

# Owner Statutory Declaration Form to support export certification for Cats and Dogs to Australia

- This document must be completed and signed by the pet **owner** within **90 days prior** to export of the animal.
- The signed document must be presented to the certifying veterinarian if the pet owner is not present at certification.
- Statements with a superscript number have further explanatory notes for the owner on page 2 of this document.

I (enter your full name in box provided)

Of (enter the address where you live in box provided below)

With occupation of (enter your occupation (e.g., Bricklayer, Teacher, Unemployed) in box provided below)

**Do solemnly and sincerely declare that** (Note: what you write must be true. You can be prosecuted if you make a false declaration.)

**Being the owner of the cat or dog destined for export to Australia, and identified as;**

**Name of animal:**

**Species:** Cat ☐

Dog ☐

**Sex:** Male ☐

Female ☐

**Breed:**

**Colour:**

**Age:**

Date of birth

Years and months

**Microchip number:**

**1. At the scheduled date of export, the animal identified and described above; (tick only the one statement that applies)**

a

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will have been continuously resident in New Zealand since birth; **or**

b

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will have been continuously resident in New Zealand since direct importation from Australia; **or**

c

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will have been continuously resident in New Zealand for at least 180 days since direct importation from a country other than Australia, and not under any quarantine restrictions during those 180 days; <sup>[1]</sup><sup>[2]</sup> **or**

d

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will have been continuously resident in New Zealand for at least 180 days, however the previous residency history is unknown. <sup>[1]</sup><sup>[2]</sup>

**2.** In the case of a **dog**: for which statement **1.c** or **1.d** applies, the dog will have resided in New Zealand for at least 21 days prior to the test for *Leishmania*. <sup>[1]</sup><sup>[2]</sup>

**3.** ☐ In the case of a **dog**: the dog has been resident in mainland Africa (if known). (Tick only if the statement applies) <sup>[3]</sup>

**4.** The animal identified and described above is not under any quarantine restrictions. <sup>[2]</sup>

**5.** In the case of a **dog**: I have understood and confirm that the dog is not one of the following pure breeds: Pit Bull Terrier type or American Pit Bull, Japanese Tosa, Fila Brasileiro, Dogo Argentino, Perro de Presa Canario or Presa Canario. <sup>[4]</sup>

**6.** The animal identified and described above is not derived from a domestic/non-domestic hybrid. <sup>[4]</sup>

**7.** In the case of a female animal, it is not more than 40 days pregnant, or suckling young at the time of export.

**8.** The animal identified and described above has no known medical conditions and is not under any treatment which has not already been disclosed to the Approved Veterinarian.

**9.** The animal will be transported in accordance with the container requirements specified in the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Live Animal Regulations.

**10.** I agree to advise the certifying veterinarian if any of the above information changes between the time of the signing of this declaration and the time of export.

**11.** In the event of a failure of microchip reading at the time of certification, I give full permission for the animal described above to be re-microchipped by the certifying Approved Veterinarian, in the presence of the nominated exporter or representative below.

**Name of nominated exporter or representative:**

My contact details

**Phone:**

**Email:**

**I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957.**

(Note: do not complete the following section until you are with the person witnessing your declaration)

**My signature**

**Dated**

**Declared at** (place, e.g. town or city)

**Stamp of JP** (if available)

**Before me** (name of official witness)

**Signature** (of official witness)

## Explanatory notes for the owner in relation to completion of Owner Statutory Declaration (OSD)

- This OSD form can be submitted to the certifying veterinarian as an electronic document copy (scanned version).
- This OSD form, once signed and witnessed, **is valid for 90 days only**. If the export occurs after 90 days, a new OSD form is required. There is no exception to this rule.
- If there are any errors on the OSD relating to either the name and address of the owner, or the microchip number or the residency section for dogs, a new OSD form is required.
- **It is the owner's responsibility to ensure the animal is microchipped, and the microchip is working before this form is signed.**
- If the microchip fails at the time of certification, the Approved Veterinarian can re-microchip the animal in the presence of the nominated exporter or representative. The Approved Veterinarian will be expected to retain evidence of the situation, and permission given accordingly. A new OSD form is not required in this situation.
- In the case of this OSD being made and witnessed in a country other than New Zealand, and in accordance with New Zealand legislation *Oaths and Declarations Act 1957* ([Public Act 11 Declarations made outside New Zealand – New Zealand Legislation](#))
  - A declaration made in a commonwealth country other than New Zealand shall be made before a Judge, a commissioner of Oaths, a notary public, a Justice of the Peace, or any person authorised by the laws of that country to administer an oath there for the purposes of a judicial proceeding, or before a Commonwealth representative, or before a solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand.
  - A declaration made in a country other than a commonwealth country shall be made before a Commonwealth representative, or before a Judge, or before a notary public, or before a solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand.

- [1] In the case of a rehomed dog, unless definitive proof of residency for the time period from birth until being in the care of the current owner can be established, the required blood test must be done.
- Proof of residency could include council records, veterinary records, rescue centre records, and/or previous owners records.
  - Blood results must be available to the certifying veterinarian at the time of certification.
  - It is the responsibility of the owner to ensure the certifying veterinarian has access to the results, and the results are attached to the export certificate.
  - In the case of a rehomed cat, the cat must have resided in NZ for at least 180 days. No other tests are required. See note [2].
- [2] Cats or dogs imported from any country other than Australia must have resided in New Zealand for at least 180 days.
- The 180-day period starts from the first full day when the animal was released from the quarantine facility.
  - Any time spent in a quarantine facility does not count as residency.
- [3] Dogs which have ever resided in mainland Africa must be treated with Imidocarb Dipropionate.
- It is acceptable for the treatment to have been given in mainland Africa, if the records are suitable for endorsement by an Official Veterinarian.
  - If the dog needs to be treated in New Zealand, be aware that Imidocarb Dipropionate can take up to 60 days to become available to the administering veterinarian.

- [4] Hybrids include:

<b>Dogs:</b>
Czechoslovakian wolfdog or Vlcak
Saarloos wolfdog or wolf hound
Lupo Italiano or Italian wolfdog
Kunming wolfdog

<b>Cats:</b>
Savannah cat – domestic cat (felis catus) crossed with serval cat (Felis serval)
Safari cat – domestic cat crossed with Geoffroy cat (Oncifelis geoffroyi)
Chausie – domestic cat crossed with Jungle cat (Felis chaus)
<b>*Bengal cat</b> (Bengal cats may be eligible for export if express permission has been granted by the Australian Environmental and Biosecurity Office.)

## Important notes for the owner regarding certification of cats and dogs to Australia

- Whilst the Approved Veterinary practice set their own protocol for the necessary appointments for the certification of cats and dogs to Australia, MPI endorses a protocol of at least two (2) appointments several weeks apart, to ensure the animal fully meets the health requirements for certification and all supporting evidence is or can be supplied. This tiered approach minimises the risk that the animal will fail the certification, and that the export is postponed.
- **MPI fully supports any decision by an Approved Veterinarian to not certify an animal, if the animal:**
  - does not satisfy the requirements for fitness to travel; or
  - poses a health and safety risk to the Approved Veterinarian, the handler, airline, or border staff.