



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Agriculture,**  
**Fisheries and Forestry**  
Australian Quarantine and  
Inspection Service

## *Information Sheet 4* **DISABILITY ASSISTANCE DOGS**

*Quarantine requirements for the importation of disability assistance dogs from AQIS approved countries in which rabies is well controlled*

### **30 DAYS QUARANTINE SURVEILLANCE IN AUSTRALIA**

**Disability Assistance dogs are not eligible for import into Australia until 6 months have elapsed from the day blood was collected for the RNATT.**

Further advice can be found at [www.aqis.gov.au](http://www.aqis.gov.au) or by e-mail at [animalimp@aqis.gov.au](mailto:animalimp@aqis.gov.au) or by ph +612 6272 4454 or by fax +612 6272 3110

#### **SUMMARY**

These guidelines are for the importation into Australia of disability assistance dogs accompanying a disabled person. The conditions are designed to allow the performance of quarantine as quarantine surveillance outside a government quarantine station so that the disabled person may have the use of their assistance dog during that period.

All animals entering Australia require an import permit, issued by AQIS. To obtain an import permit, an application to import your dog must be completed. Your application must include your dog's microchip number. An import permit will be returned to you. The import permit contains Veterinary Certificate A and B which must be completed and endorsed by an Official Veterinarian in the country of export prior to the arrival of your dog in Australia. The steps below provide information for completing the entire import process.

The owner/importer must pay all [quarantine fees](#) associated with the import and quarantine accommodation of your dog in Australia

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completed*

#### **STEP 1: GENERAL ELIGIBILITY**

**Time Frame:** Confirm eligibility before proceeding.

**Proof of disability assistance status:** Documents supporting the person's disability, specialised training of the disability assistance dog and the person's requirement of the disability assistance dog will be required.

**Residency:** Your dog must have been continuously living in the country of export for a minimum of 6 months immediately prior to shipment, or since direct importation from Australia (please see last page before proceeding), or since birth.

The dog must not be under quarantine restriction at the time of export.

AQIS will allow the importation of dogs from the European Union that have not completed 6 months residency in the country of export. The animal(s) must however have been continuously resident for the 6 months prior to export in AQIS approved

European Union countries. Documentation to support residency status must be provided to the Official Veterinarian endorsing Veterinary Certificates A and B.

**Pregnancy:** Female dogs must not be pregnant nor be suckling young at time of export.

**Age:** The dog must be more than 6 months old at export.

## **STEP 2: MICROCHIP DOG**

**Time Frame:** Before applying for a permit to import

Dogs must be identified by a microchip that can be read by an Avid®, Trovan®, Destron® or other ISO compatible reader.

## **STEP 3: RABIES VACCINATION**

**Time Frame:** Within 1 year of export.

Arrange for your dog to be vaccinated/ revaccinated with an approved inactivated rabies vaccine according to **a** or **b**.

**a) Primovaccination** The animal must be at least 3 months old at the time of the first vaccination. The vaccination must be given between 12 months and 90 days prior to export.

**b) Subsequent Vaccinations** Where the primovaccination or subsequent vaccinations were given more than 12 months prior to the date of export a booster vaccination must be given. This booster must be given within 12 months prior to export.

The primovaccination certificate, or the most current rabies vaccination booster certificate must be presented to the Official Veterinarian when completing the Rabies vaccination and Rabies Neutralising Antibody Titre Test (RNATT) Declaration of the application form for an AQIS import permit.

## **STEP 4: FIND A GOVERNMENT APPROVED VETERINARIAN, AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND A GOVERNMENT APPROVED LABORATORY.**

**Time Frame:** As soon as possible

**An Official Veterinarian:** is a government officer usually employed by the government veterinarian administration (e.g. in the USA – United States Department of Agriculture / Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service) in the exporting country. Official Veterinarians generally do not work in private practice. Official Veterinarians are able to sign certificates on behalf of the government’s veterinary administration. Official Vets endorse Veterinary Certificate A and complete Veterinary Certificate B that are provided with your AQIS import permit. The Official Veterinarian will also help you find a “government approved vet” and a “government approved laboratory”.

**A government approved vet:** You should call the Official Vet, or quarantine administration or veterinary administration in your country to determine which vets you can use to prepare your dog for export. This government approved veterinarian will prepare your dog for export to Australia and fill in the details of this preparation on Veterinary Certificate A provided with your AQIS import permit.

