



Australian Government

Australian Quarantine and  
Inspection Service

## Norfolk Island – Information Package

**NO AUSTRALIAN QUARANTINE PERIOD**

**Requirements for the importation of cats and dogs from Norfolk Island**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

All cats and dogs entering Australia from Norfolk Island require an import permit to be granted by AQIS prior to export. To obtain an AQIS import permit, an application to import cats and dogs to Australia must be completed.

There is no Australian quarantine period. The following import conditions apply and will appear on the AQIS import permit. The import conditions must be met in full and certified prior to export from Norfolk Island.

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*Please refer to the AQIS website to ensure you have the current version of this document, as import conditions may change.*

#### **Conditions for the Importation of Cats and Dogs from Norfolk Island**

1. An AQIS import permit is required to import cats and dogs to Australia from Norfolk Island.
2. Importation is restricted to cats and dogs which have been resident in Norfolk Island, New Zealand or Australia from birth or for the whole of the six month period prior to export to Australia, and which during that period, have not been accommodated in an official quarantine establishment.
3. Each cat or dog must be accompanied by the import permit and appropriate Health Certificate (Attachment 1).
4. Cats and dogs may be consigned to Australia by either sea or air. No animals except those for importation to Australia or New Zealand may be carried on the voyage/flight without the prior approval of the Director of Animal and Plant Quarantine. When travel is by sea and the ship calls at any port after leaving Norfolk Island and before arriving in Australia, the animal, on arrival in Australia, may be re-exported at the owner's expense, consigned to quarantine or destroyed. In the case of travel by air, transport to Australia must be direct.
5. Prior to export from Norfolk Island each animal must have been treated as per requirements detailed in Attachment 1.
6. Conditions of importation may be reviewed if there are any changes in the import policy of Norfolk Island or at any time at the discretion of the Director of Quarantine.

## Apply for an AQIS Import Permit

*AQIS import permits are valid for six (6) months from the date of issue.*

- Application information and forms can be found at:  
[www.daff.gov.au/aqis/cat-dogs/application](http://www.daff.gov.au/aqis/cat-dogs/application).

Supporting documentation is required for assessing import permit applications. Originals of the documentation are not required.

You may submit your import permit application with all supporting documentation by any of the following methods:

- **eLodge** at: [www.daff.gov.au/aqis/import/application/forms](http://www.daff.gov.au/aqis/import/application/forms). You will need to scan and attach all supporting documentation.
- **Email** a signed and scanned copy of your application to [animalimp@aqis.gov.au](mailto:animalimp@aqis.gov.au).
- **Fax** to +61 2 6272 3110
- **Post** to AQIS Live Animal Imports GPO Box 858, Canberra ACT 2601, Australia

AQIS aims to grant all import permit applications within ten (10) working days, provided that all required information is received at the time of submission.

## Payment of Import Permit Fees

Current fees for import permit applications can be found at:

[www.daffa.gov.au/aqis/import/general-info/fees-charges/schedule-permit-applications](http://www.daffa.gov.au/aqis/import/general-info/fees-charges/schedule-permit-applications)

- **Credit Card** – AQIS accepts American Express, Visa and MasterCard on posted, faxed, emailed and eLodged applications.
- **Cheque** – AQIS accepts bank cheque payment with posted applications only. Bank cheques must be in Australian dollars and made out to the “Collector of Public Monies – AQIS”. No personal cheques will be accepted.

## Transport

The cat/dog must be transported to Australia in accordance with the container requirements specified in the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Live Animals Regulations. These specify, among other things that the container must:

- be strong enough to prevent the animal escaping
- have ventilation openings on all sides totalling a minimum of 16% of the surface area of the 4 sides but that these shall be of such size that it is impossible for the animal to protrude its nose or paws outside the container
- be large enough to permit the animal to stand in a natural position, turn around and lie down

For more details regarding IATA regulations contact your airline. The IATA standards have been developed to prevent escape and injury during transportation.

Cats and dogs must travel as manifest cargo in the live animal area of the hold.

Note: Disability assistance dogs may travel with their handler in the cabin.

