



EXPORTING YOUR COMPANION ANIMAL

An AQIS Export Permit and Health Certificate are required for all animals leaving Australia. It is a requirement of many countries that animals receive treatment/testing/vaccination in Australia before they are eligible for import. All countries require that animals receive a final veterinary inspection shortly before export.

Such services may only be provided by veterinarians who are accredited by AQIS to prepare companion animals for export. Therefore, before commencing any preparation, please contact the AQIS office in your region (see below) to obtain a list of AQIS-accredited veterinarians, or visit the AQIS website (list available on the website) www.aqis.gov.au.

Outlined below are the steps that must be followed for preparing your animal(s) for export.

STEP 1. Contact an AQIS accredited veterinarian

- To discuss the export process, the importing country's requirements and the relevant treatments/inspection and documentation that may be required, we advise you to contact your nominated accredited vet in advance of the intended date of export, (*some countries require that animals receive a rabies vaccination at least 30 days before the date of departure, and/or Import Permits be obtained for entry of animals*). At time of export, all animals should have current routine vaccinations, and be treated for internal and external parasites.
- If there is a likelihood that your pet will be returning to Australia, it is important that you discuss this with AQIS as early as possible. Animals cannot return directly to Australia from some countries, so appropriate advice is essential before your animal leaves Australia. For further information contact live animal imports animalimp@aqis.gov.au.

STEP 2. Forward to AQIS a "Notice of Intention to Export Live Animals (other than live-stock) or Animal Reproductive Material"

- Complete a "Notice of Intention to Export Live Animals (other than **live-stock**) or Animal Reproductive Material" form and return to the AQIS office in the region from which you will be exporting (see contact details below).
- This notice must be received by AQIS at least 10 working days before the scheduled date of departure.

STEP 3. Make an appointment with AQIS

- An appointment with AQIS is required to obtain the Export Permit and Health Certificate. This appointment must be after the completion of all the tests, treatments, inspections etc.
- Contact the relevant AQIS office to arrange an appointment time (at least 10 days before the scheduled date of export).

STEP 4. Collect the official documentation

- Once a final health check has been completed by your accredited vet (usually within 72 - 48 hours of export), visit the AQIS office, at the appointed time (do not bring your animal to the office).
- Present all documentation that has been completed by your accredited vet, together with any other required documents (eg Import Permits if required, vaccination certificates).
- Based on this documentation, AQIS will verify that all the necessary pre-export preparations comply with the importing country requirements.
- If all requirements are met AQIS will issue an official Export Permit & Health Certificate for your pet/s.



Transport

- Separate arrangements are made with the airlines for carriage of the animals. Some airlines require lodgement of animals by known agents such as transport companies. Please check with the airline.
- Animal transport containers must comply with the specifications of the International Air Transport Association (IATA), which defines container design, construction and size. The container must be of sufficient size to allow each animal enough space to turn about normally while standing, to stand and sit erect, and to lie in a natural position. Your accredited vet, the airline or pet transport companies can provide further information.

AQIS Animal Quarantine Offices

REGION	ADDRESS	PHONE	FAX	APPOINTMENT TIMES
New South Wales	1 Crewe Place, Rosebery, Sydney	(02) 8334 7432	(02) 8334 7430	8:00 AM to 11:00AM
Victoria	Customs/AQIS House Cnr Centre Rd & Grants Rd Melbourne Airport	(03) 8318 6966	(03) 8318 6965	8:30AM to 11:45AM
Tasmania	Mt Pleasant Laboratories Dept of Primary Energy & Fisheries, Kings Meadows	(03) 6336 5334	(03) 6336 5374	By Prior Arrangement
North Queensland	Airport Administration Centre, Cairns International Airport, Cairns	(07) 4030 7800	(07) 4035 9578	By Prior Arrangement
Queensland	Qantas Drive, Eagle Farm, Brisbane	(07) 3246 8731	(07) 3246 8798	8:30AM to 12 Noon
South Australia	8 Butler St Port Adelaide	(08) 8305 9752	(08) 8305 9820	2:00PM
Western Australia	Market Square 280 Bannister Rd (Cnr Bannister & Ranford Rds) Canning Vale	(08) 9311 5333	(08) 9455 3052	10:30AM to 12 Noon
Northern Territory	John England Building Berrimah Farm Makagon Road Berrimah. NT 0828	(08) 8999 2093/4	(08) 8999 2098	8:00AM to 4:20 PM
Australian Capital Territory	Edmund Barton Building Blackall Street Barton ACT	(02) 6272 4581	(02) 6272 5423	11:00AM to 12:00 PM & 2:30 to 4:30 PM

Fees & Charges

Please be aware that AQIS fees apply for preparing & issuing certification to export your companion animal at the rate of \$75 per ½ hr.

Website Addresses

AQIS – AAV Link - www.aqis.gov.au/accreditedveterinarians

International Air Transport Association (IATA) - www.iata.com

AQIS – importing pets – www.aqis.gov.au/icon

Animal Imports information email – animalimp@aqis.gov.au