**Government approved laboratories:** are approved by the government veterinary service for testing samples from animals destined for export. AQIS allows the use of Government approved laboratories in countries other than the country of export. If you wish the [Australian Animal Health Laboratory](#) (AAHL) can do all testing for you. Fax: 613 5227 5555 Ph: 613 5227 5329

To locate appropriate veterinarians and laboratories, contact the government quarantine, agriculture or food departments in the country of export. Alternatively, contact AQIS.

## STEP 5: RABIES NEUTRALISING ANTIBODY TITRE TEST (RNATT)



**Time frame: IMPORTANT Disability Assistance dogs are not eligible for import into Australia until SIX MONTHS have elapsed from the day blood was collected for the RNATT.**

**Note:** As this test measures your dog's antibody response to the rabies vaccination it should be done at least 4 weeks after the rabies vaccination. This enables your dog to produce sufficient antibodies to record a positive result.

Arrange for a government-approved veterinarian to scan your dog's microchip and draw a blood sample for the RNATT. Your dog's microchip number must be written on the blood tube and on laboratory submission form

A government-approved laboratory must carry out testing. The laboratory report must include your dog's microchip number and a result of at least 0.5 IU/ml. If a result of less than 0.5 IU/ml is obtained you must re-vaccinate your dog and repeat the process.

The RNATT report must be presented to an Official Veterinarian when completing the Rabies vaccination and Rabies Neutralising Antibody Titre Test (RNATT) Declaration of the AQIS application form for an import permit and be forwarded with your application to Australia.

The RNATT is only valid for 1 year from the date of blood collection. If you need to repeat your dog's RNATT you must re-test within a year of the initial RNATT to demonstrate continuous protection against rabies and to avoid another lengthy wait before being eligible for entry into Australia.

**Note: The microchip number must be correct on the official RNATT laboratory report before a permit can be issued. Please ensure that all numbers of the microchip including the manufacturer's number are included on the submission form for the RNATT to the referring laboratory.**



## STEP 6: APPLY FOR A PERMIT TO IMPORT

**Note:** The AQIS import permits are only valid for 6 months from the day that AQIS receives your application.

Please fill out the application form and send it to:

AQIS - Live Animal Imports GPO Box 858 Canberra 2601 Australia	Fax 61 2 6272 3110 Phone 61 2 6272 4454
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An Official veterinarian will have to complete sign and stamp the Rabies vaccination and Rabies Neutralising Antibody Titre Test (RNATT) Declaration of the application form. A copy of the RNATT report should be sent to AQIS with your application.

Your dog will not be allowed to enter Australia without a valid AQIS permit to import.

#### **STEP 7: AQIS PERMIT TO IMPORT**

**Time Frame:** An AQIS import permit will be sent to the person/company nominated on the application form immediately following approval by AQIS of your application.

You may request the import permit to be faxed; a copy of the import permit may be used.

The permit includes **Veterinary Certificates A and B**. This information sheet will take you through the steps required to complete these veterinary certificates. You may continue to prepare your dog/s for export before the AQIS import permit and veterinary certificates arrive.

#### **STEP 8: COMMENCE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS**

**Time frame:** As soon as you have received the import permit from AQIS.

Your dog can enter Australia at any international port/airport and will have to be presented to AQIS at this first port of arrival. Once cleared through AQIS your dog may be taken on any domestic flight within Australia. You should allow at least 2 hours for AQIS to clear your dog. Connecting domestic flights should be not be booked within 4 hours of the dogs arrival in Australia.

Disability assistance dogs generally travel with a passenger in the cabin. You must supply a collar, leash, food and water containers.

During transport to Australia dogs may transit (stay on the same plane) or trans-ship (change planes) in all countries (AQIS approved or not). Trans-shipment may also require approval from the quarantine authority in the country of trans-shipment. AQIS strongly advises booking direct flights due to health and welfare concerns, eg dogs missing connecting flights and remaining in airports for extended periods.

The dog's user must accompany the disability assistance dog into Australia.

All transport costs are at the expense of the importer

#### **STEP 9 ADDITIONAL TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR DOGS FROM MALAYSIA ONLY**

**Time frame:** Within 45 days prior to export.

All dogs from Malaysia must be tested for Nipah virus by the Serum Neutralisation test at Australian Animal Health Laboratory (AAHL), Victoria, Fax: 613 5227 5555 Ph: 613 5227 5329, on a blood sample collected within 45 days prior to export, with negative results.

