Appended Form 5-1

Guide to importing dogs and cats into Japan from the designated regions (Final revision: Nov., 2021)

Animal Quarantine Service

Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

What are "the designated regions"?

Iceland, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji Islands, Hawaii and Guam.

*The designation is subject to change due to the prevalence of rabies or the revision of quarantine regulations.

This guide describes the requirements and necessary procedures for importing dogs and cats into Japan from the designated regions.

We strongly recommend reading this guide if you are planning to bring dogs or cats into Japan.

For further information, feel free to contact Animal Ouarantine Service.

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A. Introduction

Dogs and cats imported into Japan must undergo import quarantine in accordance with the Rabies Prevention Law and, additionally for dogs, the Domestic Animal Infectious Diseases Control Law.

For dogs and cats meeting certain requirements upon arrival in Japan, the quarantine period (for import inspection) will be within 12 hours.

Any dogs and cats that do not meet the requirements will be subject to quarantine at a detention facility of Animal Quarantine Service for the necessary period (up to 180 days). Depending on the results of the import inspection, the dog or cat cannot be allowed to enter Japan.

Importer's responsibility

The "importer" (person planning to import dogs or cats) is responsible for the following obligations at their own expense. You should begin the importation procedure only after fully understanding and accepting these obligations.

- ◆ Inspections and treatments in the exporting country
- ◆ Advance notification
- ◆ Obtaining all necessary documents including certificates
- ◆ Arrangements for transportation
- ◆ Application for Import Inspection upon arrival in Japan
- ◆ Measures and expenses for quarantine at a detention facility, if necessary
- ◆ Reshipment if import is not permitted
- ◆ Other matters that an animal quarantine officer may instruct as necessary

Animals covered by this guide

This guide applies to the following animals and first-generation hybrids[*1] between these and other animals.

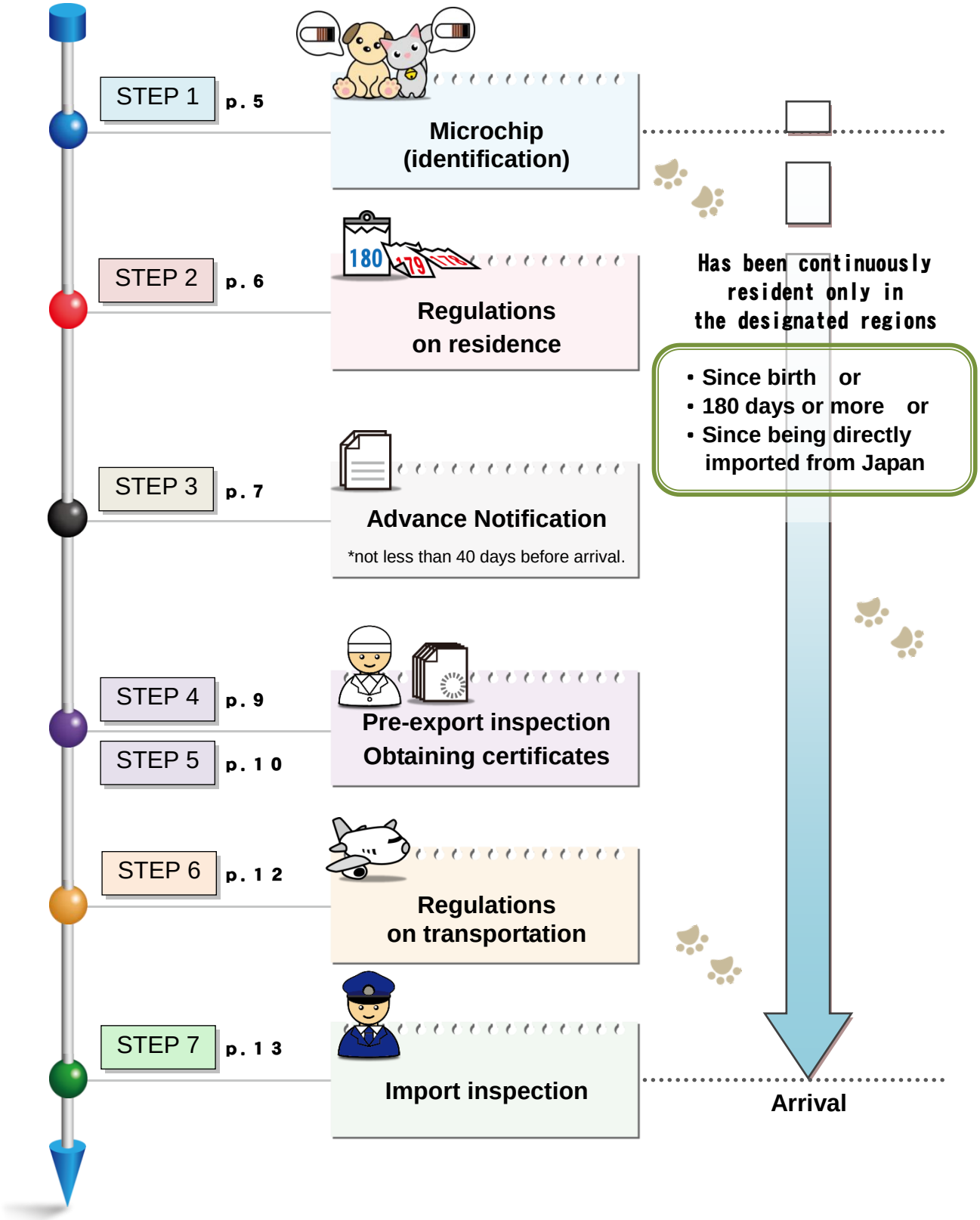
Type of Animal	Family	Genus	Species	Scientific name[*2]
Dog	Canidae	Canis	Domestic dog	*Canis familiaris*
Cat	Felidae	Felis	Domestic cat	*Felis catus*

