



Reference: USA cats updated 2023

Taking pet cats to the United States of America

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 health check within 7 days of travel.
- A rabies vaccination is not compulsory but is highly recommended.

Procedure

- Your cat should be taken to your local private veterinarian for a health check.
- Your veterinarian should complete a standard Veterinary Health Certificate. Blank forms may be obtained from the State Veterinary (SV) Office.
- The signed VHC as well as your cat'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.
- Certificate application cost can be found on the department's tariff list. Certificate is payable on appointment (Cost per application R200 each in 2023).

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.svvredendal@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.