Please retain this laboratory report.

## STEP 10: BRUCELLOSIS, EHRLICHIOSIS LEPTOSPIROSIS and EXTERNAL PARASITES

**Time frame:** Within 30 days of export.



**Blood tests:** Arrange for a government-approved veterinarian to scan your dog's microchip and draw blood samples for brucella and ehrlichia (tropical canine pancytopenia) and leptospira. Your dog's microchip number must be recorded on the blood tube. Send blood to a government-approved laboratory for testing. The laboratory report must link your dogs' microchip number to the result.

These results must be recorded on Veterinary Certificate A. All laboratory test results must be endorsed by an Official Veterinarian and accompany your dog to Australia. Contact AQIS if your dog does not meet the requirements of these tests.

**Brucellosis:** Your dog/s must be tested for *Brucella canis* infection by a serum agglutination test. The test must produce a negative result. Once blood is collected for this test your dog must not be mated or inseminated prior to export to Australia.

**Leptospirosis:** Dogs must be tested for *Leptospira canicola* by a microscopic agglutination test within 30 days of export.

Dogs that record a negative result (less than 50% agglutination at a serum dilution of 1:100) are eligible for import.

Dogs that record a first result of more than 1:100 but less than 1:800 must be **re-tested** 14 days or more after the first test. The second test must also show a titre result of less than 1:800.

Dogs that record a result of 1:800 or more are ineligible for import.

**NOTE:** *Vaccination against Leptospira interrogans.var. canicola is not recommended within 6 months of export as your dog's high antibody response will most likely result in it being ineligible for export to Australia.*

**Ehrlichiosis:** Your dog/s must be tested for *Ehrlichia canis* infection by the indirect fluorescent antibody test. The test must produce a negative result at a dilution at 1:40. Your dog must be treated for external parasites within 24 hours of blood being taken for this test.

### **Treatment for external parasites**

**Note: You will have to commence treating your dog/s for external parasites at the same time as taking blood for ehrlichia as this disease is spread by ticks.**

A government approved veterinarian must treat your dog with a long lasting acaricide that is registered for the control of ticks and mites e.g. Frontline® or Permethrin®. Oral products and medicated collars are not satisfactory, neither are products that kill ticks only after biting your animal. Washes and rinses that prevent ticks and tick bites are acceptable. The treatment must be **repeated** according to the manufacturer's instructions in order to prevent infestation with ticks and mites from the first application until export.

**NOTE; From 1 September 2007, all dogs must be tested for Leishmania in addition to the testing above. If your dog's import permit contains this requirement, your dog must be tested as below.**

**Leishmaniosis:** Your dog/s must be tested for Leishmania sp. infection by an indirect fluorescent antibody test (IFAT) or an enzyme linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA). The test must produce a negative result.

Dates of treatment will need to be recorded on Veterinary Certificate A.

*Dogs which  
have lived in  
Africa*

**STEP 11: DOGS THAT HAVE LIVED IN AFRICA, BABESIOSIS**

**Time frame:** within 28 days of export.

**Note:** This treatment should not be given within 48 hours of treatment for external parasites as side effects may be increased.

**Option 1:** A government-approved veterinarian must treat your dog **once** with imidocarb dipropionate (Forry-65®, Hoechst or Imizol® by Coopers) at a rate of 7.5 mg per Kg body weight by subcutaneous injection.

**Option 2:** A government-approved veterinarian must treat your dog **twice** with imidocarb dipropionate (Forry-65®, Hoechst or Imizol® by Coopers) at a rate of 6.6 mg per Kg body weight by subcutaneous injection administered two weeks apart.

Details of treatment(s) must be recorded on Veterinary Certificate A.

**STEP 12: NOTIFY AQIS OF THE ARRIVAL OF YOUR DOG**

**Time Frame:** Within 2 weeks of the export of your dog to Australia (and at least 5 days prior to export) the following must be faxed to AQIS in the state that your dog will arrive. Arrangements will be made for an AQIS officer to meet your dog on arrival.

- A copy of the AQIS Permit to Import
- Name of the disabled passenger accompanying the dog.
- A copy of the rabies vaccination certificate
- Copies of the laboratory reports for brucellosis, ehrlichiosis, leptospirosis and rabies
- Copies of veterinary certificate A for the repeated treatment of ticks.
- Address where animal will be residing during quarantine surveillance.