[*1] First-generation hybrid: a cross between distinctly different parental types.
Examples: Wolfdog (domestic dog × wolf); Savannah cat (domestic cat × serval)

[*2] Source: A World List of Mammals with Japanese Names (Heibonsha Limited, 1998)

B. Import quarantine procedures

Flow chart





STEP 1: Microchip

All dogs and cats imported into Japan must be identified by a microchip.

Timing of microchip implanting

The microchip must be implanted before Advance Notification [→ STEP 3].

***What is a microchip?**

This is a small chip that contains a unique identification number. An inserter shaped like an injection syringe is used to implant the microchip under the skin. The number is read by a specially designed scanner, enabling identification of the dog or cat.

Recommended microchip standards

ISO 11784 and 11785 (15-digit microchip code which consists only of numbers.)
(ISO: International Organization for Standardization)

Precautions

- Microchip can be implanted at a veterinary hospital.
- Make sure that the microchip number can be read by a microchip reader upon each inspection and treatment at a veterinary hospital.
- If the microchip number cannot be read or the microchip number does not match the number on the certificates issued by the government agency of the exporting country [→ STEP 5] at the import inspection [→ STEP 7], the dog or cat will be subject to 180-day quarantine [→ STEP 7-2] or be returned at the importer's own expense.
- If the microchip is not in accordance with ISO standards, or if a method other than microchip is used for identification, you should contact Animal Quarantine Service at the expected port of entry [→ p. 20].

STEP 2: Regulations on residence



At least one of the following “regulations on residence” shall be fulfilled.

Regulations on residence

Dogs and cats imported from the designated regions must fulfill at least one of the following three conditions:

1. The dog or cat has been continuously resident in a designated region since birth.

2. The dog or cat has been continuously resident in a designated region for at least 180 days immediately before export to Japan.

3. The dog or cat has been continuously resident in a designated region since being directly imported from Japan.

If none of the above three conditions is fulfilled

If none of the above three conditions is fulfilled and the dog or cat has been continuously resident in a designated region for less than 180 days, the dog or cat must be subject to quarantine inspection at a detention facility of Animal Quarantine Service [→ STEP 7-2] upon arrival in Japan to compensate for the insufficient days (180 days minus the days when the dog or cat was kept in a designated region).

