



Guidance for government approved veterinarians preparing 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 government approved veterinarians can do, when preparing 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](#).

- 1.** Scan and verify the animal's microchip **every** time it is tested, treated or examined prior to export.
- 2. Accurately** record the animal's microchip number on **every** document associated with the animal including any:
 - a. treatment, vaccination and examination certificates
 - b. laboratory submission forms which accompany blood samples for testing
- 3.** Only administer **compliant external parasite treatments** to animals being prepared for export and record the product name and active ingredient(s) on the health certificate.
 - a. A list (not exhaustive) of compliant external parasite treatments can be found on the department's [website](#).
 - b. External parasite treatments **must** be topical (not oral) and kill ticks and fleas on contact.
 - c. Bravecto® (fluralaner), NexGard® (afoxolaner), Advantage Muilt® (moxidectin) and Revolution® (selamectin) are **not** compliant external parasite treatments.
- 4.** Re-administer external parasite treatments in accordance with the manufacturer's requirements so that **coverage is continuous** until export - if the product needs to be applied monthly, it must be applied no later than the 31st day from last application.
- 5.** Administer internal parasite treatments that are effective against both **nematodes** (roundworms) and **cestodes** (tapeworms).
- 6.** Administer any vaccines required by the import conditions strictly in accordance with the **manufacturer's requirements**, including the primary course and any boosters. Record the vaccination date, product name and booster due date on the health certificate.
- 7. Fully complete** any laboratory submission form including the animal's microchip number, date of blood sampling, date of signature and request the correct laboratory test type(s).
- 8. Verify** that the animal's microchip number is correct on any laboratory report received and that all laboratory reports include the date of blood sampling, laboratory test type, test results, and interpretation of results.
- 9.** Provide the **original** laboratory reports to the exporter.
- 10.** Ensure that **only** animals that are fit to travel to Australia and fit to undergo 10 days post-quarantine are prepared for export to Australia.

Further questions?

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