



Travelling with your pet?

South Africa, like most countries, has regulations for pets coming into the country. This is stipulated in the Animal Diseases Act, 1984 (Act No. 35 of 1984). The regulations are set with the aim of protecting the country's animals and humans from zoonotic diseases (e.g. rabies) and animal diseases which do not occur in the country.

In terms of the Act mentioned, it is mandatory for all animals and animal products coming into the country, even if these are originally South African, to have a veterinary import permit issued by the Director: Animal Health. The animals must comply with all the conditions of the import permit. It is therefore recommended that the person intending to travel with an animal obtains a veterinary import permit before the animal leaves South Africa.

As a result of disease risks and mitigations for some countries, your pet may have to be kept in either Kempton Park or Cape Town quarantine station for a period of time upon your return to South Africa.

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