STEP 3: Advance notification



The importer must notify Animal Quarantine Service at the expected port of entry not less than 40 days before arrival in Japan.

1. Submission of notification

The importer must submit a “Notification” to Animal Quarantine Service at the expected port of entry [→ p. 20] by mail, fax or e-mail not less than 40 days before arrival in Japan.

“Notification” form is available on the website of Animal Quarantine Service.
http://www.maff.go.jp/aqs/english/animal/dog/import-free.html

◆ For dogs: “Notification for Import of Dogs under the Rabies Prevention Law and the Domestic Animal Infectious Diseases Control Law”

◆ For cats: “Notification of Import of Animals under the Rabies Prevention Law”

Notification can be made online through the NACCS (Nippon Automated Cargo and Port Consolidated System).
http://www.maff.go.jp/aqs/tetuzuki/system/49.html

Hints for “Notification”

- Date of birth (Age): If the date of birth is unknown, enter the age of the dog or cat at the time of arrival
- Scheduled place of arrival: Name of the expected arrival airport or seaport
- Consignor: The person exporting or traveling with the dog or cat from abroad
- Consignee: The person receiving the dog or cat upon arrival in Japan
- Date of identification: The date that the microchip was implanted
- Cargo or hand luggage: The type of transportation [→ Reference 2-4]
- Name and address of destination: Place where the dog or cat will be kept after import into Japan
- Rabies vaccination: Information on rabies vaccinations administered
- Date of expiry: Not the expiration date for use of the vaccine, but the duration of immunity (effective period)
- Kind of vaccine: Rabies vaccination → inactivated (killed) virus vaccine or recombinant vaccine
  Other vaccination → names of target diseases (such as distemper, feline calicivirus, etc.)
- Date of blood sampling: The date that the blood sample was taken for the rabies antibody test

Precautions

- Ports of entry for importing dogs are restricted. [→ Reference 1-1]
- Clearly indicate the contact information on the “Notification.”
- In principle, a notification submitted less than 40 days before arrival in Japan will not be accepted.
- If the port of entry has not been determined 40 days before arrival in Japan, you can submit the “Notification” filled out with provisional information to one of Animal Quarantine Service at the most likely port of entry. After the plans are finalized, submit a “Modification on Notification of Import of Animals” [→ STEP 3-3].

2. Approval of Import Inspection of Animals

Animal Quarantine Service will examine the "Notification" and related documents to issue an “Approval of Import Inspection of Animals”. For export or boarding procedures, please print or save digitally the issued form.

Precautions

- Animal Quarantine Service may instruct some changes to the arrival date or the port of entry.
- The quarantine period on the “Approval of Import Inspection of Animals” may be subject to change due to the results of the import inspection upon arrival in Japan.

3. Modification of Notification

If there are any changes or additions to the submitted “Notification,” submit a “Modification on Notification of Import of Animals” by mail, fax or e-mail to Animal Quarantine Service to which the “Notification” was submitted.

If the changes or additions do not affect the import inspection, Animal Quarantine Service will re-issue an “Approval of Import Inspection of Animals.”

- The “Modification on Notification of Import of Animals” form is available on the website of Animal Quarantine Service.
  http://www.maff.go.jp/aqs/animal/dog/pdf/modnotification.pdf
- “Modification on Notification of Import of Animals” must be submitted before the scheduled arrival date.

If the original notification was made online through the NACCS, modification must be made through the NACCS, too.
*Before making any changes, you need to contact Animal Quarantine Service to which the "Notification" was submitted.

Precautions

- The following changes may not be accepted as they may affect the import inspection:
  - ◆ Advancing the arrival date
  - ◆ Increasing the number of imported animals
  - ◆ Replacing with different animals
  - ◆ Changing the importation schedule after the scheduled arrival date

STEP 4: Clinical inspection before departure (pre-export inspection)



Before leaving the exporting country, all dogs and cats must undergo a clinical inspection (pre-export inspection) by a veterinarian.

