

PCS CHECKLIST FOR PETS TO THE CONTINENTAL USA



- ❗ Ensure vaccinations are up to date and current. Airlines can refuse travel for vaccinations done within 30 days of travel.
- ❗ Obtain a bilingual or English only **original rabies certificate**. Obtain up to date shot records and if you have been seen at an off base veterinary clinic, a copy of your pets complete records translated to English.
- ❗ 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.
- ❗ Call the Okinawa VETAC or an off base veterinarian to book a Health Certificate Appointment 3-4 weeks prior to your fly out date.
- ❗ At your Health Certificate appointment your pet will be checked by a veterinarian and 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.
 - 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:** Go down to Naha Animal Quarantine Services during their business hours, no less than 24 hours prior to your flight, with your pet and all the paperwork (originals and copies).
- ❗ **If flying AMC:** Contact them for the most up to date procedures for pet export.
- ❗ 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**