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AUSTRALIA REGULATIONS AND PROTOCOLS FOR CATS AND DOGS

QUARANTINE INFORMATION

IS A MANDATORY QUARANTINE PERIOD REQUIRED PRIOR TO DEPARTURE?	NO: But pets travelling to Australia need to complete a 6-month eligibility period as per the Australian import requirements. This may be done at the pet's home. Note: the only quarantine facility is in Melbourne, so pets need to travel directly to Melbourne.
IS QUARANTINE REQUIRED AT DESTINATION?	YES: A compulsory minimum 10-day quarantine period must be completed in Australia (This does not include the 6-month eligibility period in South Africa).
IS AN IMPORT PERMIT REQUIRED AT DESTINATION?	YES: We can assist / advise you.

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PROTOCOL INFORMATION

Step 1	Microchipping (Speak to your vet)	All pets must have an ISO Standard 15-digit microchip implanted subcutaneously. Tattoos are not accepted. Please inform your consultant if your pet has more than 1 microchip. *IMPORTANT* Microchip verification must be completed by your government state vet, not a private vet, before your bloods can be drawn for the rabies titre test. Speak to your consultant for further advice on this matter. Please note if you choose not to do the verification, your pet will automatically qualify for a mandatory 30 day quarantine stay.
Step 2	Vaccinations (Speak to your vet)	Rabies vaccination is compulsory and must be older than 30 days but not older than 11 months. Acceptable vaccines include Zoetis Defensor 3, Nobivac Rabies and Merial Rabisin. Rabies vaccinations MUST be administered AFTER the microchips are implanted (same day is acceptable). Dogs should be vaccinated against Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, Parvovirus, Adenovirus and Parainfluenza. Cats should be vaccinated against Feline Panleukopenia (Distemper), Viral Rhinotracheitis, Calicivirus, Pneumonitis and Leukaemia. Pets arriving at or departing from Keringa-Petwings require Nobivac Kennel Cough, Bronchicine or Pneumodog (dogs)

COUNT 30 DAYS FROM DATE OF RABIES VACCINATION (COMPULSORY WAITING PERIOD)

Step 3	RNATT (Rabies Neutralising Antibody Titre Test) (Speak to your vet)	On day 30 after the Rabies vaccination, you need to have your pet's blood drawn for the Rabies Neutralising Antibody Titre Test (RNATT). Your family vet needs to submit the bloodwork to an approved laboratory for analysis (Onderstepoort only). Results must show a titre value of more than 0,5 IU/ml to qualify for travel.
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Step 4	Endorsements after RNATT results have been received	<p><u>The following documents must be submitted to Keringa-Petwings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Original, unaltered vaccination booklet for each pet • Original microchip certificate for each pet • Original RNATT result for each pet <p>(Microchip ID must be noted on all the above documents)</p> <p>Keringa-Petwings will submit these documents to the South African State Vet for certification and endorsement.</p>
COUNT 180 DAYS FROM THE DATE YOUR PETS' BOOD SAMPLES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY THE TESTING LABORATORY (COMPULSORY WAITING PERIOD BEFORE PETS MAY TRAVEL)		
Step 5	45 Day Vet Procedure (Speak to your vet)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dogs require blood tests / draws for Brucella and Leishmania. • Forray65 treatments for dogs may not be older than 28 days prior to departure. • Dogs need to have 2 (two) Leptospirosis vaccinations done within 31 days, and at least 14 days apart. • Cats require 3 (three) internal and external parasite treatments at least 14 days apart in the final 45 days.
Step 6	VHC (Veterinary Health Certificate) (Speak to your vet)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your pets require a Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC) completed by your family vet within 5 (five) days of departure. • Our consulting vet can complete the VHC on your behalf by prior arrangement. • Dogs must be treated for internal and external parasites (specifically Echinococcus Multilocularis) on the same day. • Validity of the VHC is 5 (five) days for dogs and cats.
Other important notes to consider		
<p>Please be aware that applications for Quarantine and Import Permits may only be completed once the endorsements have been received back from the State Vet. (Keringa-Petwings can assist with Import Permit applications).</p> <p>Blood tests for Brucella and Leishmania will only be valid for 45 days.</p> <p>With the extremely tight deadlines for treatments and blood tests, it makes sense to book your pets into Keringa-Petwings for the last 5 to 45 days (your choice depending on what you want us to do in terms of treatments and paperwork).</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please remember to send along a T-shirt or an item of clothing with your scent on it – it will be as if you're right there with them during their travels. • For obvious safety reasons please don't send anything with buttons, zips or buckles that can be chewed off - these tiny items are choking hazards. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemical and other strong sedatives are NOT ALLOWED. • Mild herbal remedies such as Rescue, CalmEze, catnip spray or other valerian root extracts are permitted. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please inform your Keringa-Petwings consultant of any brachycephalic (snub nose) pets traveling as certain airline, routing and seasonal restrictions may apply. 		
<p>We've been transporting pets world-wide for years – here's what some of our many happy clients have to say about us: Testimonials & References (keringa.com)</p> <p>NB: Due to the fact that airline and country protocols change often, we cannot be held responsible for errors, omissions, or alterations/changes. That said, Petwings pet travel agents keep up-to-date and are the best source of current rules and regulations – and they are friendly and helpful too 😊</p>		