

VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE IN RESPECTS OF DOGS FOR EXPORT TO THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

ISSUING AUTHORITY: _____

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: _____

A. DESCRIPTION:

1. Number and Identification of animals

	BREED	SEX	AGE	COLOUR	NAME/ ID no.
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6.					

For corresponding animal mentioned in the table above

	MICROCHIP NO.	LOCATION OF MICROCHIP
1.		
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2. South African Veterinary Import Permit no: _____

3. Origin of animal(s)

3.1 Name and address of consignor:

3.2 Address of premises of origin of animal(s):

4. Destination of animal(s):

4.1 Name and address of consignee:

4.2 Means of transport (flight no/vessel name):

4.3 Physical address of premises at destination:

B. HEALTH ATTESTATION

I, _____ the undersigned government veterinarian of the Veterinary Authority of the exporting country, certify that the animals described in section A:

1. Have, as far as I can ascertain, either been continuously resident in the exporting country since birth or have been continuously resident in the exporting country or South Africa, for the last six months.
2. Originate from an area, which is not under official veterinary restrictions by the Veterinary Authority of the exporting country for any disease to which carnivores are susceptible.
3. Did not, as far as is possible to determine, come into contact with animals infected or suspected of being infected with Rabies.
4. Have a valid Rabies vaccination, as stipulated below, or have been exempted from having Rabies vaccination. (See notes on page 4)

Vaccination date of animal being exported **OR** for animals over 12 weeks.

Vaccination date of dam/mother completed of animal being exported to be completed for animals under 12 weeks.

	Date	Type of vaccine	Batch no.
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The original or a copy of the Rabies Vaccination Certificate must accompany this veterinary health certificate.

5. The animals have been tested, with negative results, within 30 days from date of sample collection to the date of import, for the following conditions at an officially (government) approved laboratory accredited to do the specific tests, using testing procedures described in the WOAHS Manual of Standards for Diagnostics Tests and Vaccines. **AND**
To the best of my knowledge and based on a written declaration from the owner of the dog/s, the dog/s have not been diagnosed or tested positive and/or treated for any of the below diseases prior to the blood samples collected and listed in the table below.

A copy of the laboratory report in English must be attached to this veterinary health certificate

	Disease	Required test/s	Date of blood sample collection
5.1	<i>Brucella canis</i> :	Serum agglutination* OR Rapid slide agglutination test*	
5.2	<i>Trypanosoma evansi</i>	Card agglutination test AND Giemsa blood smear	
5.3	<i>Babesia gibsoni</i>	Immunofluorescence antibody test OR ELISA AND Real-time PCR	
5.4	<i>Dirofilaria immitis</i>	Microfilarial filtration test	
5.5	Leishmaniosis	Indirect fluorescent antibody* OR ELISA* OR Direct agglutination test* OR Western blot/membrane immunoassay*	

*= Delete as applicable

NOTE: Animals subjected to post importation quarantine will, at the discretion of the Director Animal Health of South Africa, be re-tested at the importers expense

6. To the best of my knowledge the dog(s) have not been naturally mated or artificially inseminated for at least 21 days prior to blood collection for *Brucella canis* testing and from the date of blood collection until export

7. The animals have been treated for the following conditions as prescribed below:

7.1 *Dirofilaria immitis*: from the date of sample collection for the negative testing until export at the required intervals, as specified by the manufacturer, with:*

- Diethylcarbamazine (5-6mg/kg per os daily)*
OR
- Ivermectin (6 micrograms/kg per os monthly)*
OR
- Milbemycin oxime (0,5 mg/kg per os monthly)*
OR
- Moxidectin (3 micrograms/kg per os monthly)*
OR
- Selamectin (6mg/kg)*
(Revolution) Prophylactically only
OR
- Proheart SR12 (Subcutaneous injection yearly)*

7.2 If the date of negative testing falls within 11 months of giving the Proheart SR12 subcutaneous injection then no further *Dirofilaria immitis* treatment is required.

Date: _____ Product: _____ Dosage: _____

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*= Delete as applicable

Treatment for *Dirofilaria immitis* must continue for 6 months after arrival in South Africa. I have informed the owner / person in custody of the dog of this condition and I confirm that this person has sufficient quantity of the drug used in possession to carry out the required therapy.

(Heartworm drugs are difficult to source in the Republic of South Africa and must be imported by the importer of the dog, at the time of the importation of the dog.)

8. To the best of my knowledge, have not been infected with and subsequently treated against *Brucella canis*, *Trypanosoma evansi*, *Babesia gibsoni*, or Leishmaniosis.
9. Have been examined clinically by an official veterinarian **within 10 days** of export and were found to be free of internal and external parasites, contagious and infectious disease to which the species is susceptible and found fit to travel.
10. Will be shipped in containers which conform to IATA regulations, which will be either new or suitable disinfected and fumigated before loading and are of such a nature that contact with other animals of a lesser health status, en route, is prevented.

Signed at _____ on (date) _____

OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

Signature _____

Name in print _____

Address _____

Notes:

1. The Rabies vaccine used must be a strain of anti-Rabies conforming to a potency standard recognised by the World Health Organisation,
2. In the case of the primary Rabies vaccination the animal must have been vaccinated at least 30 days, but not longer than 12 months prior to export.
3. In the case of the booster Rabies vaccination the animal must have been vaccinated less than 12 months prior to export. (The 30 day waiting period for the primary Rabies vaccination does not apply to the booster vaccination if it was applied before the previous Rabies vaccination expired).
4. Animals under 12 weeks of age may not be vaccinated and are considered to have a valid vaccination provided the dam of the animal concerned was vaccinated at least 30 days, but not more than 12 months prior to giving birth. Note: Such animals must be vaccinated at 12 weeks of age against Rabies, in the Republic of South Africa and the owners must inform the South African Veterinary Authorities.

OWNER DECLARATION:

I, _____ the undersigned owner of the animal/s described in section A, declare that the animal/s has/have never been diagnosed or tested positive for, and subsequently treated for *Brucella canis*, *Trypanosoma evansi*, *Babesia gibsoni*, or Leishmaniosis.

Signed at _____ on (date) _____

OWNER OF ANIMAL/S

Signature _____

Name in print _____

Address _____

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