

BRINGING YOUR PET TO AUSTRALIA

These requirements are applicable for importing to Australia from a NON APPROVED Country

The following is an introduction of the requirements involved and procedures needed for dogs and cats to be eligible to enter Australia for the minimum 10 days Quarantine. Though some of this process can seem quite daunting, Pet Carriers having over 20 years experience can alleviate the stress by providing our customers with a full and comprehensive, easy to follow, step-by-step guide ensuring your peace of mind.

Here is a snap shot of what is involved.

Microchip - Pets must be identified by a microchip that can be read by an Avid, Trovan, Destron or other ISO compatible reader

Rabies Vaccination -Your pet must be vaccinated with an inactivated rabies virus vaccine that was given when your pet was at least 90 days of age. Check how long the vaccination is valid prior to the Rabies Blood Test and must be valid at the time of export.

* If this is your pet's first rabies vaccination, to ensure an acceptable antibody levels we recommend you wait 1 month prior to doing the Rabies blood test

Rabies Blood Test (Rabies Neutralizing Antibody Titre Test RNAT) – This MUST be done 180days prior to coming to Australia. The blood test is valid for 2 years from the date the blood was taken. This must be done in an approved Laboratory in an approved country.

Rabies Neutralising Antibody Titre RNAT declaration – This document must be completed and stamped by the Official Government Veterinarian in the export approved country.

- ***All bellow treatments and blood testing must be done in an approved country***

Import Permit – Application to import pets to Australia must be obtained

Quarantine Reservation – You must reserve space at Quarantine for your pet's arrival

Other Vaccinations – Check the following vaccinations are valid

Cats – it is recommended that your cat receives a vaccination that protects against feline enteritis (also known as feline panleucopenia or feline distemper), rhinotracheitis and calicivirus and is valid for the entire post-arrival quarantine period.

Dogs - It is recommended that your dog receives a vaccination that protects against Distemper, Hepatitis, Parvovirus, Para-influenza and Bordetella bronchiseptica and is valid for the entire post-arrival quarantine period.

Dogs may be vaccinated against *Leptospira interrogans* serovar Canicola as an alternative to the testing outlined below. If you choose to do this, dogs must be fully vaccinated against *Leptospira interrogans* serovar Canicola, according to manufacturer's recommendations (For most vaccines an initial course of two vaccines 2-4 weeks apart followed by yearly boosters), at least 14 days prior to export and the vaccination must be valid at the time of export.

USA Only: Dogs exported from the USA must be fully vaccinated against canine influenza virus (CIV) between 12 months and 14 days before export.

DOGS ONLY: Blood testing for the following tests:

1. Rabies RNAT upon arrival to Approved Country
2. Revaccinate for Rabies in the Approved Country
3. Ehrlichiosis – An approved external parasite treatment must be given at least 21 days prior
4. Brucellosis (or provide a desexing certificate)
5. Leptospirosis (or provide vaccination records)
6. Leishmania

* Please note that your pet MUST NOT receive a Rabies Vaccination since the initial RNAT blood test.

** Please note that your pet will need to comply with the import conditions to the approved country.

Internal parasite treatments – 2 treatments at least 14 days apart, with the second treatment given within 5 days before departure

External parasite treatment – an approved treatment must be given to your pets to kill fleas and ticks on contact. The vet in accordance with the manufacturer's directions must repeat treatment until export.

Pre-export Health Check – Your pets must be examined by a Government Approved vet and be found free from ticks and clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease.