



Ref: CTO 2016 020 [1]

Dog: Category 3, Assistance, Short Stay Requirements

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of an assistance dog, microchip number 985 121 004 762 502, returning to New Zealand after travel in the USA for 30 days or less

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Lucy Johnston, Manager Animal Imports, give the following directions, different from those measures in the applicable Import Health Standard for Cats and Dogs (CATDOG.GEN):

External parasites IHS Clause 2.2

One treatment must be given within the 4 days prior to export from New Zealand, then treatments/inspections are to be repeated every two weeks, with the final treatment/inspection within two days prior to export to New Zealand. Treatments must be effective against fleas and ticks.

Internal parasites IHS Clause 2.3

If stay is less than two weeks, the first treatment must be given within the two days prior to export to New Zealand, and the second treatment will not be required.

Heartworm (*Dirofilaria immitis*) IHS Clause 2.8(2)

Treatment on arrival. Testing not required.

***Babesia gibsoni* tests IHS Clause 2.5**

No testing required based on external parasite treatments (as above) and absence of ticks on veterinary inspections. If the ectoparasite treatments are non-compliant or if any ticks are found on post-arrival inspection, testing for *Babesia gibsoni* will be required.

***Brucella canis* IHS Clause 2.6**

Owner declaration not required as dog is a spayed female. Testing not required.

Rabies Clause 34

Rabies titre was done prior to export from New Zealand and within 24 months of shipment back to New Zealand with a result of at least 0.5 IU/ml. Rabies vaccination must be kept current from date of titre.