



## How Can I Prepare for My Pet's Move To Australia?

We move many pets to Australia each year and know that the step-by-step process can appear daunting, but it is manageable!

Australia breaks down countries into three approved categories depending on the incidence of rabies. Each category presents a different scenario for moving a dog or cat. If a dog or cat is entering Australia from a Category 1 country (such as New Zealand) they can enter more immediately and no quarantine time or import permit is required. Coming from a Category 2 country (considered rabies-free), there is also no wait time to enter Australia. However, an import permit and 10 days of mandatory quarantine are required. The United States is a Category 3 country (considered rabies-controlled). If you have a dog or cat moving from the United States to Australia, you will need to begin their planning cycle more than six months ahead of time. There is at least 6 months of wait time before entry into Australia, since a rabies titer level is required. Certain tests must be performed at least six months prior to travel, after confirming general eligibility for the pet to enter Australia. There is also a mandatory 10 days of Australian quarantine.

If a dog or cat is originating from a non-approved country (i.e., pets from rabies-endemic countries), these pets will need to travel to Australia via an approved country (countries that fall in category 1, 2 or 3). If you are moving to a rabies-endemic country from a rabies-controlled or rabies-free country, it is prudent to get a blood test for the rabies titer level prior to leaving as it may come in handy for a future relocation!

**WorldCare Pet** is adept at understanding the lengthy process and can help pet owners ensure that all of the tests, microchip needs, vaccination, treatment, exam and import permit requirements are met. We'll also handle the mandatory quarantine arrangements. The Australian government adjusted fees for import permits and post entry quarantine effective this July so we consider those changes as well.

Our counselors know how to guide you every step of the way to make this move smooth and well-organized. We'll help reduce your anxiety and your pet's too! Prepare for your pet's move by letting us know well in advance of your pet's anticipated month of travel. Start to collect your veterinary records and documents. We'll design a timetable that is customized for your pet's origin country and individual needs, so you can return to the rest of your Australian relocation readiness!