

## Now Your Dog Can "Go Finish" With You

Following an announcement by the Commonwealth Minister for Health on 13th February, 1973, dog and cat owners will be permitted to export their animals from Papua New Guinea to Australia, provided they fulfil these conditions:—

1. The animal must have been in Papua New Guinea continuously during the six months preceeding export and must not, during that time, have been in premises used for quarantine.
2. Permission in writing must be obtained from the Chief Quarantine Officer (Animals) in Brisbane.
3. A health certificate for each animal must be signed by the Government Veterinary Officer at the port of export.
4. The animal must spend 9 months in quarantine in Brisbane.

Owners intending to export their pets to Australia should take the following steps:—

1. Write to the Chief Quarantine Officer (Animals) Department of Primary Industries, William Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, seeking his permission to import the dog or cat and a booking for the necessary nine months quarantine. He will need to know the species, breed, sex, age and number of animals to be sent, together with the proposed date of import and the flight number. The permit will be issued accordingly with a latitude of five

days' validity. Permits will not normally be issued for export on aircraft which will arrive in Australia at weekends or holiday periods.

2. On receipt of permission from Australia, collect a declaration form from the nearest office of the D.A.S.F. and fill in the first part. This declaration must be signed by the owner and handed to a Livestock or Veterinary Officer for his counter-signature.
3. Make an appointment with the Regional Veterinary Officer, D.A.S.F., Kila Kila, Port Moresby, for examination and treatment of the animal and the issue of a health certificate. This appointment must be made at least 14 days before the animal is to depart. Appointments will only be made when a firm booking on a specified flight is held. This examination will only be done at the Regional Veterinary Centre, Kila Kila, Port Moresby.
4. The animal must be delivered to the Regional Veterinary Centre, Kila Kila, Port Moresby together with a suitable cage. The Regional Veterinary Officer will examine the animal, and sign the necessary papers. The owner (or agent) will then deliver the animal to the Airport Quarantine Officer, who will place the animal on board the aircraft. A fee of \$5.00 per animal will be charged. Further information on suitable cages may be obtained from the airline companies.