

PCS CHECKLIST FOR PETS TO ALASKA, HAWAII AND GUAM



- ❗ **Alaska:** The importation process is the same as continental USA except that the Health Certificate must be performed at the Okinawa VETAC as Alaska requires the use of an APHIS 7001 Health Certificate form which cannot be obtained off base. Please see “PCS Checklist for Pets to the Continental USA”.

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- ❗ **Hawaii:** Please go to <http://hdoa.hawaii.gov/ai/aqs/aqs-info/> for the most up to date importation information. Hawaii is a rabies free state and does **NOT** recognize Japan as being a rabies free country. **Permits and fees will need to be researched, obtained and paid for by the customer.** More information can be found on the website listed above, the **guideline below does not provide sufficient information to complete pet import and is only a basic guide.**

- ❗ **Microchip** - All pets must have a microchip
- ❗ **Rabies vaccination** - Dogs and cats must be vaccinated at least twice for rabies in its lifetime. They must be administered at least 30 days apart. The most recent vaccination must have been administered more than 30 days before the pet’s date of arrival AND must not expire prior to entry.
- ❗ **FAVN** - A Rabies antibody test must be performed and sent to an approved lab. A FAVN for Hawaii is good for 3 years *from the date the lab receives the sample*. The FAVN must be sent to Hawaii directly from the lab used or testing.
- ❗ **Wait** - Following a passing FAVN, animals must wait at least 30 days before arriving in Hawaii. If arrival occurs before 30 days has elapsed, the animal is subject to quarantine until the 30 days are completed.
- ❗ **Documents Required:**
 - AQS-279** (Found on Hawaii’s website)
 - Original certificates for 2 rabies vaccinations** (must be signed in ink by a licensed veterinarian)
 - An original Health Certificate**
 - Proof of tick prevention product applied**
 - FAVN** (Sent to Hawaii directly from the lab)

**See Hawaii’s website for when and how to submit your documents and fees associated*

- ❗ **Failure to complete any or all steps needed for import will result in animals being quarantined and additional fees. If you are unable to complete all steps on an appropriate timeline you should coordinate with Hawaii.**

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- 🐾 **Guam:** If your pet is coming from Japan and has lived in country for more than 120 days, then there normally is not commercial quarantine. The entry requirements can be completed prior to arrival and the animal may be allowed to leave the airport with you. More information can be found here: <https://doag.guam.gov/wp-doag-content/uploads/2020/05/05102020-DOAG-Animal-Import-Information.pdf>
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 - 🐾 **Other Dog Vaccinations – (vaccinated not less than 10 days before departure)** Distemper, Canine Infectious Hepatitis Virus or Canine Adenovirus-2, Canine Leptospirosis, Canine Parainfluenza, Canine Parvovirus, and Canine Bordatella bronchiseptica (kennel cough)
 - 🐾 **Other Cat Vaccinations – (vaccinated not less than 10 days before departure)** Feline Panleukopenia Virus (feline viral enteritis), Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis (feline herpesvirus-1), and Feline Calicivirus
 - 🐾 **Entry Permit** – Owners must email all their paperwork, to include their Health Certificate to quarantine@doag.guam.gov to obtain their permit. Payment must be physically mailed. Follow link above for more information. Questions can be sent to gu.agri@yahoo.com.
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🐾 **For Alaska, Hawaii and Guam:**

- 🐾 Obtain a bilingual or English only **original rabies certificate**. You may also need an original rabies certificate for prior vaccinations as well. Obtain an up to date complete shot record and if you have been seen at an off base veterinary clinic, a copy of your pets complete records translated to English.
- 🐾 Call the Okinawa VETAC as soon as you have your **flight itinerary** to discuss appointment options.
- 🐾 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.
- 🐾 Prior to your appointment the Okinawa VETAC will need the following information:
 - Up to date shot record (if **any** vaccinations were done off base)
 - Address or Base for final destination
- 🐾 At your Health Certificate appointment your pet will be checked by a veterinarian. They may need to have certain tests done or medications given during this appointment as required by the destination. 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. Please note some countries have requirements that will reduce this travel time.

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:** An appointment is **NOT** required at the Naha Quarantine office, walk-in hours can be utilized. 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:** You do **NOT** need to go down to the Naha Quarantine office.

🐾 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.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Naha Quarantine Office, Okinawa

098-857-4468

Embassy of Japan, Washington DC

202-939-6700

USDA National Center, Import and Export, Maryland

301-734-8364

US Fish & Wildlife Service, Virginia

703-358-2104, ext. 5423

Okinawa Branch Veterinary Services

Phone: 036-868-2263, Phone Commercial from USA: 512-672-2263, DSN: 966-7593

Website Address: Okinawa Veterinary Activity on Facebook