Flight details, including airline details, flight number, port of departure, port of arrival time and date of arrival. Please also record whether your dog will arrive as manifest cargo or in the cabin.

**STEP 13: INTERNAL PARASITE TREATMENT**

**Time frame:** Within 4 days of export. This can be done at the same time as the completion of Veterinary Certificate A.

**Internal parasites:** You must have already commenced external parasite treatment for dogs (refer step 10).

The dog must be treated for external parasites within 4 days prior to export.

Oral products, injections and medicated collars are not satisfactory nor are products that rely on the tick biting the dog. Washes, rinses and spot on products that kill ticks on contact are acceptable.

Dogs must be treated with a product approved for the treatment of nematodes and cestodes eg Drontal®.

The active ingredient, dose rate and treatment date must be recorded on Veterinary Certificate A.

**STEP 14: COMPLETION OF VETERINARY CERTIFICATE A,  
INCLUDING PRE-EXPORT INSPECTION**



**Time frame:** Within 4 days of export.

Please read over Veterinary Certificate A prior to the appointment. You will have to bring your dog/s and all documentation to this inspection. Your dog will be required to be free from clinical signs of infectious or contagious diseases, external parasites and be fit to travel.

A thorough examination for external parasites, including visible or palpable ticks will need to be performed by the accredited veterinarian with particular attention being paid to the body regions of the forelegs, chest, neck, head, ears, eyes, shoulders, axillae and inner thighs and be fit to undertake the journey to Australia and undergo quarantine in Australia.

Veterinary Certificate A is to be completed by a government approved or an Official Veterinarian.

Corrections to Veterinary Certificate A will only be accepted if the original entry has been struck through and remains legible – white out must not be used. An Official Veterinarian must sign each correction.

**STEP 15: COMPLETION OF VETERINARY CERTIFICATE B,**



**Time frame:** After the completion of Veterinary Certificate A, usually on the day of departure.

The following documents must be presented to the Official Veterinarian at this time for signature and stamp (endorsing) and then travel with your dog/s to Australia.

- Original or copy of the AQIS import permit
- Completed Veterinary Certificate A for endorsement by Official Veterinarian.
- Veterinary Certificate B for completion and endorsement by the Official Veterinarian.
- Rabies vaccination certificate for endorsement by the Official Veterinarian.
- RNATT for endorsement by the Official Veterinarian.
- Brucellosis, Ehrlichiosis, and Leptospirosis laboratory reports (and Nipah report if importing a dog from Malaysia) for endorsement by the Official Veterinarian

Copies may be used but the paperwork arriving in Australia with your dog must bear original signatures and stamps.

Corrections to Veterinary Certificate B will only be accepted if the original entry has been struck through and remains legible – white out must not be used. The Official Veterinarian must sign each correction.

**STEP 16: CHECK DOG IN WITH THE AIRLINE**

**Time frame:** Please check with your airline.



The AQIS import permit, Veterinary Certificates A and B, blood test results and rabies vaccination records must travel to Australia with your dog/s. These documents

may be originals or copies but must bear the original signature and stamp of the Official Veterinarian.

## **ON ARRIVAL IN AUSTRALIA**

Neither the disability assist dog nor the user may leave the international airport before being cleared by an AQIS officer. An AQIS officer will meet you on arrival and crosscheck all documentation. You will also have to:

- Sign the Disabled Persons Declaration
- Make your dog available for examination

The AQIS officer may require that the dog is re-treated, or ordered into quarantine at an Animal Quarantine Station, or re-exported, if the documentation is incomplete or unsatisfactory, or if the dog is showing signs of disease or infestation with external parasites.

If the documentation is satisfactory and the dog passes the examination, the AQIS officer will endorse the Disabled Persons Declaration and release the dog under quarantine surveillance. The AQIS officer shall retain the signed Disabled Persons Declaration and will provide a copy to the handler.

The dog must then serve thirty (30) days quarantine under quarantine surveillance. AQIS may visit the nominated address at any point during quarantine surveillance.

During quarantine or while under quarantine surveillance (the details of which are set out in the Disabled Persons Declaration) the dog may be subject to any additional testing or treatments as specified by AQIS, at the importers expense.

