

# Okinawa Veterinary Activity Quarantine Discharge Sheet



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Pet Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your pet(s) was seen for an **Initial** Quarantine Exam today.

Japanese law requires all pets entering Japan to be quarantined for **180 days**. Pets belonging to U.S. Forces personnel may be placed in a “working quarantine” in the custody of the owner for **on** post/base housing, provided all paperwork has been properly completed. Quarantine duration once in Japan depends on various factors to include: rabies vaccination history, Fluorescent Antibody Viral Neutralization (FAVN) test results, date of FAVN testing, proper identification, and appropriately prepared and verified documents. Failure to complete ALL quarantine exams is a violation of the quarantine law, resulting in a **fine up to (~\$3,000) 300,000 ¥ per animal**. *Per USFJ PL 4-3.*

Initial Quarantine Exam Date:		<b>Vaccine / Test</b>	<b>Due</b>
<b>30-Day Quarantine Check due every 30 days until released at Final Quarantine Exam.</b>		Rabies	
		DAPv/FVRCP	
Final Quarantine Exam Date:		Bordetella	
		Leptospirosis	
		Heartworm Test	

- The only authorized areas for quarantined animals are in the pet owner’s **on-base quarters, TLF, and Karing Kennels**.
- While on quarantine, the pet(s) is not allowed to have contact with any other animals outside of the pet owner’s household.
- Quarantined animals are allowed outside only to eliminate while kept on a leash. Dogs are **not** allowed to be taken for walks around the block. Owners must stay with the dog(s) at all times while outside. Cats must remain strictly **indoor** at all times during the duration of quarantine.
- Quarantined animals may be permitted to go to off base veterinary clinics if **medically necessary** but must go directly to the clinic and then straight back with no additional stops made.
- Quarantined animals are to remain on quarantine until they are **physically seen** at their Final Quarantine Examination by the Okinawa Veterinary Activity, regardless if the assigned release date has passed.
- Signed quarantine documents (i.e. MDJ 270) are required to leave Okinawa. Once quarantine is complete, ensure that you return for your paperwork. It is recommended you keep it in an EEO/NEO Packet.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ was explained the above policy and understand fully.

Owner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Additional Quarantine Information

- **All quarantine appointments are walk-in only and no additional services will be provided during these appointments. M - F (0900 - 1100, 1300 - 1500) with the exception Wednesdays walk-ins start at 1000.**
- The Okinawa VETAC coordinates with the Government of Japan to calculate quarantine release dates. The policy and requirements are determined by the Government of Japan's (GOJ) Animal Quarantine Service (AQS) **not** the Okinawa VETAC.
- Pets arriving by commercial flight will have passed through AQS upon entry into Japan and will have received an MDJ 270 with their tentative release date.
- Pets arriving by AMC will have initially bypassed AQS and must have their release date calculated by the GOJ, even if the pet would have been released otherwise. Quarantine date coordination can take some time, please contact us after 3 weeks or wait until your pet's 30 day check to find out if the date has been determined.
- Once released from quarantine, paperwork must be processed by GOJ. This can take anywhere from 2-3 weeks. You may contact the Okinawa VETAC if you have not received an e-mail that your pet's paperwork is ready for pick up to check on its status.
- Once released from quarantine, canines must be registered with local city office if living off base. Owners will need original rabies certificates for registration. Cats do not require city registration.

## Information about Okinawa and Okinawa VETAC

- **Rabies** vaccinations are due **every 12 months for dogs** per GOJ, even if the pet has received a 3-year vaccination previously before arriving to Japan. Felines are exempt and can follow the manufacturer's recommendation.
- **Lifestyle vaccinations** – These are not required per GOJ but recommended.
  - Bordetella – Recommended for dogs who will be grooming, boarding, going to dog parks, beaches, or other places where dogs commonly visit.
  - Leptospirosis – Recommended for dogs who may come in contact with fresh water sources.
  - Feline Leukemia Virus – Recommended for cats that visit the outdoors or may come in contact with other cats that visit the outdoors. Requires FELV/FIV test.
- **Habu Snakes** – Okinawa VETAC does not typically carry the anti-venom for Habu snakes and pets must go off base for treatment.
- **Heartworms** –The Okinawa stray population is notorious for heartworm disease and is easily spread by the mosquito, a problem seen all year round.
- **Heatstroke** – A serious problem on Okinawa, it is recommend to reserve daily walks to the coolest times of the day (dawn/dusk) during the summer months and provide plenty of water to maintain hydration.
- **Emergency Care** – Okinawa VETAC does not provide after hour emergency care. It is highly recommend to seek emergency and urgent care at an off base facility due to limited availability.
- **Prescription and OTC Medications** - No medication, including heartworm prevention, will be dispensed without a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship at a military facility within the last 12 months. The pet must have tested negative for heartworms within the past 12 months and must have proof if done off base in order to dispense heartworm prevention. No prescriptions from civilian veterinary clinics will be filled at this facility in accordance to federal law. Prescription requests need to be made at least 1 business day prior to pick up and must be picked up within 7 days. If not picked up within 7 days the prescription will be restocked and will need to be requested again.