

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

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.

