

Transportation of Pets and Companion Animals

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Eligibility issues

- Australia/New Zealand –
- Residency under six months living in approved category country for export or not living in an approved category country (ie. Mexico, Turks and Caicos) – Australia/New Zealand
- Age At least six months old at time of export –AQIS
At least nine months old at time of export-MAFF
- Breeds Dogs: Dogo Argentino, Fila Brasileiro, Japanese Tosa, American Pit Bull Terrier, Presa Canario
Hybrids: Bengal cats or wolf hybrids that are less than 5th generation from any pure-bred non-domestic ancestor



Eligibility issues

- United Kingdom – Ireland – DEFRA Pet Scheme order of preparation
- Microchip – ISO Standard 11784 (or Annex A to Standard 11785)
- Vaccinate for rabies. (Only animals 3 months or older)
- It is recommended to wait 30 days for the RNATT blood draw. Vet must confirm microchip identification at time the blood sample is collected.
- Upon verification of a satisfactory level of anti-body against rabies of at least 0.5 International Units per ml.



Eligibility issues

- The certificate will indicate period of validity starting six months after the date the rabies blood test was drawn.
- Preparation of EU 998/Pet Scheme Certificate
- Between 24 and 48 hours prior to being checked in for departure, the pet must be treated for ticks and tapeworms with licensed veterinarian. Vet must complete the Tick and Tapeworm Certificate) 57% of non EU PETS failures are tick/tapeworm treatment failures.

Common problems pet owners may encounter throughout the process

- Coordination with personal veterinarian
- Microchipping/Rabies vaccination/RNATT
- Application for import/transit permit
- Quarantine reservations
- Final blood tests/fecal exams
- Final vet exam/Vet Cert A/parasite treatments
- USDA endorsements/Vet Cert B/Crate sealing
- Travel arrangements



Coordination with personal veterinarians and Government agencies

- Is he/she the Official Vet? - They must be approved or accredited by their respective government. (hence, Gov't approved vet)
- Do they understand the procedures/protocols mandated by AQIS/MAFF/USDA/USFWS/DEFRA?
- Are they willing to handle the process and possibly work in conjunction with a pet shipping professional?



Microchipping/Rabies vaccinations/RNATT

- Are they using a Avid, Destron, Trovan or ISO-compatible microchip?
- Is it readable?
- Must be done before collecting the rabies titer
- Rabies vaccination must be done within 1 year of export (NZ not less than 6 months) and animal must have been at least 3 months old
- RNATT must be submitted to a AQIS/MAFF approved laboratories. All information on the serology submission form must be correct (i.e.. microchip #)



Quarantine reservations

- Have they received the import permit?
- Has 150 days for AQIS/ 180 days for MAFF elapsed after the blood collection for the RNATT? If yes, the 30 days will be the minimum quarantine period
- Have they contacted the quarantine station in advance of their pets arrival into ANZAC? Flight information and arrival date and time is required.



Final blood tests/exams/vet work

- Do the blood tests/fecal exams comply with the time frame of DEFRA/AQIS/MAFF requirements?
- Microchip must be correct and on all tests results.
- Vet Cert A must be completed as well as internal/external parasite treatments within 4 days of export for Australia and New Zealand
- Internal/external parasite treatments not more than 48 hours and not less than 24 hours prior to airline check-in for pets traveling to the UK and Ireland.



Travel arrangements

- Confirm desired travel date with client.
- Book flight with airline to respective port of destination. (Make sure if it is a weekend arrival, that the respective customs and gov't agencies are open!)
- Make reservation with USDA or respective government ministry for endorsements of health certificates, Vet Certificate B and crate sealing.
- Prepare travel crate for flight. (Water dishes, labels, absorbent material)
- Crate sealing and airline check-in

References

- AQIS - <http://www.daff.gov.au/aqis/cat-dogs>
- MAFF - <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/enter/personal/pets>
- USDA - http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/index.shtm
- USFWS - <http://www.fws.gov/permits/>
- CFIA - http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/anima/imp/petani/pe_tanie.shtml
- DEFRA - <http://www.defra.gov.uk/wildlife-pets/pets/travel/pets/index.htm>