Visa, MasterCard, or AMEX. Payment by bank cheque must be received at least 14 days prior to collection. No personal cheques will be accepted.

Note: Further to the fees and charges listed below there may be other costs associated with import clearance, parasite treatment, veterinary care or other services provided for the animal/s whilst in quarantine which could be included on the final invoice.

Service	Description	Fee \$AUD
Quarantine entry	Fee is charged for each animal	\$12
Veterinary Inspection	Fee per half hour. In the majority of cases only half an hour is required. This fee is charged for each animal.	\$71
Document clearance	Fee charged for audit of the animal/s veterinary certificates A & B. This fee is charged for each animal. This fee may be repeated if additional information is required.	\$30.00
Transport from the airport to the quarantine station.	Fee is charged for the first animal only. Animal/s picked up after 4pm or before 8am are charged at the higher rate	\$95 or \$120
Accommodation of a cat	Daily rate for the first cat - includes food and care.	\$13.55
Accommodation for each additional cat, sharing accommodation with the first cat	Daily rate for subsequent cats – includes food and care.	\$10.55
Accommodation of a dog	Daily rate for the first dog – includes food and care.	\$17.55
Accommodation for each additional dog, sharing accommodation with the first dog	Daily rate for subsequent dogs – includes food and care.	\$12.55
Any additional veterinary care	Additional veterinary care eg booster vaccinations are provided by a private veterinarian.	Charged to the importer by private veterinarian.



AQIS Approved Countries

Approved Rabies-Free Countries and Territories - No Quarantine Required

- Cocos (Keeling) Islands
- New Zealand
- Norfolk Island

**Approved Rabies-Free Countries and Territories
Minimum of 30 Days Quarantine (Information Package 2)**

- Bahrain
- Barbados
- Cyprus
- Falkland Islands
- Fiji
- French Polynesia
- Guam
- Hawaii
- Iceland
- Ireland
- Japan
- Malta
- Mauritius
- New Caledonia
- Norway
- Singapore
- Sweden
- Taiwan
- The United Kingdom
- Vanuatu

**Approved Rabies-Free Island Countries and Territories
Minimum of 60 Days Quarantine (Information Package 3A)**

- American Samoa
- Federated States of Micronesia
- Kiribati
- Papua New Guinea
- Solomon Islands
- Wallis and Futuna
- Western Samoa

**Approved Rabies-Free Island Countries and Territories
Which May Not Have an Official Veterinary Service
Minimum of 60 Days Quarantine (Information Package 3B)**

- Christmas Island
- Cook Islands
- Kingdom of Tonga
- Nauru
- Niue
- Palau
- Tuvalu

**Approved Countries and Territories Recognised by the Australian Government as Countries and Territories in Which Dog Mediated Rabies is Absent or Well Controlled.
Quarantine Time Varies & Rabies Vaccination (Information Package 4)**

- Antigua and Barbuda
- Argentina
- Austria
- Bahamas
- Belgium
- Bermuda
- British Virgin Islands
- Brunei
- Bulgaria
- Canada
- Cayman Islands
- Chile
- Croatia
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- France
- Finland
- Germany
- Greece
- Greenland
- Hong Kong
- Hungary
- Israel
- Italy
- Jamaica
- Kuwait
- Luxembourg
- Macau
- Malaysia (Peninsular, Sabah & Sarawak only)
- Monaco
- Montenegro
- Netherlands – Antilles and Aruba
- Netherlands
- Poland
- Portugal
- Puerto Rico
- Qatar
- Reunion
- Saipan
- Serbia
- Seychelles
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- South Korea
- Spain
- St Kitts and Nevis
- St Lucia
- St Vincent and the Grenadines
- Switzerland (including Liechtenstein)
- Trinidad and Tobago
- United Arab Emirates
- United States of America (not including Hawaii)
- US Virgin Islands
- Uruguay

Approved Countries and Territories Recognised by the Australian Government as Countries and Territories in Which Dog Mediated Rabies is Endemic (Information Package 5)

- Republic of South Africa

All Other Countries - Non-Approved

AQIS does not allow the direct importation of cats and dogs from non-approved countries. The importation can only occur indirectly via an AQIS approved country. Cats and dogs must be continuously resident in an AQIS approved country for a minimum of six months prior to export to Australia. Cats and dogs then become eligible for import into Australia under the AQIS import conditions that apply to that particular approved country. AQIS will not accept any vaccinations or blood testing that is completed in a non-approved country.