Timing of pre-export inspection

Immediately before leaving (within 10 days before boarding), dogs and cats must undergo a clinical inspection by a private veterinarian or a veterinary officer of a government agency of the exporting country.

***Date of pre-export inspection**

It is desirable that this inspection is performed as close as possible to the date of departure (within 10 days before boarding). However, if it is difficult due to circumstances in the exporting country, an earlier inspection may be accepted. For more information, contact Animal Quarantine Service at the expected port of entry [→ p. 20].

Contents of clinical inspection

・For dogs

◆ The dog has been found to be free from any clinical signs of rabies and leptospirosis.

・For cats

◆ The cat has been found to be free from any clinical signs of rabies.

STEP 5: Obtaining certificates issued by the government agency of the exporting country



The importer must obtain certificates issued by the government agency of the exporting country.

***What is the government agency of the exporting country?**

This means that the agency in charge of animal quarantine services in the government of the exporting country (corresponding to Animal Quarantine Service in Japan).

1. Required information in the certificates

(1) Date of birth or age

(2) Microchip [→ STEP 1]

- ☐ Microchip number
- ☐ Date of microchip implanting

(3) Regulations on residence [→ STEP 2]

(At least one of the following must be noted)

- ☐ The dog or cat has been continuously resident in a designated region since birth.
- ☐ The dog or cat has been continuously resident in a designated region for at least 180 days immediately before export to Japan.
- ☐ The dog or cat have been continuously resident in a designated region since being directly imported from Japan.

(4) Prevalence of rabies in exporting countries

- ☐ There has been no case of rabies for at least 2 years prior to export in the exporting country.

(5) Pre-export inspection [→ STEP 4]

- ☐ Date of inspection
- ☐ The dog or cat has been found to be free from any clinical signs of rabies and, for dogs, leptospirosis.

(6) Seal number on transport cage [→ STEP 6]

(If the transport cage is sealed)

- ☐ Seal number

(7) Vaccinations <u>other than</u> for rabies and parasite treatment [→ Reference 2]

(Only when performed)

- ☐ Name of target diseases or parasites
- ☐ Dates of vaccinations or treatment (administration)
- ☐ Kind of vaccine (if vaccinated)
- ☐ Effective period (if vaccinated)

Recommended certification forms (Form AB)

Using the recommended certification forms (Form AB) makes it possible for the importer to fill in the required information without any omissions.

- Form AB are available on the website of Animal Quarantine Service.
  http://www.maff.go.jp/aqs/english/animal/dog/attach/pdf/import-free-5.pdf
- The private veterinarian fills in the Form AB. Endorsement from the government agency of the exporting country must be obtained.
- Due to circumstance in the exporting country, official government veterinarian could fill in the Form AB instead of the private veterinarian.
  As long as you have all of the blanks on the Form AB filled in and it's endorsed, there is no problem.
- If you need more page, attach another Form AB to the first page and fill in the blanks in a same manner.

*** What is an endorsement?**

Endorsement means that the certificate is approved by the government agency of the exporting country. For a valid endorsement, the signature of the veterinary officer of the government agency, the name and official stamp of the agency, and the signed date are necessary. If the endorsement is not complete, the certificate will not be considered as issued by the government agency of the exporting country.

Precautions

- Do not use a pencil or erasable pen to fill in the certificates.
- Use of correcting fluid or correction tape is not acceptable. Draw double lines through the words to be corrected, and then write the correct information. The signature of the person making the correction and the correction date are also required.
- Once the endorsement is obtained, no corrections will be accepted other than those made by the government agency of the exporting country. Corrections should be made before the endorsement is obtained. If a correction is made by the government agency of the exporting country, another endorsement of the correction must be obtained.

2. Advance confirmation of the certificates

In order to prevent any errors in the certificates, advance confirmation from Animal Quarantine Service is recommended.

- The importer can send the certificates (or drafts), after the required items are filled in, by fax or e-mail to Animal Quarantine Service that received the "Notification."
- Confirmation of drafts are recommended because corrections may not be accepted once the endorsement is obtained.

