



## New Zealand

### Wise Owl Animal Hospital Pet Travel Checklist

#### General Information

- Guam is considered rabies free
- The valid import permit provides the specific conditions for importing your animal. The conditions on the import permit take precedence over any other source of information. The information below is a general guide to assist in the preparation of your animal for export to New Zealand; it is not a substitute for the import permit.
- All cats and dogs must complete a minimum 10 day period in a New Zealand quarantine facility
- This Handout was created on 9.16.15 – please visit <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/importing/live-animals/pets/steps-to-importing-cats-and-dogs/> for updated information

#### Step One

Time Frame: Before starting the export process

##### ☐ Confirm General Eligibility:

☐ The animal has lived in Guam since birth or for a minimum period of 180 days before date of travel.

☐ Pregnancy: Animals must not be more than 42 days pregnant on date of travel.

☐ Dog has never been diagnosed with *Babesia gibsoni* or *Brucella canis* – any dog diagnosed with either of these is not eligible for import, regardless of treatment.

☐ Pet is of an appropriate breed (see Note)

**Note: The following breeds are prohibited imports to New Zealand:**

**Dogs:** dogo Argentino; Brazilian fila; Japanese tosa; American pit bull terrier or pit bull terrier or Perro de Presa Canario.

**Cats:** domestic/ non-domestic hybrids including Savannah cat and Safari cat. The only exception to this is the Bengal cat which may continue to be imported provided it is five generations removed from the Asian Leopard Cat.

#### Step Two

Time Frame: Before all other steps

##### ☐ Verify existing Microchip OR ☐ Implant New Microchip

Microchips must be able to be read by an Avid, Trovan, Destron or other ISO compatible reader.

If the microchip cannot be read or is recorded incorrectly across the animal's documentation, it will not be eligible for import to Australia.

**Note:** Microchipping must be done before the next steps and especially **before** blood sampling for any pre export testing.

#### Step Three

Time Frame: As soon as you know your pet's date of departure

##### ☐ Book Quarantine Accommodation

Visit <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/news-and-resources/resources/registers-and-lists/registered-quarantine-facilities> for information on booking approved New Zealand quarantine accommodation and arranging transport for your pet. **You will need your Quarantine Booking Confirmation for Step 3.**

#### Step Four

Time Frame: At least 6 weeks before date of departure

##### ☐ Apply and Pay for a Permit to Import

Download Application at:  
[file:///C:/Users/owner/Downloads/app-form-cats-dogs-from-rabies-free-countries%20\(1\).pdf](file:///C:/Users/owner/Downloads/app-form-cats-dogs-from-rabies-free-countries%20(1).pdf)

Submit your Application and payment by:

- **Email:** [animalimports@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:animalimports@mpi.govt.nz)
- **Fax:** +64 4 894 0733
- **Mail:** Animal Imports, L18  
MPI New Zealand  
PO Box 2526  
Wellington 6140  
New Zealand

**Note: If your pet takes medication:**

The completed declaration with a copy of the veterinarian's prescription label must be provided to a MPI Inspector before or on arrival in New Zealand. Generally up to a three month supply will be given clearance. For further information, contact ACVM.

## Step Five Time Frame: Within 30 days before travel AND at least 2 weeks before 2<sup>nd</sup> treatment

☐ **First External Parasite Treatments**

AND

☐ **First Internal Parasite Treatment**

**Dogs and cats** must be treated with a product that kills ticks and fleas on contact at **least 21 days before** date of travel -the day treatment is applied is counted as day 0.

Protection from external parasites must be maintained until the time of export, treatments may need to be repeated by the veterinarian in accordance with the manufacturer's directions.

**Dogs and cats** must be treated twice with an internal parasite treatment effective against internal parasites. The two treatments must be administered at least 14 days apart and **within 45 days before export**. The second treatment must be given within 4 days before export (see step 7).

## Step Six – DOGS ONLY Time Frame: In the 30 days/16 days before departure

☐ **Heartworm Test**

☐ **Leptospirosis test or treatment**

☐ **Babesia gibsoni test(s)**

☐ **Brucella canis test**

☐ **Babesia canis Treatment or test** (*only for dogs that have resided or traveled in South Africa*).

### **Within 30 Before Departure:**

- Heartworm test
- Leptospirosis test or treatment - Blood is tested using a microscopic agglutination test (MAT).

