

## 1- Importing cats and dogs



The following documents provide information on importing cats and dogs into Australia from approved countries.

Please follow the steps, as outlined in the 'information sheets' document, below. The information sheets have been developed as a guide when preparing your cat or dog for import into Australia.

Information regarding importing disability assistance dogs may be found in the disability assistance dogs folder below.

## Fees for government animal quarantine stations for cats and dogs

The total fee for quarantine service is calculated after your pet arrives in Australia, you will be invoiced for these services. The total of the invoice is payable prior to collection of your animal/s from quarantine. AQIS will accept cash, visa, mastercard, amex or bankcard. Payment by cheque must be received at least 14 days prior to collecting your pet/s.

Service	Notes	Fee \$AUD
Quarantine entry	Fee is charged for each animal.	\$10
Veterinary Inspection of animal	Fee per half hour. In the majority of cases only half an hour is required. This fee is charged for each animal.	\$71
Document clearance	Fee charged per 15 minutes of document inspection. Document inspection generally takes 15 minutes. This fee is charged for each animal.	\$27
Transport from the airport to the quarantine station.	Fee is charged for the first animal only. Pets picked up after 4pm or before 8am are charged at the higher rate.	\$95 or \$120
Accommodation of a cat	Daily rate for the first cat - includes food and care.	\$13.55
Accommodation of an additional cat	Daily rate for subsequent cats – includes food and care.	\$10.55
Accommodation of a dog	Daily rate for the first dog – includes food and care.	\$17.55
Accommodation of an additional dog	Daily rate for subsequent dogs – includes food and care.	\$12.55
A dog that gives birth	\$400 for the first 7 hours or less of supervision plus \$19 for each additional hour of supervision.	\$400
Puppies less than 6 weeks old	Daily rate per pup. After the puppies are 6 weeks old they are charged at the daily rate for dogs.	\$5
A cat that gives birth	Fee for supervision of birthing cat.  Kittens are not charged for until they are over 6 weeks old. After the kittens are 6 weeks old they are charged at the daily rate for cats.	\$300
Any additional veterinary care	Additional veterinary care eg booster vaccinations are provided by a private veterinarian.	Charged to the owner by private veterinarian.

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## **2- Disability assistance dogs**

The following documents provide information for importers wishing to import their disability assistance dogs.

Disability assistance dogs are those that are required to travel with their owner who may be vision or hearing impaired.

Owners must provide proof at time of permit application that the dog has graduated from a member school of the International Federation of Guide Dog Schools, or a member school of Assistance Dogs International, or another organisation recognised by the national government of the country in which the dog was trained, as a school for training assistance dogs.

Disability assistance dogs are only eligible for direct import from [AQIS approved countries](#). To facilitate import clearance with minimal delay, the following documents should be submitted to the Principal Quarantine Officer for Animals (PQO(A)) at least **five (5) days** prior to travel:

- a copy of the Permit to Import
- copies of laboratory reports testing for brucellosis, ehrlichiosis and leptospirosis
- leptospirosis vaccination certificate (if required) and
- veterinary certificates of treatment for ticks

**If this is not done, and/or the documents are unsatisfactory, the dog may be refused entry, or ordered into quarantine at an Animal Quarantine Station on arrival.**

**PQO(A)s are:**

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Originals of the laboratory reports, leptospirosis vaccination certificate (if required) and veterinary certificates of tick treatments must be attached to Veterinary Certificates A & B to be brought by the disabled person, with his/her assistance dog, to Australia.

The disabled person must accompany the dog to Australia and must carry, for presentation to a quarantine officer at the port of import:

- the complete Permit to Import
- the original signed Disabled Person's Declaration and a second copy
- **Veterinary Certificate A** signed by the registered or licensed veterinarian or Official Veterinarian who has performed the sampling for testing, treatments and examinations specified in these conditions; and
- **Veterinary Certificate B** signed by an Official Veterinarian of the exporting country.

[An Official Veterinarian is a veterinarian authorised by the Veterinary Administration of the exporting country or territory to perform animal health and/or public health inspections of commodities and, when appropriate, perform certification in conformity with the provisions of Chapter 1.3.2. of the OIE International Animal Health Code. In the case of dogs imported from the USA, Veterinary Certificate B must be signed by a USDA/APHIS Veterinarian].

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Per quanto riguarda i luoghi e le stazioni in cui verranno tenuti gli animali per la quarantena, vi suggeriamo di consultare l'apposita sezione sul sito in relazione alla parte dell'Australia in cui dovrete trascorrere il Vostro soggiorno.