Precautions

- If there are any errors in the certificates, the dog or cat will be subject to detention quarantine [→ STEP 7-2] for up to 180 days or will be returned.

STEP 6: Regulations on transportation



Dogs and cats should be transported by direct flight/ship from the exporting country (designated region) to Japan.

If transported through Non-designated regions (transit), a “seal for the transport cage” or an “additional certificate on transportation (ANNEX)” must be obtained.

Regulations on transit through Non-designated regions

If a direct flight/ship is not used and the dog or cat arrives through Non-designated regions, either of the following conditions must be fulfilled.

1. The transport cage must be sealed in the exporting country.

The seal prevents the transport cage from opening during transportation.
A lock that can be opened with a key is not considered as a seal.
Before boarding, you should confirm that the seal is not broken.

*** What is a seal?**

This means that the transport cage is sealed by a veterinary officer of the government agency of the exporting country with a sealing instrument called a seal. The seal number must be noted on the certificate issued by the government agency of the exporting country. [→ STEP 5]

2. You must obtain an additional certificate on transportation (ANNEX).

Ensure that dogs or cats do not come into contact with other animals during transportation (dogs or cats cannot be out of the transport cages). As proof, you must obtain an additional certificate on transportation (ANNEX) from animal quarantine agency or from Customs at the transit ports, airlines (or shipping lines), or captains.

About the additional certificate on transportation (ANNEX)

- The recommended form is available on the website of Animal Quarantine Service.
  http://www.maff.go.jp/aqs/english/animal/dog/import-free.html
- To ensure that you obtain the certificate, you should contact the related agencies at the transit ports and ask about the procedure in advance.
- Submit it to Animal Quarantine Service upon arrival in Japan along with the certificate issued by the government agency of the exporting country (recommended forms Form A and Form B [→ STEP 5]).

Precautions

- If the seal is broken or open upon arrival in Japan, or if the seal number does not match the number on the certificate issued by the government agency of the exporting country, or if the additional certificate (ANNEX) is not complete, the dog or cat will be subject to 180-day quarantine at the detention facility of Animal Quarantine Service [→ STEP 7-2].

STEP 7: Import inspection after arrival in Japan



Dogs and cats must be inspected by Animal Quarantine Service at the port of entry upon arrival in Japan.

If the requirements are not met as the result of import inspection, the dog or cat will be subject to quarantine for up to 180 days, or will be returned.

Import inspection

Importer must apply for an import inspection to Animal Quarantine Service upon arrival.

1. Inspection upon arrival

If no problems are found in the inspection upon arrival, an Import Quarantine Certificate will be granted and the dog or cat can be imported.

Places to apply for inspection

◆ For hand luggage (checked baggage) transportation [→ Reference 2-4]
Before Customs inspection, bring the dog or cat to Animal Quarantine Service counter in the baggage claim area.

◆ For cargo transportation [→ Reference 2-4]
After receiving the necessary documents from the airline or shipping line staff at the cargo area, come to Animal Quarantine Service office.

Applicant

The “Importer” or the “Attorney authorized by the Importer” must apply for the inspection.

Necessary documents

☐ Application for Import Inspection
☐ Power of Attorney (if an attorney except for the customs broker is in charge of the procedures)
☐ Certificates issued by the government agency of the exporting country [→ STEP 5]
☐ Additional certificate on transportation (ANNEX) [→ STEP 6]
*If the dog or cat arrives through Non-designated regions and the transport cage is not sealed.
☐ (For cargo transportation) A copy of the AWB (Air Waybill) (if air cargo)
A copy of the B/L (Bill of Lading) (if sea cargo)
☐ Other documents that Animal Quarantine Service requires

Import inspection

The following matters will be inspected:

- ◆ No abnormality is found in the health condition of the dog or cat (target diseases: rabies and, for dogs, leptospirosis).
- ◆ Microchip number matches the numbers on all the certificates (by reading the microchip number).
- ◆ The certificate is issued or endorsed by the government agency of the exporting country.
- ◆ The contents of the certificates issued by the government agency of the exporting country meet the requirements for importing dogs and cats into Japan.
- ◆ If transported through Non-designated regions (transit), either of the following conditions must be fulfilled.
  1. The seal is neither broken nor open and the seal number matches the number on the certificate issued by the government agency of the exporting country.
  2. The additional certificate on transportation (ANNEX) is complete.

