

## Pet Travel to Korea

This checklist has been prepared to help you and your pet travel to Korea successfully. We hope this checklist will provide you with useful information to help make your travel easier. It is important that you follow all entry guidelines to prevent long quarantine periods, significant costs and headaches, or entry refusal. We also recommend that you contact your airline regarding specific kennel and travel requirements. It should also be noted that many airlines impose travel embargos during the summer and winter months. With these guidelines in mind, please inform the VTF staff of your travel plans as soon as possible; this will help us ensure that all travel requirements are met. Please feel free to ask further questions. We hope you and your pet enjoy Korea!



## Pet Checklist for PCSing to Korea

This is just a quick overview of the requirements as of April 2021. It is strongly recommended that you review the requirements listed at:

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/pet-travel/by-country/pettravel-korea>

[https://www.qia.go.kr/english/html/Animal\\_livestock/02AnimalLivestock\\_007-8.jsp](https://www.qia.go.kr/english/html/Animal_livestock/02AnimalLivestock_007-8.jsp)

NOTE: not accessible from a military computer.

- Working ISO or ISO Compatible Microchip (or you may carry your own reader). Ensure this microchip number(s) in your pet match that on the health certificate, rabies certificate, and rabies antibody test results.
  
- Rabies Vaccination – valid, not expired upon entry to Korea for all pets >12 weeks old.
  
- Passing FAVN Test (rabies neutralizing antibodies test)
  - Less than 24 months prior to boarding (and ideally at least 30 days before travel); must be >0.5 IU/ml from an internationally approved laboratory
  - Ensure you have a **the original report** of the satisfactory FAVN test
  - Pets less than 90 days old are exempt from the FAVN test
  - Results, date, and lab must be stated on health certificate
  - May be exempt if arriving directly from rabies free location (ie. Japan, Guam, Hawaii, UK)
  
- Original** Health Certificate issued no more than 10 days prior to travel.
  - CONUS: USDA Veterinary Health Certificate for Export of Dogs and Cats from the United States of America to Korea (signed AND endorsed in blue ink). If the certificate is issued by a non-military affiliated **accredited** veterinarian then it must also be endorsed by a **USDA Veterinarian**. When issued by a a US Army or GS Veterinarian, they can both sign and endorse it.
  - or
  - OCONUS: **Original** health certificate issued by an **official** host nation government veterinarian. Examples include:
    - EU Pet Passport – signed and endorsed by an **official** host nation government veterinarian (sections IX & X).
    - Japan – **Original export** certificate and kennel stamp from the Japanese export veterinarian

Originals are required for entry but please keep a copy of all documentation for your records.

Any dog or cat presented for entry that does not meet these requirements will be quarantined at the owner's expense until compliance is met at an average cost of \$20-50/day. The charges will be dependent on specific deficiency. There is a risk that your pet may be returned to the country of origin at the discretion of QIA.

Contact Korean QIA office directly or through your sponsor if bringing any other pet besides a dog or cat as other conditions will apply.