



KENNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

- It's important that you purchase the correct kennel for your pet. The kennel must be large enough to allow your pet to stand (without touching the top of the cage), sit, turn around, and lie down in a natural position.
- Patriot Express will not allow soft sided or collapsible kennels.
- Cover the bottom with absorbent material—"Puppy Pads" work great! Do not use straw, hay, grass, sawdust, sand, or soil.
- A water container must be present inside the kennel with outside access for refilling.
- Clearly label the kennel with your name, destination address and phone number, a "Live Animal" designation sticker, and arrows indicating the crate's upright position.
- Take time to acclimate your pet to the crate! Use the kennel as a bed or feed your pet in the kennel for several days prior to travel.
- You may be asked to remove your pet from the kennel so that the carrier can be placed through an x-ray scanner. Remember to place a halter/collar and leash on your pet to minimize the chances of a loose pet.
- Contact your airline regarding airline specific kennel and travel requirements.

JAPAN TRAVEL CHECKLIST

Ultimately it is the owner's responsibility to ensure compliance with all pet travel requirements. Delays or failure of compliance might result in denial of entry or quarantine for your pet.

JAPAN'S PET IMPORTATION IS COMPLEX
REVIEW ALL REQUIREMENTS ON THEIR WEBSITE:

Japanese Animal Quarantine Service
<https://www.maff.go.jp/aqs/english>

□ ISO MICROCHIP IMPLANT

If your pet is not yet microchipped, schedule for a microchip implant prior to rabies vaccination.

□ RABIES VACCINATION

Pet must be at least 91 days old and vaccinated twice for rabies. Most recent vaccination must be given not less than 30 days and not more than 12 months, or 3 years depending upon manufacture's guideline, after first vaccine.

□ LAB TEST (FAVN) - LAB TEST

Lab test must be completed 180 days prior to PCS. Bloodwork should be completed after microchipping and both rabies vaccines. Lab results must reflect a passing level ≥ 0.5 IU/ml. Original results are needed at time of arrival.

□ ADVANCED NOTIFICATION

As soon as travel arrangements are known, notification must be sent at least 40 days before arrival into Japan via email, fax or mail to the expected port of entry. See Japanese Animal Quarantine Service website for more details.

□ HEALTH CERTIFICATE

Within 10 days of travel, obtain a Health Certificate by a US Military Veterinarian or German State Official Veterinarian.

Rhineland Pfalz Approved Government Vet:
Gesundheitsamt Veterinärwesen
Pfaffstrasse 40, 67655 Kaiserslautern
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Planning and preparation are the most important aspects when traveling with pets.

AIRLINE TRAVEL TIPS

- Many airlines impose travel embargos during the summer and winter months. During summer months, choose early morning or evening flights. In winter months, choose midday flights.
- Certain brachycephalic (short-nosed) dogs and cats may have difficulties flying, especially during warmer months. Discuss recommendations with your veterinarian.
- When possible, book a nonstop flight and avoid the holiday travel season.
- Confirm your flight arrangements before you leave to ensure that there have been no unexpected flight changes.
- Arrive at the airport early and exercise your pet.
- When boarding the plane, notify the flight attendant that you have a pet in the cargo area.
- If your pet is traveling in the cabin, arrange to check-in as late as possible to reduce the amount of time your pet will have to spend in the airport terminal.
- Carry proof of rabies vaccination, health certificate, and copies of your pet's medical record with you and keep a current photograph of your pet to assist in identification if your pet is lost.



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SPACE AVAILABLE PET PROGRAM

- There are 10 pet spaces available on every Patriot Express (PE) flight with approximately four missions per week.
- If you are unable to secure a PE flight for your pet, you are responsible for arranging proper transportation. Pets can fly out of Frankfurt International via a commercial carrier.
- Fees are charged on a weight basis, combining the weight of the pet and the kennel. Please contact the AMC terminal to discuss fees.
- Pet travel is not a reimbursable expense IAW the JFTR, Para. U5810.

SEDATIVES

- The use of sedatives are strongly discouraged during flight due to the risk of adverse reactions. Airlines may require a signed statement that your pet has not received a tranquilizer prior to flying

FEEDING GUIDELINES

- Air travel on an empty stomach is typically best, however this varies based on age, breed, medical history and flight schedule. Discuss feeding recommendations with your veterinarian.
- Access to water is a must during travel.

HELPFUL WEBSITES FOR TIPS ON TRAVELING WITH YOUR PET

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION ANIMAL IMPORTATION

www.cdc.gov/importation/index.html

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) ANIMAL CARE PET TRAVEL

www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/pet-travel

AIR MOBILITY COMMAND PET TRAVEL

www.amc.af.mil/Home/AMC-Travel-Site/AMC-Pet-Travel-Page/

INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION TRAVELER'S PET CORNER

www.iata.org/en/programs/cargo/live-animals/pets

AMERICAN VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION TRAVELING WITH YOUR DOG OR CAT

www.avma.org/resources-tools/pet-owners/petcare/cvi/traveling-your-dog-or-cat

PET TRAVEL: WORLDWIDE RESOURCE FOR TRAVELING PET

<https://www.pettravel.com/>