



Reference: SADC dogs and cats updated 2023

## **Taking pet dogs and cats to SADC countries – Zimbabwe, Malawi, Botswana, Swaziland and Lesotho**

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 valid not more than 12 months and not less than 30 days prior to pets' departure (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.			
Primary Vaccination		Revaccination	
Time of vaccination	Validity of immunity	Time of revaccination	Validity of immunity
3 months and older	<u>Dog &amp; 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.

- Puppies and kittens up to 12 weeks old may travel on their mothers' Rabies vaccination certificate. Puppies and kittens 12 weeks and older must have their own Rabies vaccination done. They may only travel 30 days after the Rabies vaccination has been administered.
- A health check within 7 days of departure. This is only valid for 10 days and must still be valid at the time of arrival into the country.
- A microchip is not mandatory but is highly recommended

### Procedure

- Your pet should be taken to your local private veterinarian for a health check.
- Your veterinarian should complete an Inter-territorial Movement permit which functions as a combined import /export certificate and health certificate. Blank forms may be obtained on the department website [www.elsenburg.com](http://www.elsenburg.com).

- The signed 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 for certificates issued for SADC countries.
- For **Malawi** a General Veterinary Health Certificate can be used along with an import permit from the Department of Veterinary Services in Malawi. There is no quarantine necessary for Malawi
- For **Zimbabwe** the Inter-territorial Movement permit needs to be accompanied by an import permit from the Zimbabwean Government.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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/](mailto: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.
- **Contact details:**  
Office reception  
Telephone: 021 808 5056/2  
Email: [DOA.svworcester@westerncape.gov.za](mailto: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](mailto:DOA.svoudtshoorn@westerncape.gov.za)
- Our offices are located at 39 Van Der Riet Street, Oudtshoorn, 6620
- Clients are assisted by appointments only.