



Guidance for official government veterinarians certifying dogs and cats for export to Australia

Australia's dog and cat import conditions are amongst the most stringent in the world, reflecting the absence of many dog and cat diseases from Australia. The Australian Government **strictly** enforces import conditions.

Listed below are **ten**, simple but critical, things that official government veterinarians can do, when certifying a dog or cat for export to Australia, that will help ensure the animal can be imported without having its quarantine period extended, or being re-exported or euthanased. This list **must** be read in conjunction with the import permit and the relevant step-by-step guide available on the department's [website](#).

Things to check **prior** to signing and endorsing the official health certificate:

- All** required testing, treatments and examinations have been done within the required timeframes prior to export. For example, for dogs, the date of blood collection for Ehrlichia canis testing was at least **21 days** after a compliant external parasite treatment was administered.
- Booster due dates for any required vaccine(s) are **included** on the official health certificate.
- Any external parasite treatments are a compliant product and have been administered in accordance with the manufacturer's requirements so that **coverage is continuous** until export.
 - A list (not exhaustive) of compliant external parasite treatments can be found on the department's [website](#). If the product needs to be applied monthly, it must be applied no later than the 31st day from the last application.
 - External parasite treatments **must** be topical (not oral) and must kill ticks and fleas on contact.
 - Products that kill following a blood feed by the tick or flea and ingestion of the active ingredient such as Bravecto® (fluralaner), NexGard® (afoxolaner), Advantage Multi® (moxidectin) and Revolution® (selamectin) are **not** compliant external parasite treatments.
 - The active ingredient(s) and dose rates of the external (and internal) parasite treatments must be **included** on the official health certificate.
- Internal parasite treatments must be effective against both nematodes **and** cestodes.
- For dogs, the date of last mating has been entered on the official health certificate or has been struck through (i.e. ~~striketrough~~).
- If the animal is being exported to Australia from a Group 2 (Rabies free) country, the official seal number(s) for the cage/crate are included on the official health certificate.
- Include a legible **general or official email address** of the official government veterinarian.
- Any required laboratory test report(s) **includes** the:
 - animal's microchip number – must be accurately recorded on all documents
 - date that the blood sample was collected
 - specific laboratory test type required by the import conditions
 - test results compliant with the import conditions

Things to check **after** signing and endorsing the official health certificate:

- Each** laboratory test report has been endorsed with an official government stamp.
- The official health certificate has been **signed** and **dated**.

Further questions?

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