



Reference: SADC dogs and cats updated 2023

Taking pet dogs and cats to SADC countries – Zimbabwe, Malawi, Botswana, Swaziland and Lesotho

If your situation differs in any way from the proposed process, or if you have information from the veterinary authority of the importing country that differs from the process described below please contact your local state veterinarian to discuss the matter.

Exporters are advised to verify the requirements of the importing country by contacting the veterinary authorities, or their representatives in South Africa, in advance of each consignment

Requirements

A valid rabies vaccination valid not more than 12 months and not less than 30 days prior to pets' departure (see table below or discuss with your private veterinarian).

For a vaccination to be valid a veterinarian registered with the South African veterinary council has to take responsibility for the vaccination. Proof in the form of a vaccination certificate that complies with the rules published under the Veterinary and Para Veterinary Act 19 of 1982 and its amendments.			
Primary Vaccination		Revaccination	
Time of vaccination	Validity of immunity	Time of revaccination	Validity of immunity
3 months and older	<u>Dog & cat</u> : One year beginning 30 days after date of vaccination.	Before validity of immunity expires	<u>Dog</u> : 3 years after date of revaccination. <u>Cat</u> : one year after date of revaccination.

- Puppies and kittens up to 12 weeks old may travel on their mothers' Rabies vaccination certificate. Puppies and kittens 12 weeks and older must have their own Rabies vaccination done. They may only travel 30 days after the Rabies vaccination has been administered.
- A health check within 7 days of departure. This is only valid for 10 days and must still be valid at the time of arrival into the country.
- A microchip is not mandatory but is highly recommended

Procedure

- Your pet should be taken to your local private veterinarian for a health check.
- Your veterinarian should complete an Inter-territorial Movement permit which functions as a combined import /export certificate and health certificate. Blank forms may be obtained on the department website www.elsenburg.com.

- The signed Inter-territorial Movement permit as well as your pet's vaccination booklet and microchipping certificate (if applicable) should be brought to the SV office for certification. You should also have your driver's licence or ID book available.
- There is no charge for certificates issued for SADC countries.
- For **Malawi** a General Veterinary Health Certificate can be used along with an import permit from the Department of Veterinary Services in Malawi. There is no quarantine necessary for Malawi
- For **Zimbabwe** the Inter-territorial Movement permit needs to be accompanied by an import permit from the Zimbabwean Government.

Any other queries can be directed to the State Veterinarian on duty via the contact details below:

Office names, locations, contact details, and availability for certification

Head office of the Department of Agriculture at Elsenburg /Boland state vet office

- Responsible for the greater Cape Town area, Paarl, Wellington, Franschhoek, Stellenbosch, Somerset West and Gordon's Bay.

- **Contact details:**

Office reception

Telephone: 021 808 5253

E-mail: SVBoland@westerncape.gov.za / Renee.Jack@westerncape.gov.za

Dr. Vivien Malan

Vivien.Malan@westerncape.gov.za

Telephone: 021 808 5028

- Our offices are located at the Head office of the Department of Agriculture at Elsenburg. When searching on Google maps, use 'Provincial Department of Agriculture'
- GPS Co-ordinates Elsenburg Head Office: 33.845259 S 18.834722 E
- Clients are assisted by appointment only on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 08:30am to 12:00pm

Malmesbury State vet office

- Responsible for the magisterial districts of Malmesbury, Moorreesburg, Hopefield, Vredenburg, Piketberg, Tulbagh and Ceres

- **Contact details:**

Office reception Telephone: 022 433 8910

Email: DOA.svmalmesbury@westerncape.gov.za / Samantha.Burger@westerncape.gov.za

Dr. Michael Swart Michael.Swart@westerncape.gov.za Telephone: 022 433 8915

- Our offices are located at on the corner of Spoorweg and Municipal Streets, Malmesbury.
- GPS coordinates 33.465701 S, 18.721446 E

- Clients are assisted by appointments only – please make an appointment timeously by contacting Samantha Burger as the State Vet Dr Michael Swart is not always available.