### **Within 16 Days of Departure:**

- Babesia gibsoni test(s)
- Brucella canis test
- Babesia canis treatment or test

**Babesia gibsoni test:** IFA or ELISA test in the 16 days before shipment OR PCR tests on samples collected 30 to 37 days apart with the second sample collected in the 16 days before shipment

**Babesia Canis Treatment:** Only applies if your dog has ever visited South Africa. One injection of imidocarb dipropionate at 7.5 mg/kg IM in the 16 days prior to the date of shipment OR IFA or ELISA test within 16 days of shipment OR PCR tests on samples collected 30 to 37 days apart with the second sample collected in the 16 days before shipment

## Step Seven Time Frame: In the 4 days before departure

☐ **Second Internal Parasite Treatment**

☐ **Heartworm Treatment** (for Dogs only)

**Dogs and cats** must be treated with a product that kills ticks and fleas on contact at **least 21 days before** date of travel -the day treatment is applied is counted as day 0.

Protection from external parasites must be maintained until the time of export, treatments may need to be repeated by the veterinarian in accordance with the manufacturer's directions.

**Dogs and cats** must be treated twice with an internal parasite treatment effective against internal parasites. The two treatments must be administered at least 14 days apart and **within 45 days before export**. The second treatment must be given within 4 days before export (see step 5).

## Step Eight Time Frame: at least 72 hours before scheduled time of arrival

☐ **Send second advance notification of arrival to MPI at port of arrival**

Download the notification form at: <file:///C:/Users/owner/Downloads/notification-payment-mpi-veterinary-inspection-form.pdf>

Your form should include the flight/ship number, date & time of arrival, species and breed, number of animals, country of origin, quarantine facility booking confirmation and bill of lading reference (if known). You should also say if you will be traveling onboard the same flight.

Contact MPI at the nearest intended port of arrival by email or telephone:

**Auckland**  
[mqsakac@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:mqsakac@mpi.govt.nz)  
(09) 909 8631

**Christchurch**  
[mqschc@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:mqschc@mpi.govt.nz)  
(03) 943 3803

**Wellington**  
[mqswlg@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:mqswlg@mpi.govt.nz)  
(04) 894 4213

## Step Nine

Time Frame: Within the 2 days before departure

☐ **Pre-export Inspection**

Bring your pet to Wise Owl for a pre-export clinical exam. Pets must be found to be free from ticks and clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease within 2 days of export. You must take the pet and all documentation to this examination.

A completed Veterinary Health Certificate must be endorsed by the USDAN and accompany the pet on arrival in New Zealand (copies can be used).

☐ **Official Health Certification**

☐ **USDA Endorsement of Health Certification**

AND

☐ **Second External Parasite Treatment**

The Veterinary Health Certificate is located in your valid import permit. It must be completed by the Veterinarian who will also need to issue you a seal to be placed on the animal's crate at the time of travel. The seal number is to be recorded on the Health Certificate.

At this time your pet should also receive a second external parasite treatment. You must take the pet and all documentation to this examination.

**Guam USDA representative information:**

USDA, Guam FSA Office  
FHB Building  
400 Route 8, Suite 306  
Mongmong, GU 96910-2003  
**Phone:** (671) 472-7568  
**Fax:** (671) 472-7580

*\*We suggest you visit the office in person for quickest processing & Endorsement*

## Step Ten

Time Frame: 1 or more days before travel

☐ **Transport Pet(s) to Airport**

Wise Owl offers services to make your departure easier. We are able to board pets a few days prior to travel and even take care of transporting your pet to the airport the day you leave.

**Set up transport with our staff by** filling out the Airport Transport Form with all the required information. Bring your pet, all their documentation, crate (see reminders), food, and other necessary items for travel to the clinic. We'll take care of the rest!

**Note:** Do not feed your pet for four to six hours before the trip. However, you can give him small amounts of water.

**Your Pet must travel with all their original documentation.** You should keep copies with you as well.

## Reminders

- If the container is opened during transshipment, it must be resealed and a certificate / declaration must be provided by the competent authority of the country of transshipment detailing the circumstances. The container must be re-sealed and the certificate / declaration must include the new seal number.
- Your cat or dog cannot be given clearance to enter New Zealand if ticks or fleas are detected on arrival or in the quarantine facility. If ticks and fleas are found, you have three options. At your cost, your pet will need to:
  - Go to an approved quarantine facility for treatment or testing
  - Return to its country of origin (if permitted)
  - Be euthanised.
- Make sure to get your pet carrier that meets airline regulations.
- No straw or hay bedding is permitted in the crate. Only inert bedding is permitted, and any bedding or toys in the crate will be destroyed on arrival for ectoparasite control. (2) The container must comply with the International Air Transport Association (IATA) regulations and be free of dirt and pests. Contact your pet exporter or see IATA cage regulations for cats and dogs.
- **Fit your pet with a collar that can't get caught in carrier doors.** It is also advisable to put a temporary ID with your destination and contact information on your pet as well.
- **Make sure that your pet's nails have been clipped** to protect against them getting hooked in the carrier's door, holes, and other crevices.