

EXPORT INFORMATION

Sample requirements:

- Serum tests require 1cc of serum PER test (minimum).
- When required, a total of three (3) unstained blood smears should be submitted (**See specific country requirements below**).
- If multiple tests are requested for the same pet, various samples should be collected on the same day (the test report has only one sample collection date listed). Otherwise, multiple case# will be assigned and each case will have one report issued.

Requisition form requirements:

- Owner name, pet name, clinic name, transport company, phone numbers clearly typed/written on form.
- Microchip number clearly typed/written on form.
- Date when samples collected.
- Travel destination clearly typed/written on form.

ProtaTek Reference Lab is a government approved laboratory.

For the countries listed below, Protatek Reference Lab offers the following canine export tests in-house except outsource *Leptospira* MAT and *Brucella canis* 2ME-RSAT/AGID II tests to other qualified diagnostic labs. For outsourced tests, please allow up to one week lab turn-around time.

******PLEASE NOTE****** The listed tests are not all the tests required for export to these countries. Please consult with your local consulate, pet transport company, or USDA for further instructions.

New Zealand

<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/1575> (IHS guidance document, 17Oct22 version)

<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/1574-Cats-and-dogs-Import-Health-Standard> (Cats and dogs: Import Health Standard, 7Apr21 version)

- Blood draw for Heartworm antigen and *Leptospira canicola* must be completed within **30 days** of export.
 - *Leptospira canicola* microscopic agglutination test (MAT)
 - Heartworm antigen (ELISA) test
- Blood draw for the tests listed below must be completed within **16 days** of export.
 - *Babesia gibsoni* IFA test
 - *Brucella canis* cytoplasmic agar gel immunodiffusion test (CPAg-AGID) or IFAT[°]

[°] IFAT is accepted by NZ MPI as of 27Nov24. The submission clinic needs to indicate the requested test clearly in requisition form (AGID or IFAT).

Australia

<https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/cats-dogs/how-to-import/step-by-step-guides/category-3-step-by-step-guide-for-dogs> last updated 31Aug24

- *Leptospira canicola* microscopic agglutination test (MAT) within **45 days** of export
- *Leishmania infantum* IFA test within **45 days** of export
- *Brucella canis** indirect fluorescent antibody test (IFAT) within **45 days** of export

*Australia DAFF clarified that they only accept IFAT, TAT and RSAT test results for *Brucella canis*, while alternative tests (2ME-TAT, 2ME-RSAT, AGID/AGID II, etc.) are not approved.

South Africa

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/sites/default/files/south-africa-dog-guidance.pdf> last updated Sep24

- Testing for the **FIVE** listed tests must be completed within **30 days** of export.
 - *Babesia gibsoni* IFA test
 - *Babesia spp.* Giemsa smear examination (slides or lavender top tube accepted)
 - *Brucella canis* serum agglutination test or rapid slide agglutination test
 - *Leishmania infantum* IFA test
 - Heartworm microfilarial filtration test (must submit a lavender top tube containing a minimum of 1cc whole blood)

Send samples overnight (standard) with ice pack. Payment must be included in the form of a check, a money order, or bank wire transfer (information provided in wire transfer instruction, available upon request). **Please do not send cash.**

REMINDER:

Results for *Babesia gibsoni* IFA and *Leishmania infantum* IFA tests are guaranteed by Friday of the week the sample is received. Results may be available sooner if arrangements are made for STAT service. Other listed tests have varying completion times during the week samples are received.

Thank you for choosing ProtaTek Reference Lab. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give us a call at 480.545.8499, or email us pri@pharmgate.com.

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