Australian Government

Australian Quarantine
and Inspection Service

Application for Permit to Import Quarantine Material

COMMONWEALTH QUARANTINE ACT 1908, Section 13

Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence

AQIS is collecting the information on this form to enable a quarantine assessment of the product named to be undertaken and to determine if an Import Permit may be granted. Its collection is authorised under the *Quarantine Act 1908*. Please note that the information provided in this application may be provided to other agencies as authorised/required by law. This may include (but is not restricted to): Biosecurity Australia, Product Integrity and other organisations within the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF); The Department of Health and Ageing (including Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) and the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator (OGTR) for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the Gene Technology Act 2000); Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ); Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA); Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts; Australian Federal Police; Australian Customs Service.

Application to Import Cats and Dogs

Importer details

Title	Given name(s)	Surname	
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Country	Email		
<input type="text" value="Australia"/>	<input type="text"/>		
Work phone	Home phone	Fax	Mobile
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Exporter details

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Approved Import Permit

Please indicate your Import Permit delivery preference (please select only **one** option):

Email*:	<input type="checkbox"/> Importer	Post:	<input type="checkbox"/> Importer	Fax:	<input type="checkbox"/> Importer
	<input type="checkbox"/> Exporter		<input type="checkbox"/> Exporter		<input type="checkbox"/> Exporter

***To receive an Import Permit via email, you must accept the Terms and Conditions:**

I acknowledge that AQIS will send Commercial in Confidence emails and accept any risks associated.

Animal details

Animal call name

Age or date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)

Species Cat Dog

Breed (if mixed breed, please indicate the breed/s which the animal most closely resembles in appearance)

Sex Male (entire) Female (entire) Male desexed Female desexed

If female (entire), will the animal be pregnant on arrival in Australia? Yes No

If 'Yes', please provide the expected date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy):

Medication details

Does the animal have any ongoing veterinary problems or require medication? Yes No

If 'Yes', please provide a veterinary letter detailing your animals condition and any current medications. Please attach the veterinary letter to your application.

Microchip details

Microchip number, Length may vary. (Note: This information is not required for animals from Norfolk Island.)

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Microchip type

Avid Destron Trovan Other ISO compatible: _____

Other details

Country of export

Australian port of arrival

Quarantine accommodation (post-arrival)

Please indicate the AQIS quarantine station that will provide accommodation (if required):

Eastern Creek – Sydney NSW Spotswood – Melbourne VIC Byford – Perth WA

AQIS may use its discretion to separate animals whilst in quarantine. If your animals are separated you will be charged full price for both animals.

Would you like this animal to share quarantine accommodation with another animal owned by you?

Yes No

If 'Yes', please provide details of other animal, (Note: animals must be of the same species to share quarantine.)

A separate page 2 / animal details page must be completed for each animal:

Name:

Microchip number:

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Importer declaration

I declare that this animal is not a Presa Canario or Pitbull Terrier or American Pitbull Terrier or Fila Brasileiro or Dogo Argentino or Japanese Tosa. Also, the animal is not a domestic animal hybrid such as a wolf or bengal cat having any pure-bred ancestor less than 5 generations away.

I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief all the above information is true and correct.