Vredendal State vet office

- Responsible for the magisterial districts of Vredendal, Clanwilliam and Van Rhynsdorp.
- **Contact details:**

Office reception Telephone: 027 201 3510

Email: DOA.svredendal@westerncape.gov.za / Deidre.Daniels@westerncape.gov.za

Dr Chanel Lombard Chanel.Lombard@westerncape.gov.za

- Our offices are located at on the corner of Matzikama Street and North Road, Vredendal.
- GPS coordinates 31.662625 S, 18.507298 E
- Clients are assisted by appointments only – please make an appointment timeously by contacting Deidre Daniels as the State Vet is not always available.

George State vet office

- Responsible for the magisterial districts of George, Riversdale, Mossel Bay and Knysna.
- **Contact details:**

Office reception Telephone: 044 803 3770/1 Email: SVGeorge@westerncape.gov.za

Dr Leana Janse van Rensburg Leana.JanseVanRensburg@westerncape.gov.za

- Our offices are located at 4 Varing Avenue George.
- GPS coordinates 33.57.31 S, 22.27.16 E
- Clients are assisted by appointments only – please make an appointment timeously.

Beaufort West State vet office

- Responsible for Beaufort West, Prince Albert, Laingsburg and Murraysburg
- **Contact details:**

Office reception Telephone: 023 414 9220/1

Email: DOA.svbeaufortwest@westerncape.gov.za/Chriszelda.Mtwalo@westerncape.gov.za

Dr Jaco Pienaar Jaco.Pienaar@westerncape.gov.za

- Our offices are located in Blyth Street, Beaufort West.
- GPS coordinates 32.375009 S, 22.589063 E
- Clients are assisted by appointments only – please make an appointment timeously.

Swellendam State vet office

- Responsible for the magisterial districts of Swellendam, Heidelberg, Bredasdorp and Caledon.
- **Contact details:**

Office reception Telephone: 028 425 4850

Email: DOA.svswellendam@westerncape.gov.za/ Bidwell.Gelwana@westerncape.gov.za

Dr Christi Kloppers Christi.Kloppers@westerncape.gov.za Telephone: 021 808 5059

- Our offices are located in the main road, 67 Voortrek Street, direct at the back of ABSA bank.
- GPS coordinates 34.02126 S 20.44140 E

- Clients are assisted by appointments only – please make an appointment timeously by contacting Bidwell Gelwana as the State Vet is not always available.

Worcester State vet office

- Responsible for the magisterial districts of Worcester, Robertson, Ceres and Montagu.

- **Contact details:**

Office reception Telephone: 021 808 5050 Email: DOA.svworcester@westerncape.gov.za

Dr Ansulize Pepler Ansulize.Pepler@westerncape.gov.za Telephone: 021 808 5052

- Our offices are located at 30 Van Arckel street, Worcester.
- GPS coordinates 33.623641 S, 19.457008 E
- Clients are assisted by appointments only – please make an appointment timeously.

Oudtshoorn State vet office

- Responsible for the magisterial districts of Oudtshoorn, Ladismith, Van Wyksdorp, Calitzdorp, De Rust and Uniondale.

- **Contact details:**

Office reception Telephone: 044 203 9443

Email: DOA.svoudtshoorn@westerncape.gov.za/Jenonise.Noni@westerncape.gov.za

Dr Cathy Fox Cathy.Fox@westerncape.gov.za Telephone: 044 203 9445

- For forms and procedures relating to ostriches, please contact the [South African Ostrich Business Chamber \(SAOBC\)](#)
- Our offices are located at 39 Van Der Riet Street, OUDTSHOORN, 6620
- Clients are assisted by appointments only – please make an appointment timeously by contacting Jenonise Noni, as the State Vet is not always available.