



Reference: Dogs and cats

Taking pet dogs and cats to Australia

If your situation differs in any way from the proposed process, or if you have information from the veterinary authority of the importing country that differs from the process described below, please contact your local state veterinarian to discuss the matter.

Exporters are advised to verify the requirements of the importing country by contacting the veterinary authorities, or their representatives in South Africa, in advance of each consignment.

In South Africa all veterinarian registered with the South African veterinary council are authorised to perform the procedures needed for the export of dogs and cats to Australia.

All testing must be done in an approved country in a laboratory recognised by the government of the country of export. It is acceptable to draw blood in South Africa and test it at a laboratory in a different approved country. Evidence that the laboratory is an OIE laboratory will need to be provided by the client should they choose to use a lab other than the Onderstepoort Veterinary Institute (OVI).

Requirements

You will need to apply for an import permit. Please have a look at this website for detailed step by step guides:

This document is to aid the authorised veterinarian in keeping all the information in one place and in an easy to understand format. The veterinarian will still need to complete the Australian documentation but this will help with the collation of the information needed.

<http://www.agriculture.gov.au/cats-dogs>

Identification of the animals

By signing any section for the table below the veterinarian indicates that the animal's microchip has been scanned and verified against the identification provided below. By signing any of the clauses the veterinarian confirms that the microchip is working and readable by an ISO compatible reader. This should be done before each step in the process.

If at any point in the process the microchip cannot be read or is recorded incorrectly in the animals documentation the animal will not be exported to Australia

Once the Rabies test and vaccination is completed the state vet will need to sign the RNAT test declaration before you are able to apply for the import permit.

Name of animal: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Microchip number: _____

Sex (Indicate if sterilized or not): _____

Breed: _____

Procedure

- Your veterinarian should complete the veterinary health certificate specifically for Australia (VHC). Blank forms may be obtained from the State Veterinary office (SV) or our website www.elsenburg.com.
- The signed VHC as well as your pet's vaccination booklet and supporting documents should be brought to the SV office for certification. You should also have your driver's licence or ID book available.
- Certificates cost can be found on the departments schedule of fees (Cost in 2019 R173 each) payable before or at the appointment.
- Any other queries can be directed to the State Veterinarian on duty via the contact details below:

Office names, locations, contact details and availability for certification

Milnerton Veterinary export certification office

- Contact details: vetexport@elsenburg.com, tel: 021 808 5400, 021 8085401, 021 8085407 fax 021 808 5125
- Our new office operational since June 2015 is located at 22 Lobelia Street, Milnerton, alternatively the GPS co-ordinates are:
 - GPS Co-ordinates: 33.866870 S 18.503029 E
- At Milnerton Export Certification Office, clients are assisted by appointment only on Monday to Friday from 08:30am to 12:00pm (excluding public holidays).
- To make an appointment, clients are required to send an e-mail to vetexport@elsenburg.com with their required time slot. Please indicate the number of pets you are exporting in your e-mail when you make an appointment with us. Should your requested time slot not be available our office will call/e-mail you to reschedule.
- Clients are required to make an appointment at least 2 days in advance.

Head office of the Department of Agriculture at Elsenburg /Boland state vet office

- Responsible for the greater Cape Town area, Paarl, Wellington, Franschhoek, Stellenbosch, Somerset West and Gordon's Bay.
- **Contact details:** Dr Gary Buhrmann. Email: vivienm@elsenburg.com / garyb@elsenburg.com / svboland@elsenburg.com Telephone: 021 808 5026 / 021 808 5027, Fax: 021 808 5125
- Our offices are located at the Head office of the Department of Agriculture at Elsenburg. When searching on Google maps, use 'Provincial Department of Agriculture'
- GPS Co-ordinates Elsenburg Head Office: 33.845259 S 18.834722 E
- Clients are assisted by appointment only on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 08:30am to 12:00pm

Malmesbury State vet office

- Responsible for the magisterial districts of Malmesbury, Moorreesburg, Hopefield, Vredenburg, Piketberg, Tulbagh and Ceres
- **Contact details :** Dr Davey Sewellyn. Email: sewellynd@elsenburg.com / samanthab@elsenburg.com Telephone: 022 433 8915 / 022 433 8910
- Our offices are located at on the corner of Spoorweg and Municipal Streets, Malmesbury.
- GPS coordinates 33.465701 S, 18.721446 E
- Clients are assisted by appointments only – please make an appointment timeously by contacting Samantha Burger as the State Vet Dr Sewellyn Davey is not always available.

Vredendal State vet office

- Responsible for the magisterial districts of Vredendal, Clanwilliam and Van Rhynsdorp.
- **Contact details :** Dr Roelof Hugo. Email: roelofh@elsenburg.com / deidred@elsenburg.com Telephone: 027-213 3106 ; Fax 027-213 3109
- Our offices are located at on the corner of Matzikama Street and North Road, Vredendal.
- GPS coordinates 31.662625 S, 18.507298 E
- Clients are assisted by appointments only – please make an appointment timeously by contacting Deidre Daniels as the State Vet is not always available.

