

## State barrier animal inspections

The Department of Agriculture and Food (DAFWA), which includes Quarantine WA, inspects animals arriving at Perth Domestic Airport, regional airports and quarantine road checkpoints to ensure they enter in accordance with State legislation and national policy. Activities are coordinated between DAFWA and the Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPaW).

Western Australia is free of many pests found elsewhere in Australia. Many animals (mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians) might establish wild populations in this State and could threaten agriculture, the environment, public amenity, other organisms or human beings. It is primarily for these reasons that some are prohibited while others can only be imported and kept under permits or licences which impose conditions.

Quarantine WA inspectors or nominated air cargo staff check all consignments for quarantine risk material such as straw, seed, soil and fruit in animal containers. In addition inspectors check all but a small list of familiar animals (see lists later) to confirm the species and ensure that appropriate permits or licences are in place.

### Where and when inspections take place

At the Eucla and Kununurra road checkpoints, vehicles and animals are inspected 24 hours a day. On other border roads, random mobile inspections are conducted. At Perth Domestic Airport inspections are done in the quarantine area of the air cargo building during business hours (see below). At regional airports inspections take place in the baggage area on arrival of the aircraft.

At Perth Domestic Airport if an animal other than livestock requires inspection, the air cargo company will advise you to arrange an inspection by contacting Quarantine WA on the phone numbers below. The animal will be held in the quarantine area until cleared by an inspector. A delay may occur if an inspector is doing other inspections off-site.

- You must arrange transport of your animals so they can be inspected during prescribed inspection hours (see below), even if you are arriving at a different time.
- Any animal consignments that arrive outside prescribed inspection hours, or are unable to be presented for inspection at these times, will be held under quarantine conditions in the allocated Quarantine Inspection Area of the Airlines premises, pending inspection on the next working day. These consignments will be given priority by Quarantine WA inspectors attending however some inspections require the receiving person to be present before an inspection can take place.
- To ensure that animal welfare issues are addressed, the receiving person may access animal consignments held under quarantine for the purpose of providing water and food. However any food material supplied will then be considered risk material, requiring disposal at the time of inspection.

<b>Prescribed Inspection hours/days at Perth Domestic Airport</b>	<b>Contacts</b>
Business hours: 7.30 am and <b>prior</b> to 4.30 pm Monday to Friday (and excluding Western Australian statutory public holidays and Saturday and Sunday).	Quarantine WA: Tel. (08) 9334 1800 <b>to arrange an inspection.</b>
<b>Outside these times <u>NO</u> inspections are available.</b>	
At other times, if the welfare of animals is of genuine concern. <b>Advice and assistance only; <u>NO</u> inspections.</b>	Department of Parks and Wildlife: Tel. (08) 9219 9840.

### Timing, process and charges

For animals other than livestock an inspection usually takes between 15 and 30 minutes, depending on the action required.

The inspector will take a photograph of the animals to email to DPaW for identification, and issue a Quarantine Inspectors Direction notice, directing you to contact DPaW at an appropriate time and location. If there is quarantine risk material present, such as seed, fruit, vegetable matter, soil and straw you will be directed to put it in an amnesty bin or issued with a Quarantine Inspectors Direction notice to take it to a registered quarantine facility, or post the quarantine risk material back to Quarantine WA. Your animal will then be released to you unless the officer receives further direction. Please note it is an offence not to comply with these notices.

Identifying a wide range of animals, some of which are similar in appearance, requires great expertise. In most cases expert DPaW officers will identify and clear the animal immediately, although a permit or licence to keep it may also be needed. If the animal cannot be identified, there will be follow-up. Most introduced and Australian native animals imported into Western Australia require permits or licences.

To check in advance telephone DPaW Wildlife Licensing on (08) 9219 9831 or DAFWA on (08) 9366 2338.

Even if you already have a permit the animal will still be inspected to ensure it actually is the species covered by the permit and that no quarantine risk material is attached.

The person importing the animal(s) is charged for all inspections of animals and quarantine risk goods. The charges for inspections are in 15 minute increments or part thereof. For current charges visit [www.agric.wa.gov.au](http://www.agric.wa.gov.au) or phone Quarantine WA on (08) 9334 1800 to obtain information on inspection charges.

All enquiries regarding import requirements for interstate livestock imports should contact Quarantine WA on [QWALivestockImports@agric.wa.gov.au](mailto:QWALivestockImports@agric.wa.gov.au) (email) or phone number 08 93341800.

To arrange an inspection for interstate imported livestock at Perth Airport contact Quarantine WA on [InterstateLivestockPerth@agric.wa.gov.au](mailto:InterstateLivestockPerth@agric.wa.gov.au) (email) or phone 08 93341800.

For livestock arriving via **Quarantine Road Checkpoints at Eucla or Kununurra**, notification must be made to the Stock Inspector located nearest the entry point into Western Australia.

Notification must be given at **least three days prior** to the intended date and time of arrival. Health and other certification must accompany livestock. At both road and airport checkpoints the animals and documents will be checked and the importer will be directed to take the animals to a place for further inspection by a Stock Inspector

There are charges for quarantine processing of livestock imports and fees apply for stock clearance inspections. Pets such as ponies, llamas, goats, pigs etc, are classified as livestock.

	<b>Eucla / Kalgoorlie</b>	<b>Kununurra</b>	
Phone	(08) 9093 4819 0417 957 234	(08) 9166 4000 (08) 9169 1399 (a/h)	
Fax	(08) 9093 4839 (08) 9091 9854 (a/h)	(08) 9166 4067 (08) 9166 4066 (a/h)	

### **Familiar animals which do not require inspection for species confirmation**

This list covers only the few animals that are easily identified:

- budgerigar
- dog and dingo
- rat (domestic only, not wild-type brown colouring)
- ostrich (adults, not chicks)
- rabbit (domestic or commercial breeds only, not wild-type brown colouring)
- cat
- guinea pig
- domestic chicken (adults, not chicks or fertile eggs)
- pigeon (racing types only)
- turkey (adults, not chicks).
- cockatiel (weero)
- ferret
- mouse (domestic only, not wild-type brown colouring)
- galah

### **Livestock which do not require inspection for species confirmation but do require other checks**

- alpaca
- camel
- cattle
- llama
- sheep
- donkey
- goat
- horse
- pig

Please note that information in this brochure was relevant at the time of writing. However, regulations may change without notice if circumstances change.

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