Signature:

Name

Date (dd/mm/yyyy)

Please confirm you have attached payment details: Credit card payment form Cheque



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Rabies Vaccination and Rabies Neutralising Antibody Titre Test (RNATT) Declaration

Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence

AQIS is collecting the information on this form to enable a quarantine assessment of the product named to be undertaken and to determine if an Import Permit may be granted. Its collection is authorised under the *Quarantine Act 1908*. Please note that the information provided in this application may be provided to other agencies as authorised/required by law. This may include (but is not restricted to): Biosecurity Australia, Product Integrity and other organisations within the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF); The Department of Health and Ageing (including Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) and the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator (OGTR) for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the Gene Technology Act 2000); Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ); Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA); Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts; Australian Federal Police; Australian Customs Service.

Official Government Veterinarian Declaration

The RNATT Declaration must be completed when importing animals from a category 4 or 5 country. The declaration must be completed, signed and stamped by an Official Government Veterinarian of the exporting country. An Import Permit will not be issued if any part of this declaration is blank.

I, _____ (Name of Official Government Veterinarian),
employed by _____

(Address of Official Government Veterinarian)

declare that I have sighted the rabies vaccination certificate and the RNATT laboratory report.

The date of the last rabies vaccination is recorded as: _____ (day/month/year).

The animal's age at the last rabies vaccination was: _____

The laboratory reporting the RNATT is government-approved: Yes

Name of government-approved laboratory: _____

Address of government-approved laboratory: _____

The microchip number that appears on the RNATT report is: _____

The blood draw / sampling date that appears on the RNATT report is: _____ (day/month/year)

The RNATT result is recorded as: _____ International Units/mL in animal's serum

Note: the RNATT result must be greater than or equal to 0.5IU/mL

Signature of Official Government Veterinarian

Official Government Stamp of Exporting Country

Date Signed

(day/month/year)

*Note: Faxed applications must bear the ink of
the Official Government stamp rather than a raised seal*

Prior to forwarding to AQIS, please ensure that this document is:

- signed and stamped by an Official Government Veterinarian of the country of export Yes
- accompanied by a copy of the RNATT laboratory report Yes
- accompanied by an application to import cats and dogs (including disability assistance dogs) Yes



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Private Veterinary Attendance and Treatment Declaration

Declaration

If, in the opinion of AQIS, my animal(s) require(s) veterinary attention whilst in quarantine, I authorise AQIS to arrange attendances and any necessary treatments by a private veterinarian on my behalf.

1. I acknowledge that while AQIS will try and contact me prior to arranging any such attendances or treatment, this may not always be possible and authorise AQIS to arrange for such attendances and treatment without prior consultation with me.
2. I agree I am responsible for the payment of all costs and expenses associated with attendances and treatment by a private veterinarian and will pay all fees due to the private veterinarian prior to the release of my animal(s) from the Quarantine Station.
3. I agree to indemnify AQIS against all expenses, losses, damages and costs (on a solicitor and our client basis and whether incurred by or awarded against AQIS) that AQIS may sustain or incur as a result, whether directly or indirectly, of the attendance and treatment of my animal(s) by a private veterinarian.
4. I agree to release AQIS from all actions, suits, claims or demands of any nature together with all costs and expenses incurred in respect thereof which I may have against AQIS arising in any way out of the attendance and treatment of my animal(s) by a private veterinarian
5. I agree AQIS means the Commonwealth of Australia (Commonwealth), as represented by the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service and includes officers, employees and agents of the Commonwealth.

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Work phone	Home phone	Fax
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Mobile	Relationship to Animal(s) (e.g. owner)	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	

Name, address and contact details of my preferred private veterinary practice/veterinarian

(Please leave blank if you do not have one, and AQIS will arrange a local veterinarian)

Signature:

Date (dd/mm/yyyy)



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Credit Card Payment Form

Application for Permit to Import Quarantine Material

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Credit card payment information

Fees and Charges information is located within the Import section of the AQIS website:

www.aqis.gov.au/import

Payment details

Amount paid

AUD\$

Credit card type

MasterCard

Visa

American Express

Credit card number

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Card expiry date

Name (as it appears on the card)

Street Address

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Telephone

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Cardholder's signature

Date (dd/mm/yyyy)