At the end of the quarantine period your dog must be taken to a veterinarian for examination. After examination, the veterinarian must complete the " Report to AQIS on the health of a disability assistance completing post arrival quarantine surveillance" and return it to AQIS by fax for consideration for release from quarantine surveillance.

## **HEARTWORM - Dogs**

Please note that heartworm disease of dogs is endemic in Australia. Heartworm is caused by the microorganism *Dirofilaria immitis* and is spread by mosquitoes. No testing or treatment is required for importation into Australia, however drugs are available on arrival to prevent heartworm.

## **DOGS AND CATS RETURNING TO AUSTRALIA AFTER LESS THAN 6 MONTHS RESIDENCY IN COUNTRY OF EXPORT**

Australian dogs may be eligible to return to Australia with less than 6 months residency in the country of export, provided the animal has resided continuously in the country since being imported directly from Australia. This concession allows the animals to undergo the minimum period of post-entry quarantine (30 days) on return to Australia. To be eligible the following conditions must be met prior to leaving Australia.

- Your dog must be microchipped with an ISO approved chip, and
- An AQIS accredited veterinarian must vaccinate your dog/s against rabies and 4 weeks later,
- An AQIS accredited veterinarian must collect and send a blood sample to the Australian Animal Health Laboratory (AAHL) for a rabies neutralising antibody titre test (RNATT).

The RNATT report from AAHL must record your dog's microchip number and a result of greater than 0.5 IU/ml. This laboratory report should be signed and stamped by AQIS prior to the export of your dog/s.

## **AQIS APPROVED COUNTRIES**

### **APPROVED RABIES-FREE COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES REQUIRING NO QUARANTINE**

Cocos (Keeling) Islands, New Zealand, Norfolk Island.

### **APPROVED RABIES-FREE COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES - MINIMUM OF 30 DAYS QUARANTINE (Information sheet 2)**

Bahrain, Barbados, Cyprus, Falkland Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, Guam, Hawaii, Iceland, the Republic of Ireland, Japan, Malta, Mauritius, New Caledonia, Norway, Singapore, Sweden, Taiwan, the United Kingdom, Vanuatu.

### **APPROVED RABIES-FREE ISLAND COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES - MINIMUM OF 60 DAYS QUARANTINE (Information sheet 3)**

American Samoa, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Wallis and Futuna, Western Samoa.

### **APPROVED RABIES-FREE ISLAND COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES WHICH MAY NOT HAVE AN OFFICIAL VETERINARY SERVICE - MINIMUM OF 60 DAYS QUARANTINE (Information sheet 3)**

Christmas Island, Kingdom of Tonga, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Tuvalu,

### **APPROVED COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES RECOGNISED BY THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT AS COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES IN WHICH DOG-MEDIATED RABIES IS ABSENT OR WELL CONTROLLED - MINIMUM OF 30 DAYS QUARANTINE & RABIES VACCINATION (Information sheet 4)**

Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Austria, Bahamas, Belgium, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Brunei, Bulgaria, Canada, Cayman islands, Chile, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Finland, Germany, Greece, Greenland, Hong Kong, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Kuwait, Luxembourg, Macau, Peninsular Malaysia, Monaco, Montenegro and Serbia, Netherlands, Netherlands-Antilles and Aruba, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Qatar, Reunion, Sabah, Saipan, Sarawak, Seychelles, Slovenia, South Korea, Spain, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent Grenadin, Switzerland (including Liechtenstein), Trinidad and Tobago, United Arab Emirates, United States of America (not including Hawaii), US Virgin Islands, Uruguay.

### **APPROVED COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES RECOGNISED BY THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT AS COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES IN WHICH DOG-MEDIATED RABIES IS ENDEMIC (Information sheet 5)**

Republic of South Africa

Importation of dogs from non-approved countries can only occur indirectly via an approved country where the animal must be continuously resident for at least the six months immediately prior to export to Australia. The animal is then eligible for import under the conditions that apply to that approved country.



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***Checklist for Application Form for a Permit to  
Import Cats and Dogs into Australia***

**COMMONWEALTH QUARANTINE ACT 1908, Section 13**

Please complete this checklist prior to forwarding your application to AQIS, to ensure all information is completed correctly.

