



Reference: Dogs and cats New Zealand updated 2023

Taking pet dogs and cats to New Zealand

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.

Requirements

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

<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/importing/live-animals/pets/steps-to-importing-cats-and-dogs/>

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Name of animal: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Microchip number: _____

Sex (Indicate if sterilized or not): _____

Breed: _____

The import permit will list if any other specific tests, vaccinations or treatments are required as well as the relevant timing of these.

Procedure

- Your pet should be taken to your local private veterinarian to assist with all the test and treatment requirements.
- 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 2023 R200 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

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:**

Office reception

Telephone: 021 808 5253

E-mail: SVBoland@westerncape.gov.za / Renee.Jack@westerncape.gov.za

Dr. Vivien Malan

Vivien.Malan@westerncape.gov.za

Telephone: 021 808 5028

- 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:**

Office reception Telephone: 022 433 8910

Email: DOA.svmalmesbury@westerncape.gov.za / Samantha.Burger@westerncape.gov.za

Dr. Michael Swart Michael.Swart@westerncape.gov.za Telephone: 022 433 8915

- 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 Michael Swart is not always available.

Vredendal State vet office

- Responsible for the magisterial districts of Vredendal, Clanwilliam and Van Rhynsdorp.

- **Contact details:**

Office reception Telephone: 027 201 3510

Email: DOA.svvredendal@westerncape.gov.za / Deidre.Daniels@westerncape.gov.za

Dr Chanel Lombard Chanel.Lombard@westerncape.gov.za

- 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, Riversdale, Mossel Bay and Knysna.
- **Contact details:**

Office reception Telephone: 044 803 3770/1 Email: SVGeorge@westerncape.gov.za

Dr Leana Janse van Rensburg Leana.JanseVanRensburg@westerncape.gov.za

- 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.

Beaufort West State vet office

- Responsible for Beaufort West, Prince Albert, Laingsburg and Murraysburg
- **Contact details:**

Office reception Telephone: 023 414 9220/1

Email: DOA.svbeaufortwest@westerncape.gov.za/Chriszelda.Mtwalo@westerncape.gov.za

Dr Jaco Pienaar Jaco.Pienaar@westerncape.gov.za

- Our offices are located in Blyth Street, Beaufort West.
- GPS coordinates 32.375009 S, 22.589063 E
- Clients are assisted by appointments only – please make an appointment timeously.

Swellendam State vet office

- Responsible for the magisterial districts of Swellendam, Heidelberg, Bredasdorp and Caledon.
- **Contact details:**

Office reception Telephone: 028 425 4850

Email: DOA.svswellendam@westerncape.gov.za/Bidwell.Gelwana@westerncape.gov.za

Dr Christi Kloppers Christi.Kloppers@westerncape.gov.za Telephone: 021 808 5059

- 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, Robertson, Ceres and Montagu.
- **Contact details:**

Office reception Telephone: 021 808 5050 Email: DOA.svworcester@westerncape.gov.za

Dr Ansulize Pepler Ansulize.Pepler@westerncape.gov.za Telephone: 021 808 5052

- 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.

Oudtshoorn State vet office

- Responsible for the magisterial districts of Oudtshoorn, Ladismith, Van Wyksdorp, Calitzdorp, De Rust and Uniondale.

