

Stringent pet importation requirements took effect 01 Dec 12. For the most current information on PCSing with pets, please visit:

106th Medical Detachment Veterinary Service Support (106th MED DET VSS)

<http://www.korea.amedd.army.mil/veterinary/index.html> DSN (315) 737-9720

Korean pet importation requirements are also available at <http://www.qia.go.kr> (Animal, Plant, and Fisheries Quarantine and Inspection Agency). English version at http://www.qia.go.kr/english/html/Animal_livestock/02AnimalLivestock_007-8.jsp (neither website accessible from military computers).

Care for pets at military veterinary treatment facilities (VTF) is limited and primarily provides routine preventive medical and surgical care. Emergency care is not available at military VTFs and civilian veterinary clinics are limited in some areas. Only 2 pets (cats and dogs only) are authorized transport in the event of a non-combatant evacuation operation (NEO) in Korea. All pets must be registered at the installation VTF upon arriving in Korea (or when purchased in Korea). **Not all housing areas allow pets.** When assigned housing in pet restricted areas, service members that have brought pets have been required to find new owners/pet housing arrangements (including shipping them back to the states).

Confirm housing options before transporting pets.

1. Korea allows importation of no more than **four (4)** animals per person.*
 - a. Customs clearance is required upon entry into Korea. Service members must present travel orders and pet documentation at the Customs desk to request the SOFA import tax waiver. Pets imported more than 6 months after initial entry will be assessed an import duty.
 - b. Pets shipped separate from the service member or their family may incur additional costs when they travel as air cargo. Owners should discuss the details of these costs with the transportation broker prior to shipment.
2. Dogs and cats less than 90 days of age at entry are not required to have been vaccinated and are exempted from FAVN testing requirements.
3. Pet travel from the **US/CONUS area**:
 - a. Original health certificate (**APHIS Form 7001; see appendix A for an example of a Military endorsed form**) issued by an accredited veterinarian (endorsed by a USDA veterinarian unless signed and stamped by a Military/GS veterinarian in **both blocks** with a valid certificate number) must be presented at time of entry. **All health certificates must include original signatures (in blue ink), no copies will be accepted.**
4. Pet travel from **locations outside of US/CONUS area**:
 - a. Consider contacting the Korean QIA office directly or through your sponsor to confirm the travel documentation for your pet's travel.
 - b. Original health certificate issued by an official government veterinarian from the host nation (eg. certificate and kennel stamp from the Japanese export veterinarian or an EU pet passport signed and stamped by a German government veterinarian) must be presented at time of entry. Service

members are directed to contact the servicing VTF for assistance. **All health certificates must include original signatures, no copies will be accepted.**

5. ISO compliant microchip (**ISO11784 or 11785**):

- a. Mandatory for all dogs and cats regardless of age. Microchip number should be stated on official health certificate.
- b. Pets that do not have ISO compliant microchips should have a compliant microchip placed prior to travel (list both on health certificate) or the owner should transport a microchip reader.

6. Rabies Vaccination:

- a. Rabies vaccination should be performed at least 30 days prior to and be within the reported expiration date (1 or 3 year vaccination) at the time of arrival.
- b. Although not ideal, rabies vaccination may be performed prior to microchip placement.

Animals from a Rabies free country (according to current OIE standard)* must be microchipped with an ISO compliant microchip and be presented with an official health certificate but no FAVN test is required.

*Japan, Taiwan, Cyprus, Australia, New Zealand, Portugal, Iceland, Guam, Hawaii, Samoa, Cayman Islands, French Polynesia, Martinique, Department of Reunion, Wails and Futuna, Albania, Dominican Republic, Macedonia, Lichtenstein, Malaysia, Switzerland, Ireland, Fiji, Singapore, Jamaica, United Kingdom

7. Rabies Antibody Test (FAVN) for cats/dogs over 90 days old:

- a. Result should be equal or greater than 0.5 IU/mL.
- b. Result should be stated in the remarks section (Block 9) of the health certificate (APHIS Form 7001). The name of the laboratory conducting the test and the date the sample was drawn must also be listed in the remarks section (See appendix A).**
 - FAVN Serum/specimen draw date:
 - FAVN Results:
 - Lab: DOD FADL **or** Kansas State University
- c. Testing should be performed at least 30 days but **not more than 2 years** prior to travel to Korea.
- d. **ORIGINAL** test result report (not a copy) **MUST** be presented at time of entry.
- e. Results from these labs will be accepted as valid:
 - http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/liveanimals/pets/approval_en.htm
 - i. DoD Food Analysis & Diagnostic Laboratory
<https://phc.amedd.army.mil/topics/labsciences/fad/Pages/Pet-Travel-Requirements.aspx>
 - Note:** Tests performed from 21 September 2012 through 1 January 2014 are not considered valid due to complications with the EU certification
 - ii. Kansas state (<http://www.ksvdl.org/rabies-laboratory/>)
- f. FAVN results are only valid for 2 years for entry into Korea.

Any dog or cat presented for entry that does not meet these requirements could be returned to their point of origin on the next available flight at owner's expense.

Animals that are not returned to their point of origin will be placed in QUARANTINE:

1) Quarantine will be at the owner's expense until compliance is met. Quarantined animals will be housed at an Official Approved Korean Quarantine Facility, which on average costs \$20-50/day.

Quarantine release for a dog or cat will be dependent on resolution of the deficiency:

1. Valid health certificate from an official veterinarian (eg. APHIS form 7001); must be the **original** and **endorsed** correctly.
2. No microchip:
 - a. An ISO compliant microchip must be placed.
3. Incomplete/improper rabies vaccination, absent/deficient rabies antibody titer (not greater than 0.5 IU/mL):
 - a. Revaccination for animals as appropriate.
 - b. Test will be performed by Korean government lab (at owner's expense; around \$250).
 - c. Animals with results less than 0.5 IU/mL will be held until the antibody response to revaccination results in an adequate titer.

