

PCS CHECKLIST FOR PETS TO INTERNATIONAL LOCATIONS

EXCLUDING USA, ALASKA, HAWAII, KOREA AND GUAM



- ❃ As soon as you have an assignment to an international location please visit <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/pet-travel/> for the most up to date importation requirements. This step is critical to ensure you are aware of and compliant with entry requirements for your destination. Many countries are very strict and have extensive requirements.
- ❃ In general, ensure vaccinations are up to date and current. Many countries refuse entry for vaccinations done **within 21 days of entry**. Some countries require multiple vaccinations and specific vaccination timelines.
- ❃ Permits may be required by your import destination or destinations transited through. **It is the responsibility of the owner to obtain these when required, prior to export.**
- ❃ Obtain a bilingual or English only **original rabies certificate**. You may also need an original rabies certificate for prior vaccinations as well. Obtain an up to date complete shot record and if you have been seen at an off base veterinary clinic, a copy of your pets complete records translated to English.
- ❃ Call the Okinawa VETAC as soon as you have your **flight itinerary** to discuss appointment options. You may be directed to email your itinerary and/or permits to OkinawaVetClinic@gmail.com, depending on your destination, prior to being booked for an appointment. **International Health Certificates cannot be done off base for SOFA status members.**
- ❃ Obtain a copy of your MDJ 270 if you brought your pet to Japan. This is not needed if your pet was born on island.
- ❃ Prior to your appointment the Okinawa VETAC will need the following information:
 - ❃ Up to date shot record (if **any** vaccinations were done off base)
 - ❃ Address or Base for final destination
 - ❃ If the pet is ① traveling with the owners, ② with a shipping company or ③ with another person with a Power of attorney*
*Power of attorney must be provided in advance if it will be used
- ❃ At your Health Certificate appointment your pet will be checked by a veterinarian. They may need to have certain tests done or medications given during this appointment as required by the destination. You will receive the following documents:

Health Certificate – Good for **10 days** of travel starting from the date of the appointment. If your travel spans more than 10 days you will need more than one Health Certificate. Please note some countries have requirements that will reduce this travel time.

Letter of Acclimation – states that your pet is approved to fly by a veterinarian under certain conditions. It does not guarantee that your pet will be able to fly, this will depend on your airline.

🐾 After your appointment, make copies of the following documents:

- 🐾 **Health Certificate** x 5
- 🐾 **Letter of Acclimation** x 5
- 🐾 **Rabies Certificate** x 5
- 🐾 **Orders** x 2
- 🐾 **MDJ 270** x 2

🐾 **If flying commercially:** An appointment is required at the Naha Quarantine office, walk-in hours **cannot** be utilized. The Okinawa VETAC will set this appointment up when booking your appointment in our facility.

🐾 **If flying AMC:** An appointment with Naha Quarantine office will not be required. Please check with AMC for their most up to date pet regulations for flight.

🐾 The Day before/Day of flight

- 🐾 Stop feeding 6-8 hours before you fly
- 🐾 Offer water before and in flight (discuss options with your airline)
- 🐾 Remove all pet accessories such as collars, leashes and toys from the kennel and your pet
- 🐾 Place something soft and absorbent in the bottom of the kennel such as a towel or a soft blanket. Do not use excessive bedding
- 🐾 Place a zip lock baggie on the top of the kennel and place **copies** of your documents inside. **Retain all originals and hand carry them.**

**PLEASE REFER TO OUR PCS GOOD TO KNOW HANDOUT
FOR COMPLETE PCS INSTRUCTIONS**