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## Traveling to JAPAN with pets



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## Important Information:

*When travelling with your pet(s), there may be animal health requirements specific for that destination. As soon as you know your travel details, contact your local veterinarian to assist with the pet travel process. Factors to consider may include meeting time frames for obtaining a health certificate, updating vaccinations, microchipping, diagnostic testing, or administration of medications/ treatments.*

### Other factors to consider while traveling:

*Breed restrictions, Age restriction, Appropriate kennel size, Airline requirements, Pre-notification and/or consulate approval to specific country, On-base housing pet requirements/ restrictions, etc.*

### **Remember...**

- ◆ *It is the responsibility of the pet owner to make sure their pet has met the requirements of the destination country.*
- ◆ *Failure to meet the requirements may result in problems gaining certificate endorsement or difficulties upon arrival in the destination country.*
- ◆ *Health certificates must be legible, accurate, and complete.*

## Helpful Resources:

For the most up to date information on pet travel to JAPAN please visit the following websites:

⇒ <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/pet-travel>

⇒ [http://www.maff.go.jp/aqs/english/animal/im\\_index.html](http://www.maff.go.jp/aqs/english/animal/im_index.html)

\* Quarantine regulation for Dogs & Cats > Import procedures > Import from **Non-designated regions** > Import guide PDF



**NOTE:** Airlines may have separate and additional requirements. Check with your airline to determine what requirements they may have, if any.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your local veterinary treatment facility. Thank you in advance for your attention to and assistance with this matter.

### **DISCLAIMER:**

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# JAPAN Summary Sheet:

## 1. Microchip

- Microchipped PRIOR to 1st rabies vaccine or after 1st Rabies and before 2nd Rabies vaccine
- Should be 15-digit ISO compatible.

## 2. 1st Rabies Vaccine

- Pet must be at least 91 days old.
- Should be done AFTER microchip

## 3. 2nd Rabies Vaccine

- Must be more than 31 days after 1st vaccination and BEFORE 1st vaccine expires.
- Japan will honor the 3 year rabies for entry purposes. After arrival, all pets must be vaccinated annually.

## 4. FAVN Blood Test

- Schedule appointment as early as possible for FAVN
- If microchipped BEFORE 1st rabies, FAVN can be drawn same day or after 2nd rabies vaccine.
- If microchipped AFTER 1st rabies, FAVN MUST be drawn same day as 2nd rabies vaccine.
- Results are sent directly to owner's address on FAVN submission form, VERIFY ADDRESS PRIOR TO SUBMISSION. Owner must maintain original for travel.

## 5. 180 Day Waiting Period after FAVN is Drawn

- Dogs and cats are required to undergo a wait of at least 180 days between the date the sample is collected for the rabies titer test and the date the animal arrives in Japan. (\*At home ON BASE quarantine is an option) If 180 days have not passed before the animal's arrival in Japan, →

the animal will be quarantined in an AQS facility to make up the number of days remaining in the 180-day wait period.

## 6. RECOMMENDED Vaccines and Treatments:

- Dogs:** DA2PP, and Lepto
- Cats:** FVRCP
- External parasites:** Treat with medicines effective against mites and fleas, and at the time of export have a clinical inspection to confirm that the animal is free from these parasites. (no more than 4 days before boarding)
- Internal parasites:** administer medicine effective against nematodes and tapeworms. (no more than 4 days before boarding)

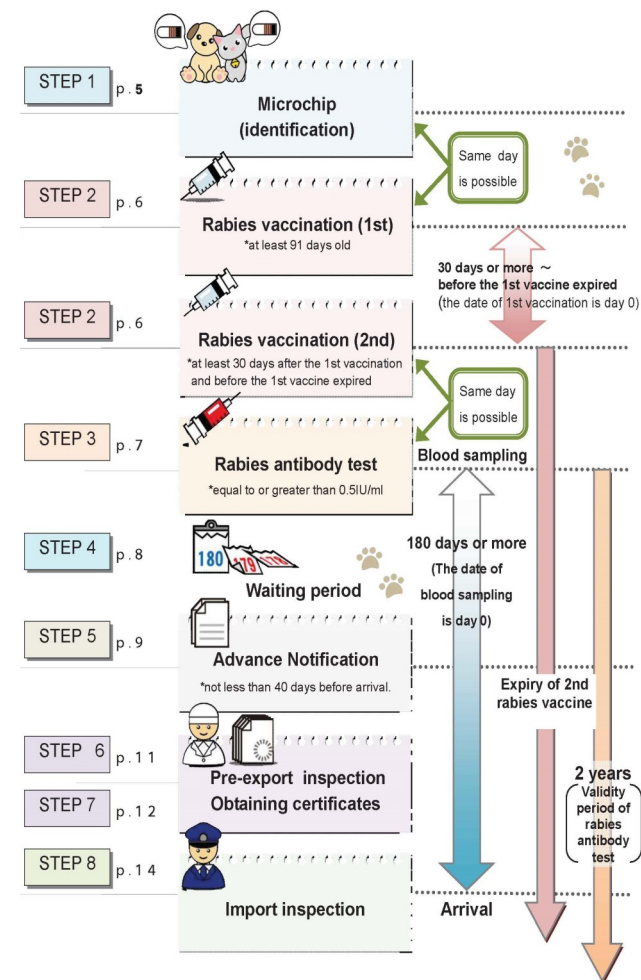
## 7. Advance Notification

- At least 40 days before arrival, owner must submit a "Notification" to Animal Quarantine Service (AQS) at the expected port of entry by fax or mail

(<http://www.maff.go.jp/aqs/english/index.html>)

## 8. Veterinary Health Certificate Appointment

- Schedule appointment as early as possible to ensure availability for health certificate appointments.
- No more than 10 days prior to arriving, receive endorsed health certificate exam and documents from state veterinarian APHIS-VS.
- ◇ A US Army Veterinarian can endorse the health certificate if he/she performs the exam
- Name, address, phone number of owner/shipper/recipient MUST match travel orders exactly, unless pet is being shipped separately. If different, power of attorney must be presented with travel orders.
- For the owner/recipient name, each and every person that might possibly pick up pet at the airport MUST BE LISTED.



## Basic pet travel checklist: JAPAN

### Vaccines & Tests?

- TWO Rabies current and given prior to arrival
- Rabies antibody test (FAVN) complete and passing (0.5 IU/ml+)
- OPTIONAL: Additional vaccines and treatments

### Microchip?

- ISO compliant 15 digits
- Prior to rabies vaccine

### Advance Notification?

- Fax/mail 40 days prior to arrival

### Health Certificate? (2 copies)

- Issued within 10 days of travel
- 2 Original rabies certificates
- Original FAVN report
- Japan Forms A, Acclimation Memo and...
  - Option 1) Form C 1-3
  - Option 2) Form AC
  - Option 3) APHIS Form 7001
  - Option 4) MDJ 2209
- USDA accredited signatures and stamps (endorsement)