Canine influenza virus vaccination guidance for veterinarians preparing dogs for export to Australia from Singapore

Important: The material below is provided as a guide only; the import permit will contain the definitive import conditions.

Guidance on import conditions:

From 15 January 2019, the import conditions for dogs destined for export to Australia from Singapore require:

1. The dog must be fully vaccinated against the circulating strain of canine influenza virus (CIV) in Singapore as per the manufacturer’s directions between 365 days (12 months) and 14 days before export.

Advice for veterinarians in Singapore:

1. Canine influenza virus (CIV) vaccines are NOT available in Australia, so animals that are returning to Australia are unlikely to have been previously vaccinated.

2. Veterinarians should select any CIV vaccine available in Singapore that is effective against the CIV strain most likely to be circulating in Singapore at the time of export preparation.

Note: The Singaporean authority can advise veterinarians preparing dogs for export which CIV strain is most likely to be circulating in Singapore.

3. Primary course and booster vaccine requirements may vary from product to product. Before seeking advice from the department, the manufacturer’s directions should be reviewed and then strictly complied with.

4. Fully vaccinated means that a veterinarian has administered a primary course of vaccines as per the manufacturer’s directions with boosters administered within every 12 months thereafter to maintain immunity.

For example, if the VANGUARD® CIV H3N2/H3N8 (Zoetis) product is selected by the approved veterinarian, the primary course requires 2 vaccines to be administered 3 weeks (i.e. 21 days) apart.

Note: If the manufacturer’s directions do not include advice about the timing of a booster vaccination then a booster should be administered within 12 months of the primary vaccine course or the previous annual booster to maintain immunity.

Note: Manufacturer’s directions are subject to change without notice.

5. The animal’s CIV vaccination status must be valid for the entire ten day post-entry quarantine period.

Further questions?
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