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<p>Checklist for DOGS</p>			<p>It is recommended that you contact a professional pet exporter in your country to assist with arranging tests, treatments, flights, import permits, shipping crates, etc. Some airlines require a pet exporter to book flights for animals, as this adds assurance that all requirements will be completed at the appropriate time before departure.</p>
	<p>Check that your dog is eligible for import into New Zealand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • your country is an approved country for exporting dogs to New Zealand • your dog is not a prohibited dog breed or type, or a hybrid • your dog meets the minimum age, residency, and pregnancy requirements (if applicable) 	<p>All dogs</p>	<p>GUIDANCE DOCUMENT Page 5: Approved Countries for Cats and Dogs  (283 KB)</p>
	<p>Print out the model Veterinary Certificates A & B for your country category (1,2 or 3)</p>	<p>All dogs</p>	<p>GUIDANCE DOCUMENT Page 15: Model veterinary certificates  (283 KB)</p>
	<p>Get an approved microchip</p>	<p>All dogs</p>	<p>The microchip:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Must be implanted before initiating any vaccinations, tests and treatments. ii. Must be scanned and the number recorded on all vaccination and treatment records, tests and certification.
	<p>Rabies vaccination</p>	<p>For dogs from Category 3 countries only</p>	<p>If this is your pet's first (primary) rabies vaccine it must be given at least six months before shipment and no longer than one year before shipment OR If this is a booster vaccination, it must be given within one year of shipment</p>

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	Rabies titre test	For dogs from Category 3 countries only	Not less than three months and not more than 24 months before shipment
	Make reservation at quarantine facility	For dogs from all countries <i>except Australia</i>	As soon as you know your pet's date of departure Quarantine Facilities for Cats and Dogs
	Apply for an import permit	For dogs from all countries <i>except Australia</i>	This must be sent to MPI a minimum of 20 working days before you require the permit Application Forms
	If you need to bring medication for your dog	All dogs on medication	The completed declaration with a copy of the veterinarian's prescription label must be provided to a MPI Inspector before or on arrival in New Zealand. Generally up to a three month supply will be given clearance. For further information, contact ACVM.
	First external parasite treatment AND first internal parasite treatment	All dogs	In the 30 days before the date of shipment and at least two weeks before the second treatment
	Heartworm test AND Leptospirosis test or treatment	All dogs Dogs from all countries <i>except Australia</i>	In the 30 days before shipment
	Babesia gibsoni test(s) AND Brucella canis test AND Babesia canis treatment or test	Dogs from all countries Dogs from all countries <i>except Australia</i> Dogs that have resided or travelled in <i>South Africa</i>	IFA or ELISA test in the 16 days before shipment OR PCR tests on samples collected 30 to 37 days apart with the second sample collected in the 16 days before shipment Within 16 days of shipment One injection of imidocarb dipropionate at 7.5 mg/kg IM in the 16 days prior to the date of shipment OR IFA or ELISA test within 16 days of shipment OR PCR tests on samples collected 30 to 37 days

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	Heartworm treatment AND second internal parasite treatment	Dogs from all countries	In the 4 days before to the date of shipment
	Send advance notification 📧 (283 KB) of arrival to MPI at port of arrival	All dogs	At least 72 hours before scheduled time of arrival
	Inspection and official certification AND second external parasite treatment	All dogs	In the 2 days before shipment Veterinary Certificates A & B must be completed and stamped