George State vet office

- Responsible for the magisterial districts of George, Riversdal, Mossel Bay and Knysna.
 - **Contact details :** svgeorge@elsenburg.com
 - Telephone: 044 803 3774 / 044 803 3771; Fax 044 873 3342 / 044 873 3342
- Our offices are located at 4 Varing Avenue George.
- GPS coordinates 33.57.31 S, 22.27.16 E
- Clients are assisted by appointments only – please make an appointment timeously by contacting the Santa Lessing as the State Vet is not always available

Beaufort West State vet office

- Responsible for Beaufort West, Prince Albert, Laingsburg and Murraysburg
- **Contact details** : Dr Jaco Pienaar. Email: jacop@elsenburg.com
- Telephone: 023 414 2154; Fax 023 414 3980

- Our offices are located in Blyth Street, Beaufort West.
- GPS coordinates 32.375009 S, 22.589063 E
- Clients are assisted on Tuesday and Friday only from 10h00 -12h0

Swellendam State vet office

- Responsible for the magisterial districts of Swellendam, Montagu, Worcester, Robertson, Bredasdorp and Caledon.
- **Contact details** : Dr Llewellyn Hon. Email: bidwellg@elsenburg.com / llewellynh@elsenburg.com Telephone: 028 425 4850 / 028 425 4851 Cell 086 624 7956

- Our offices are located in the main road, 67 Voortrek Street, direct at the back of ABSA bank.
- GPS coordinates 34.02126 S 20.44140 E
- Clients are assisted by appointments only – please make an appointment timeously by contacting Bidwell Gelwana as the State Vet is not always available.

Worcester State vet office

- Responsible for the magisterial districts of Worcester, Ceres and Tulbagh.
- **Contact details:** Dr Christi Kloppers. Email: christik@elsenburg.com / bulelwad@elsenburg.com Telephone: 021 808 5059/ 021 808 5062

- Our offices are located at 30 Van Arckel street, Worcester.
- GPS coordinates 33.623641 S, 19.457008 E
- Clients are assisted by appointments only – please make an appointment timeously by contacting Bulelwa Dinaana, as the State Vet is not always available.

Oudtshoorn State vet office

- Responsible for the magisterial districts of Oudtshoorn, Ladismith, Van Wyksdorp, Calitzdorp, De Rust and Uniondale.
- **Contact details:** Dr Cathy Fox. Email: cathyf@elsenburg.com / albies@elsenburg.com Telephone: 044 203 9440 / 044 203 9445 Fax: 044 279 1910 / 044 203 1910

- For forms and procedures relating to ostriches, please contact the [South African Ostrich Business Chamber \(SAOBC\)](#)

- Our offices are located at 39 Van Der Riet Street, OUDTSHOORN, 6620
- Clients are assisted by appointments only – please make an appointment timeously by contacting Albie Storm, as the State Vet is not always available.

Test conducted / Treatment record	Information	Time period	Sample collection date / date performed	Test result	Veterinarian details	Signature
Rabies (Dogs and Cats)	RNATT (Rabies Neutralizing Antibiotic Titre Test) FAVN or RFFIT (Positive at ≥ 0.5 IU/ml)	Between 180 days and 730 days before export				
	Rabies vaccination (Inactivated rabies vaccine)	1) Was given when animal was at least 90 days of age 2) Is valid in accordance with manufacturer's instructions	Date administered: _____ Serial number: _____ Manufacturer: _____			
<i>Ehrlichia canis</i> (Dogs only)	IFAT (Negative at 1:40)	Within 45 days before export				
<i>Leishmania infantum</i> (Dogs only)	IFAT or ELISA (Must be negative)	Within 45 days before export				
<i>Leptospira interrogans</i> sv. <i>Canicola</i> (Strike through as required) (Dogs only)	MAT (Negative at 1:100) (Not required if doing the vaccination)	Within 45 days of export				
	<i>Leptospira</i> sv. <i>Canicola</i> Vaccination (if not tested)	At least 14 days before export				

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<i>Brucella canis</i> (if not desexed) (Dogs only)	RSAT or TAT or IFAT (must be negative)	Within 45 days of export				
<i>Babesia canis rossi</i> (Strike through as required) (Dogs only)	Treated with a single dose of Imidocarb dipropionate (Forray 65) at a rate of 7.5mg/kg body weight subcutaneous injection (OR) Two doses at a rate of 6.0mg/kg body weight given at least 14 days apart	Within 28 days before export	Date of treatment: _____			
			Weight of dog: _____			
			Amount administered: _____			
		Date of treatment: _____				
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		Weight of dog: _____				
		Amount administered: _____				
External parasites (Dogs and Cats)	Product that kills ticks and fleas on contact (i.e. not one that relies on the parasites to bite)	Dogs: At Least 21 days before blood collection for <i>Ehrlichia canis</i> testing.	Date of treatment: _____			
			Product used: _____			
		Date of treatment: _____				
		Product used: _____				

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		Cats: At least 21 days before export.	Date of treatment: _____ Product used: _____			
		Dogs and Cats: Treatment must be repeated in accordance with manufacturer's directions	Date of treatment: _____ Product used: _____			
Internal parasites (Dogs and Cats)	Treated twice (effective against nematodes and cestodes) at least 14 days apart	Within 45 days before export	Date of treatment: _____ Product used: _____			
		Second treatment within 5 days before export	Date of treatment: _____ Product used: _____			
Clinical examination (Dogs and Cats)	Free from ticks, fleas and clinical signs of infectious or contagious diseases	Within 5 days before export	Comments: _____ _____ _____			
General vaccinations (Dogs and Cats)	Dogs require a valid vaccination record: Distemper, Hepatitis, Parvovirus, Parainfluenza, <i>Bordetella bronchispetica</i>	Needs to be valid for the entire post entry quarantine period	Date administered: _____ Serial number: _____ Manufacturer: _____			

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	<p>(Recommended for the welfare of the dog)</p> <p>Cats require a valid vaccination record: Feline panleucopenia, rhinotracheitis and calicivirus</p>					