

Pet Import Regs

When flying into Yokota AB please make sure to have a copy of all required paper attached to the kennel. Please do not put originals on the kennels. Required paper work: Health Certificate, Last 2 Rabies Certificates, FAVN Results, Proof of Microchip, and Orders.

Pet Processing Checklist

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- Travel orders [2 copies of permanent change of station (PCS) orders for each pet].
- Rabies Vaccination (INACTIVATED) Certificate (DD Form 2208; 2 copies and original).
- Health Certificate (MDJ OP Form 2209; Veterinary Health Certificate for Import/Export for Japan; 2 copies and original), the health certificate cannot be older than 10 days. If there is a layover that will cause your health certificate to expire, then a new health certificate must be obtained. [MDJ OP Form 2209](#)

Japan Ministry of Agriculture Advance Notification Forms

(Advance Notification Approval Form; 2 copies and original) If traveling by commercial airlines, advance notification approval is required for check-in with the airline and upon arrival in Japan. Submit the Advance Notification Form as soon as transportation arrangements as well as microchipping, vaccination, and FAVN testing steps are complete. **Please annotate in the "Remarks" column this statement: "This pet belongs to a US SOFA sponsored family and will be assigned to (list installation)."**

[• Advance Notification Form for Dogs • Advance Notification Form for Cats • Import/export Animal Quarantine Stations Contact](#)

All of the above documents must be attached to the outside of the airline kennel (Ziploc bag works best). Label the bag: "Export/Import Pet Documents."

MDJ Form 270 (Pet Quarantine and Examination Certificate; 2 copies) All SOFA status personnel entering Japan with a pet are required to complete a MDJ 270. The MDJ 270 allows your pet to be released to you for transportation to your US Military Quarantine Facility. Please download the form and fill it out before arrival. You are required to submit the form to your US Military Veterinary Treatment Facility within 72 hours of entry into Japan.

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- Microchip** (***THIS MUST BE DONE FIRST!***): ISO or ISO compatible chip. (HomeAgain® and AVID® microchips are acceptable). *Include the microchip number on the subsequent rabies and health certificate and FAVN test result form.*
- Rabies Vaccinations (INACTIVATED)**: Most recent vaccination certificate.
 - Complete history of two vaccinations...***AFTER MICROCHIPPING.***
 - Most recent vaccination given not less than 30 days and not more than 12 months.
 - Given in series (not less than 30 days between vaccinations) and within their recognized life-span (ie. 1 year vaccine versus a 3 year rabies vaccine) to be considered valid.
- Fluorescent Antibody Viral Neutralization (FAVN) Test**:
 - ***AFTER MICROCHIPPING AND 2 RABIES VACCINATIONS (INACTIVATED)***
 - ***A passing level ≥ 0.5 IU/ml.***
 - Sent to an approved Laboratory:
 - Kansas State University
Rabies Laboratory
1800 Denison Avenue
Manhattan, KS 66506
Phone: (785) 532-4483
FAX: (785) 532-4522
 - DOD Veterinary Food Analysis and
Diagnostic Laboratory
2472 Schofield Rd., Building 2630
Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234-6232
Phone: (210) 295-4604
FAX: (210) 270-2559
- Advance Notification**: Send notification to Port of entry Animal Quarantine Service **as soon as** travel arrangements are known ***AND AFTER THE FIRST 3 STEPS.***
 - Receive Notification Approval
 - Advance Notification Form:
 - JDVC Website: (http://www.usarj.army.mil/organization/vet/r_doc.htm).
 - or
 - MAFF Website:
(<http://www.maff-aqs.go.jp/english/ryoko/newquarantine-eng/systemqa/application.htm#tebiki>)
 - Ports of Entry contact information:
(<http://www.maff-aqs.go.jp/english/soshiki/telephonest.htm>).
- Health Certificate**: Obtain within 10 days of arrival.
- **Military Veterinarians may use the MDJ OP 2209 (without USDA Certification)**
- **Civilian Veterinarians: require USDA Certification from a Federal USDA Veterinarian** (http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/area_offices.htm) ; form is valid for 30 days, however, a second 10-day health certificate may be required for the airlines.
- Both health and rabies certificates must be endorsed with raised seals.
- Age Requirement**: Japan discourages importation of dogs and cats < 12 months old. These steps represent the earliest and quickest timeline for puppies and kittens:
 - Microchip and Vaccination at ≥ 91 days old.
 - Vaccination at ≥ 121 days old.
 - FAVN test at ≥ 151 days old.