- **Contact details:**

Office reception Telephone: 044 203 9443

Email: DOA.svoudtshoorn@westerncape.gov.za/Jenonise.Noni@westerncape.gov.za

Dr Cathy Fox Cathy.Fox@westerncape.gov.za Telephone: 044 203 9445

- 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 Jenonise Noni, 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 & Cats)	RNATT (Rabies Neutralizing Antibiotic Titre Test) FAVN or RFFIT (result of at least ≥ 0.5 IU/ml)	Between 90 days and 720 days before export				
	Rabies vaccination (Inactivated rabies vaccine or recombinant vaccine expressing the rabies virus glycoprotein)	In the case of a primary vaccination: The vaccine was given not less than six months and not more than one year prior to date of shipment. The animal was at least 90 days old. Booster vaccination: Was given not more than one year prior to date of shipment	Date administered: _____ Serial number: _____ Manufacturer: _____			
<i>Leptospira interrogans</i> sv. <i>Canicola</i> (Strike through as required) (Dogs only)	MAT (Negative) (OR)	In the 30 days prior to the date of shipment				
	The dog has been treated with a therapeutic dose of doxycycline for 14 consecutive days (OR) The dog has been treated with a therapeutic dose of dihydrostreptomycin for 5 consecutive days	In the 30 days prior to the date of shipment	Dates of treatment: _____ Weight of dog: _____ Dose rate: _____ Amount: _____			

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<i>Brucella canis</i> (Dogs only)	RSAT or TAT or CPAg-AGID (must be negative) (Strike through as required) If the dog is not sterilized an owner declaration is required that the dog has not been mated 44 days prior to the date of shipment unless to a dog of equal <i>Brucella canis</i> health status	In the 16 days prior to the date of shipment				
<i>Babesia gibsoni</i> (Strike through as required) (Dogs only)	The dog has been subjected to an IFA or ELISA test for <i>Babesia gibsoni</i> with a negative result	In the 16 days prior to the date of shipment				
	The dog has been subjected to two PCR tests for <i>Babesia</i> spp. or <i>Babesia gibsoni</i> with negative results	The first sample collected 30-37 days apart from the second sample				
		The second sample collected in the 16 days prior to the date of shipment				

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<i>Babesia canis</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 Intra muscular (OR)	In the 16 days prior to the date of shipment	Date of treatment: _____			
			Weight of dog:_____			
			Amount:_____			
	The dog has been subjected to an IFA or ELISA test for <i>Babesia canis</i> with a negative result (OR)	In the 16 days prior to the date of shipment				
	The dog has been subjected to two negative PCR tests for <i>Babesia</i> species or <i>Babesia canis</i> with negative results.	Samples collected 30 to 37 days, with the second sample collected in the 16 days prior to the date of shipment				
External parasites (Dogs & Cats)	The animal was treated by a veterinarian twice with a topical product registered for the control of ticks and fleas at the manufacturer's recommended dose	The first treatment to be given in the 30 days prior to the date of shipment and at least two weeks before the second treatment	Date of treatment:_____			
		The second treatment was given in the 2 days prior to the date of shipment	Product used:_____			
			Date of treatment:_____			
			Product used:_____			

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Internal parasites (Dogs & Cats)	The animal has been treated twice with a product (or combination of products) registered for the control of nematodes and cestodes at the manufacturer's recommended dose	The first treatment was given in the 30 days prior to the date of shipment and at least two weeks before the second treatment	Date of treatment: _____			
		The second treatment was given in the 4 days prior to the date of shipment	Product used: _____			
Heartworm (<i>Dirofilaria immitis</i>) (Dogs only)	The dog has been subjected to a heartworm antigen ELISA test with a negative result. (Only if six months or older) (AND)	In the 30 days prior to the date of shipment				
	The dog (regardless of age) has been treated with one of the following: (strike through as appropriate) i) Ivermectin at 6mcg/kg ii) Milbemycin at 0.5mg/kg iii) Moxidectin at 2-4 mcg/kg iv) Selamectin at 6mg/kg	In the 4 days prior to the date of shipment	Date of treatment: _____ _____ _____ Weight of dog: _____ _____ Dose rate: _____ _____ _____			

Test conducted / Treatment record	Information	Time period	Sample collection date / date performed	Test result	Veterinarian details	Signature
			Amount: _____ _____ _____			
Clinical examination (Dogs & Cats)	The animal was examined and was free from: a) Clinical signs of infectious or contagious diseases b) External parasites c) Any visible signs of canine transmissible venereal tumour on examination of external genitalia (Only for dogs that are not sterilized)	In the two days prior to shipment	a) _____ _____ _____ _____ b) _____ _____ _____ _____ c) _____ _____ _____ _____			