<p><b>Importer Details</b> - Person who is responsible for animal. An invoice will be sent to this person. Must be an Australian address with Australian phone contact details. Can be owner or owner's representative eg. c/- relative, friend or workplace.</p> <p>A PO BOX Address or TO BE ADVISED is not acceptable.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>Exporter Details</b> - Person in country of export responsible for preparing the animal for export. Contact phone number and/ or email address must be provided.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>Description of Animal</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Animals Name - The name the animal will respond to, rather than a pedigree.</li><li>• Age or Date of Birth</li><li>• Breed</li><li>• Sex</li><li>• Microchip details</li></ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>Country of Export</b> – Country where the animal has been living for the 6 months directly prior to export to Australia.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>Quarantine Accommodation</b> - Specify the preference of the quarantine station to accommodate your dog.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>Animals sharing quarantine accommodation</b> - Please complete if you wish your animal to share kennels with another animal owned by you.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>Approved Import Permit</b> – Only one copy of the permit will be posted or faxed. <u>Please tick one box only.</u></p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>Payment of Application Fee</b> - Payment must be included as either cheque or by credit card payment form.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>Rabies Vaccination and Rabies Neutralising Antibody Titre Test Declaration (RNATT)</b> - Must be completed for Category 4 and 5 countries. This form must be signed and stamped by an Official Veterinarian in the country of export, <b>NOT</b> a government approved veterinarian.</p> <p><b>RNATT laboratory report</b> – From a government approved laboratory, with the microchip number consistent with the Rabies Vaccination and Rabies Neutralising Antibody Titre Test Declaration (RNATT) and the application.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>The completed application should be posted or faxed to AQIS - Live Animal Imports in Canberra. Please submit your application <b>only once either</b> by fax, post or email.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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**Application for Permit to Import Quarantine Material**  
**COMMONWEALTH QUARANTINE ACT 1908, Section 13**

**Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence**

AQIS is collecting the information on this form to enable a quarantine assessment of the product named to be undertaken and to determine if an Import Permit may be granted. Its collection is authorised under the *Quarantine Act 1908*. Please note that the information provided in this application may be provided to other agencies as authorised/required by law. This may include (but is not restricted to): Biosecurity Australia, Product Integrity and other organisations within the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF); The Department of Health and Ageing (including Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) and the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator (OGTR) for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the Gene Technology Act 2000); Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ); Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA); Department of the Environment and Heritage; Australian Federal Police; Australian Customs Service.

**Application to Import Disability Assistance Dogs**

**Importer details**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Given name(s)</b>	<b>Surname</b>	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
<b>Company name</b>	<b>ABN or ACN (companies only)</b>	<b>Attention/Contact person</b>	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
<b>Address line 1</b>			
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<b>Country</b>	<b>Email</b>		
<input type="text" value="Australia"/>	<input type="text"/>		
<b>Work phone</b>	<b>Home phone</b>	<b>Fax</b>	<b>Mobile</b>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

**Exporter details**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Given name(s)</b>	<b>Surname</b>	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
<b>Company name</b>	<b>Attention/Contact person</b>		
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<b>Country</b>	<b>Email</b>		
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# APPLICATION TO IMPORT DISABILITY ASSISTANCE DOGS

## Animal details

Animal name

Age or date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)

Breed (if mixed breed animals, indicate the breed/s which the animal most closely resembles)

Sex

Male (entire)

Female (entire)

Male desexed

Female desexed

If female (entire), will the animal be pregnant on arrival in Australia?

Yes

No

If 'Yes', please provide the expected date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy):

## Microchip details

AQIS cannot issue an import permit until this information is provided.

Note: this information is not required for animals from Norfolk Island.

Microchip number

Microchip type

Avid

Destron

Trovan

Other ISO compatible:

## Other details

Country of export

Australian port of arrival

Estimated date of arrival (dd/mm/yyyy)

## Supporting documentation

Have you attached documents supporting:

- The handler's disability?

Yes

No

- The handler's requirements for an assistance dog?

Yes

No

- The specialised training of the assistance dog?