Appendix A: Example APHIS Form 7001. A Veterinary Corps Officer (VCO), USDA Veterinarian, or GS Veterinarian must assign the certificate number and endorse the certificate for international export. An accredited US veterinarian can sign the APHIS Form 7001; **BUT**, the document is **NOT** valid until the certificate is endorsed by the area USDA veterinarian, VCO, or GS veterinarian.

<p>According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control numbers for this information collection are 0579-0036 and 0579-0333. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average .25 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.</p>		<p>No dog, cat, nonhuman primate, or additional kinds or classes of animals designated by USDA regulation shall be delivered to any intermediate handler or carrier for transportation in commerce, unless accompanied by a health certificate executed and issued by a licensed veterinarian (7 U.S.C. 21.43.9; CFR, Subchapter A, Part 2).</p>		<p>OMB APPROVED 0579-0036 0579-0333</p>								
<p>UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE</p> <p>UNITED STATES INTERSTATE AND INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF HEALTH EXAMINATION FOR SMALL ANIMALS</p>		<p>WARNING: Anyone who makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement on this document, or uses such document knowing it to be false, fictitious, or fraudulent may be subject to a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment of not more than 5 years or both (18 U.S.C. 1001).</p>		<p>1. TYPE OF ANIMAL SHIPPED (select one only) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dog <input type="checkbox"/> Cat <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Nonhuman Primate <input type="checkbox"/> Ferret <input type="checkbox"/> Rodent</p>								
		<p>2. CERTIFICATE NUMBER - OFFICIAL USE ONLY yyyymmdd - POA -01- 1234 yyyymmdd - POA -02- 9876</p>		<p>3. TOTAL NUMBER OF ANIMALS 2 (Two)</p>								
<p>5. NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF OWNER (CONSIGNOR) Joe Owner 123 Elm St Barksdale, TX, 23456 (123) 456-7890</p>		<p>6. NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF RECIPIENT AT DESTINATION (CONSIGNEE) Joe Owner Unit Address in Korea Bldg XXXX Camp Humphreys, Korea DSN 815-XXX-XXXX 831-XXX-XXXX</p>		<p>4. PAGE 1/1</p>								
<p>USDA License/Registration Number (if applicable)</p>												
<p>7. ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION</p>					<p>8. PERTINENT VACCINATION, TREATMENT, AND TESTING HISTORY</p>							
<p>NAME, AND/OR TATTOO NUMBER OR OTHER IDENTIFICATION</p>		<p>BREED - COMMON OR SCIENTIFIC NAME</p>		<p>AGE SEX</p>		<p>COLOR OR DISTINCTIVE MARKS OR MICROCHIP</p>		<p>RABIES VACCINATION <input type="checkbox"/> 1 YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> 2 YEARS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 YEARS</p>			<p>OTHER VACCINATIONS, TREATMENT, AND/OR TESTS AND RESULTS</p>	
<p>(1) Tom M/C# 987 654 321 951 234</p>		<p>Poodle</p>		<p>5y M/N</p>		<p>Black</p>		<p>Vaccination Date</p>	<p>Product</p>	<p>Date</p>	<p>Product Type and/or Results</p>	
<p>(2) M/C# 0A6541B254</p>												
<p>(3)</p>												
<p>(4) Jerry M/C# 654 123 789 876</p>		<p>GSD</p>		<p>7y M</p>		<p>Blk/tan</p>		<p>10 Jun 14</p>	<p>Merial - Imrab 3</p>	<p>10 Jun 14</p>	<p>DA2PPL</p>	
<p>(5)</p>												
<p>(6)</p>												
<p>9. REMARKS OR ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS (WHEN REQUIRED) FAVN Specimen drawn : 1 AUG 14 FAVN Results: 4.16 IU/ml Lab: Kansas State University</p>					<p>VETERINARY CERTIFICATION: I certify that the animals described in box 7 have been examined by me this date, that the information provided in box 8 is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and that the following findings have been made ("X" applicable statements).</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I have verified the presence of the microchip, if a microchip is listed in box 7.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I certify that the animal(s) described above and on continuation sheet(s), if applicable, have been inspected by me on this date and appear to be free of any infectious or contagious diseases and to the best of my knowledge, exposure thereto, which would endanger the animal or other animals or would endanger public health.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To my knowledge, the animal(s) described above and on continuation sheet(s) if applicable, originated from an area not quarantined for rabies and has/have not been exposed to rabies.</p>							
<p>ENDORSEMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL EXPORT (IF NEEDED) PRINTED NAME OF USDA VETERINARIAN Joe Johnson, DVM CPT, VC Official Veterinarian, Accreditation# 003456</p>					<p>NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF ISSUING VETERINARIAN Joe Johnson, DVM Any Base VTF 4321 Name St City, ST XXXXX (654) 987-3210</p>					<p>LICENSE NUMBER AND STATE ST - #####</p> <p>Accredited <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please complete below NATIONAL ACCREDITATION NUMBER 654321</p>		
<p>SIGNATURE OF USDA VETERINARIAN <i>Apply USDA Seal or Stamp here</i></p>		<p>DATE</p>		<p>SIGNATURE OF ISSUING VETERINARIAN</p>					<p>DATE</p>			
<p>SIGN IN BLUE AND STAMP</p>		<p>ddmmyyyy</p>		<p>SIGN IN BLUE AND STAMP</p>					<p>ddmmyyyy</p>			