



Reference: Namibia dogs and cats updated 2023

Taking pet dogs and cats to Namibia

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

- A valid rabies vaccination (see table below or discuss with your private veterinarian)

For a vaccination to be valid a veterinarian registered with the South African veterinary council has to take responsibility for the vaccination. Proof in the form of a vaccination certificate that complies with the rules published under the Veterinary and Para Veterinary Act 19 of 1982 and its amendments will be required.			
Primary Vaccination		Revaccination	
Time of vaccination	Validity of immunity	Time of revaccination	Validity of immunity
3 months or younger	Vaccination of the mother against rabies at least 30 days but not longer than 12 months prior to giving birth	Not applicable	Only up to 3 months of age
3 months and older	<u>Dog & cat</u> : One year beginning 30 days after date of vaccination.	Before validity of immunity expires	<u>Dog</u> : 3 years after date of revaccination. <u>Cat</u> : one year after date of revaccination.

- A health check done by a veterinarian registered with the South African Veterinary council within 7 days of crossing the Namibian border.
- A microchip is not mandatory but is highly recommended.
- Proof of any of the requirements contained on the export certificate may be requested. For example a proof of address of origin and destination, an affidavit from the owner of the dam stating that the dam gave birth to the puppies in question, certified copies of the dam's vaccination books etc.

Procedure

- Your pet should be taken to your local private veterinarian for a health check.
- Your veterinarian should complete a Namibian Inter-Territorial Movement permit which functions as a combined import /export certificate and health certificate. Blank forms may be obtained from the Veterinary export control office or the website.

- The signed Namibian Inter-Territorial Movement permit as well as your pet's vaccination booklet and microchipping certificate (if applicable) should be brought to the SV office for certification. You should also have your driver's licence or ID book available.
- There is no charge from the state for certificates issued for Namibia if the animals are moving for non-commercial purposes.

Taking pet dogs and cats to Namibia that originated in Namibia if the Namibian certificate was signed less than 30 days ago.

If the Namibian certificate was issued more than 30 days ago the procedure above applies

Background

Historically speaking owners that were returning to Namibia with pets when the Namibian certificate was issued less than 30 days ago could take the pet to the State vet with the vaccination book and the Namibian export certificate for certification.

This is no longer possible as the South African veterinary council have prescribed minimum facility requirements for veterinarians to do clinical work. None of the State veterinary offices in the Western Cape (Apart from Beaufort west) are able to meet those minimal requirements.

Therefore the procedure has been amended to the following:

Procedure

1. If the Namibian certificate has dated less than 7 days before the animal is presented at the office then the animal does not need a full clinical examination.
 - a. All documentation is to be taken to the state vet office along with the animal for certification. The health check will consist of a cursory examination of the animal including the following:
 - i. Mucus membranes to be checked
 - ii. Visual check for external parasites
 - iii. Habitus and gait are to be observed
 - iv. History of health to be taken
2. If the Namibian certificate has dated more than 7 days before the animal is presented at the office then the animal needs a full clinical examination in terms of the Namibian requirement
 - a. Your pet should be taken to your local private veterinarian for a health check.
 - b. Your veterinarian should complete a Namibian Inter-Territorial Movement permit which functions as a combined import /export certificate and health certificate. Blank forms may be obtained from the Veterinary export control office or the website.
3. The signed Namibian Inter-Territorial Movement permit as well as your pet's vaccination booklet and microchipping certificate (if applicable) should be brought to the SV office for certification. You should also have your driver's licence or ID book available.
4. There is no charge from the state for certificates issued for Namibia if the animals are moving for non-commercial purposes.

Note for returning animals into South Africa

Pets are only able to enter into RSA from one of the following ports of entry.

O.R. Thambo International Airport, Cape Town International Airport, King Shaka International Airport, Durban Harbour, Port Elizabeth Harbour, Cape Town Harbour, Vioolsdrift, Nakop, Ramatlabama, Skilpadshok, Groblersbrug, Beitbrug, Lebombo, Jeppe's Reef, Mananga, Oshoek, Golela, Maserubrug, Kopfontein

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

Cape Town Veterinary export certification office (VECO)

- Contact details: vetexport@westerncape.gov.za, tel: 021 808 5400, 021 8085401, 021 8085407 fax 021 808 5125
- Our new office operational since March 2024 is located at 34 Roeland St, Cape Town City Centre, Cape Town, 8000.
 - -33.9291839,18.4183276
- At VECO , 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@westerncape.gov.za 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:**

Office reception

Telephone: 021 808 5253

E-mail: SVBoland@westerncape.gov.za

- 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, and Piketberg
- **Contact details:**

Office reception

Telephone: 022 433 8910

Email: DOA.svmalmesbury@westerncape.gov.za

- 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.

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

- 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.

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

- 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.

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

- Our offices are located in Blyth Street, Beaufort West.
- GPS coordinates 32.375009 S, 22.589063 E
- Clients are assisted by appointments only.

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/

- 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.

Worcester State vet office

- Responsible for the magisterial districts of Worcester, Robertson, Ceres and Montagu.

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- **Contact details:**

Office reception

Telephone: 021 808 5056/2

Email: DOA.svworcester@westerncape.gov.za

- Our offices are located at 30 Van Arckel street, Worcester.
- GPS coordinates 33.623641 S, 19.457008 E
- Clients are assisted by appointments only.

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 9443/5

Email: DOA.svoudtshoorn@westerncape.gov.za

- Our offices are located at 39 Van Der Riet Street, Oudtshoorn, 6620
- Clients are assisted by appointments only.