Yes

No

## Importer declaration

I hereby apply for permission to import the animal/s detailed in this application. I declare that the animal/s will be managed in accordance with all quarantine restrictions and conditions as specified in any Import Permit that may be issued as a result of this application. I declare that the information that I have provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Name

Date (dd/mm/yyyy)

**Note: In accordance with the *Quarantine Service Fees Determination 2005*, Import Permit fees do not apply for Application to Import Disability Assistance Dogs.**



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***Rabies Vaccination and Rabies Neutralising  
 Antibody Titre Test Declaration  
 (RNATT)***

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**Official Veterinarian declaration**

*The RNATT Declaration must be completed when importing animals from a category 4 or 5 country. The declaration must be completed, signed and stamped by an Official Veterinarian of the Government of the exporting country. An Import Permit will not be issued if any part of this declaration is blank.*

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Official Veterinarian),

employed by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Address of Official Veterinarian)

declare that I have sighted the rabies vaccination certificate and the RNATT report.

The date of the last rabies vaccination is recorded as: \_\_\_\_\_ (day/month/year).

The animal's age at the last rabies vaccination was: \_\_\_\_\_

The laboratory reporting the RNATT is government-approved:  **Yes**

Name of government-approved laboratory: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of government-approved laboratory: \_\_\_\_\_

The microchip number that appears on the RNATT report is: \_\_\_\_\_

Blood samples taken for RNATT were drawn on: \_\_\_\_\_ (day/month/year)

The RNATT result is recorded as: \_\_\_\_\_ International Units/mL in animal's serum

**Note: the RNATT result must be at least 0.5IU/mL**

**Signature of Official Veterinarian**

**Government stamp of Exporting Country**

**Date Signed**  
 (day/month/year)

Note: Faxed applications must bear the ink of \_\_\_\_\_ the Government stamp rather than a raised seal

Prior to forwarding to AQIS, please ensure that this document is:

- signed and stamped by an Official Veterinarian of the government of the country of export  Yes
- accompanied by an application to import cats and/or dogs (including disability assistance dogs)  Yes
- accompanied by a copy of the RNATT laboratory report  Yes



# Disabled Persons Declaration

**Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence**

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**Disabled Persons Declaration**

**Declaration**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Full name in capital letters)

Being the person who uses the disability assistance dog identified below, or that person's carer, declare that:

- The dog has been in my / the disabled person's service for at least six months.
- I understand the conditions detailed below and undertake to comply with these conditions, acknowledging that compliance is necessary for the post-arrival quarantine to be served as quarantine surveillance.
- The premise at the nominated address (shown below) is suitable for compliance with the conditions detailed below.

**Animal details**

**Microchip number**

**Name of animal**

**Age or date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)**

**Breed**

**Sex**

Male (entire)    
  Female (entire)    
  Male de-sexed    
  Female de-sexed

**Nominated address**

**Address line 1**

**Address line 2**

**Address line 3**

**Suburb**

**State/Territory**

**Postcode**

**Phone**

**Fax**

**Email**

## DISABILITY ASSISTANCE DOG DECLARATION

### Conditions of Quarantine surveillance

During the period covered by the Import Permit for release under quarantine surveillance:

1. No other cats or dogs will be present at the Nominated Address, except any other disability assistance dog/s owned by the resident/s at the Nominated Address. I understand that any such dog/s is/are subject to the same quarantine conditions as the imported dog.
2. The disability assistance dog will remain leashed and under my direct control at all times when it is not confined at the Nominated Address.
3. I will promptly inform AQIS of any illness of the dog. If I seek veterinary treatment of the dog I will advise the attending veterinarian that the animal is under quarantine surveillance and that a veterinary report for AQIS is required.
4. I acknowledge that a Quarantine Officer may visit the Nominated Address at any time while the dog is under quarantine surveillance and, agree to co-operate in this matter with the Quarantine officer.
5. I acknowledge that the dog will remain under quarantine surveillance for 30 days or 60 days as specified in the release under quarantine surveillance, or such greater period as a Quarantine Officer may decide.
6. I acknowledge/understand that a Quarantine Officer may exercise powers under the *Quarantine Act 1908* including requiring the dog to be inspected, treated, tested or removed to an animal quarantine station.
7. On proposed end date of quarantine surveillance I will:
  - a) Take the dog to a registered veterinarian for examination; and
  - b) After examination, the registered veterinarian must complete the 'Report to AQIS on the health of a Disability Assistance Dog completing post arrival quarantine surveillance' form, and return it to AQIS by fax for consideration for release from quarantine surveillance.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Disabled Person/Person's Carer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date (dd/mm/yyyy)

**AQIS Officer to complete on receipt of this declaration**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of AQIS Veterinary Officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date (dd/mm/yyyy)

Official Stamp