## Quarantine

Cats and dogs arriving in Australia having not met the above requirements may be ordered into quarantine or returned to Norfolk Island at the importer's expense.

## Importation Procedures

1. Documentation must be provided as specified and all import requirements must be met.
2. AQIS must be given at least three days notice of the animals arrival in Australia. If the dog is a disability assistance dog, please inform AQIS. This should be done by faxing the AQIS Veterinary Officers located in the state in which your cat/dog will first arrive in Australia.

<b>AQIS State Office</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Fax</b>
New South Wales	+61 2 8334 7444	+61 2 8334 7430
Victoria	+61 3 8318 6700	+61 3 8308 5071
Queensland	+61 7 3246 8755	+61 7 3246 8798
South Australia	+61 8 8201 6031	+61 8 8201 6087
Western Australia	+61 8 9334 1555	+61 8 9334 1668
Northern Territory	+618 8920 7001	+618 8920 7011

### Your fax must include:

- Date and estimated time of arrival
- Flight number
- Air waybill number
- A short description of your cat/dog
- A phone number in New Zealand or Australia; should we need to contact you.
- The address at which the animal is to reside in Australia.

3. Cats and dogs imported from Norfolk Island are cleared at the first point of contact in Australia, i.e. animals destined for Canberra are first cleared in Sydney.

AQIS advises that at least 1 hour should be allowed for the animals to be released by airline cargo (including AQIS clearance). Connecting flights must not leave within an hour of the animal arriving in Australia. If your animal is to connect with a domestic flight you will have to arrange for it to be moved from the international to the domestic terminal. Animal transport agencies can help you with this if required. [www.ipata.com/](http://www.ipata.com/)

4. AQIS clearance fees:

Please contact the AQIS state office to determine the costs involved with clearing your animal upon arrival in Australia..

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**A. DECLARATION BY OWNER/CURATOR**

I.....(BLOCK LETTERS),  
the \* Owner/Curator of the animal described as follows:

- . Breed:.....
- . Sex: .....
- . Age:.....(Years/Months)
- . Description :.....  
.....  
(including colour and any distinguishing features)

I further declare that:

- a) the animal has been in Norfolk Island, New Zealand or Australia since birth or continuously for the past six months;
- b) during this period the animal has not been accommodated in an establishment used for quarantine purposes; and
- c) during the past 30 days the animal has been apparently healthy and has not been in contact with sick animals.

SIGNATURE:.....Date.....  
(Owner/Curator)

ADDRESS:.....

Note: Curator is the person having charge of the dog or cat in the absence of the owner.  
\*Delete whichever is not applicable.

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**B. CERTIFICATE OF HEALTH BY A REGISTERED VETERINARY SURGEON**

I, .....(BLOCK LETTERS)  
a registered Veterinary Surgeon of .....  
.....hereby declare that:

- a) I have examined the animal described in the Owner/Curator's declaration on..... being within 96 hours prior to export, and found it to be free from clinical signs of disease, I have also undertaken a thorough examination for external parasites, including visible or palpable ticks with particular attention being paid to the body regions of the forelegs, chest, neck, head, ears, eyes, shoulders, axillae and inner thighs. In my opinion the dog is healthy and fit to undertake the journey to Australia.
- b) the dog described above was treated against tapeworm with praziquantel within 96 hours of shipment.
- c) the dog described above was treated against external parasites within 96 hours of shipment.

Signature:.....Date.....  
(Registered Veterinary Surgeon)

\* Delete in the case of cats

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**C. CERTIFICATE FROM A GOVERNMENT OFFICER**

I,.....(BLOCK LETTERS)  
being the \*Administrator/Stock Inspector/Quarantine and Health Officer of the Norfolk Island  
Administration declare:

- a) after due enquiry I have no reason to doubt the truth of the  
Owner/Curator's declaration attached;
- b) the disease rabies has never been diagnosed in Norfolk Island;
- c) the disease canine brucellosis has not been diagnosed in Norfolk  
Island,
- d) the vaccination of dogs and cats against rabies is not compulsory in  
Norfolk Island;
- e) in the past five years no animals have been imported into Norfolk  
Island except from Australia or New Zealand

Signature.....Date.....

\*Delete whichever is not applicable