Estimated time for inspection

If no problems are found with the certificates or with the health condition of the dog or cat (the requirements are met), the quarantine period for inspection will be less than 12 hours (usually less than a few hours).

If any problems are found in the inspection upon arrival

If any problems are found upon arrival, the dog or cat will be subject to quarantine at the detention facility of Animal Quarantine Service [→ STEP 7-2]. Depending on the results of the import inspection, the dog or cat cannot be allowed to enter Japan.

If the importer wants the dog or cat to be returned without undergoing quarantine at the detention facility, these will be conducted under the directions of Animal Quarantine Service, but the procedures must be taken at the importer’s own responsibility and expense. If the importer chooses to return the dog or cat to the exporting country, the importer should contact the authorities in charge of quarantine or the embassy of the country receiving the dog or cat and confirm the requirements.

2. Quarantine inspection at a detention facility of Animal Quarantine Service

If the requirements are not met, the dog or cat will be subject to quarantine at the detention facility of Animal Quarantine Service for the necessary period (up to 180 days). If no problems are found with the health condition of the dog or cat after completion of the quarantine period, an Import Quarantine Certificate will be granted and the dog or cat can be imported.

Detention facility for quarantine

Quarantine is conducted at a detention facility of Animal Quarantine Service at the port of entry.

Animal Quarantine Service with a detention facility:

◆ Airport: Hokkaido sub-branch (Iburi branch office), Narita branch, Haneda Airport branch, Chubu Airport branch, Kansai Airport branch, Fukuoka Airport sub-branch, Kagoshima Airport sub-branch

◆ Seaport: Yokohama head office, Kobe branch, Osaka sub-branch, Moji branch, Okinawa branch

Cost of quarantine inspection

The importer is responsible for all costs of quarantine other than the cost of inspections by Animal Quarantine Service.

- Cost of transportation from the port of entry to the detention facility (the importer cannot transport the dog or cat).
- Cost of caretaking during the quarantine (cost of food and cleaning/disinfection of cell)
- Lighting, heating and water expenses for detention facility
- Veterinarian's visiting fee (if necessary)
- Cost of reshipment
- Cost of restoration such as repairs to the detention facility
- Other necessary expenses

Care of your pet during quarantine

The importer is responsible for caretaking and feeding during quarantine.

- At a detention facility where a caretaker company is stationed, the importer can entrust the caretaking and feeding duties to the caretaker.
- For information about the caretaking and feeding at a detention facility where a caretaker company is not stationed, contact Animal Quarantine Service.

Detention facilities where a caretaker company is stationed:
Narita branch, Haneda Airport branch, Kansai Airport branch

Visits during quarantine

Visiting your dog or cat during quarantine is allowed, but the visiting hours and the visitors are restricted.

For further information, contact Animal Quarantine Service.

If any problems are found during quarantine

If symptoms of rabies or, for dogs, leptospirosis is observed, the quarantine period may be extended and some additional examinations may be conducted.

Precautions

- During quarantine, dogs and cats cannot be brought out of the detention facility under any circumstances, except when the dog or cat is returned to the exporting country.
- Medical treatments at the detention facility by a private veterinarian is allowed. You are strongly recommended to find a veterinarian, who can come to the detention facility for medical treatments, before starting quarantine.
- In terms of health care for dogs and cats during quarantine and sanitary control of the detention facility, vaccinations (combination vaccine) and parasite treatments [→ Reference 2] should be performed in advance in the exporting country.

[Reference 1] Notes for transportation

On transporting dogs and cats, the importer should note the following matters.

1. Ports of entry where import is allowed

Dogs can be imported only through the following ports.

Ports where cats can be imported are not restricted. If a port of entry other than those listed below is to be used for importing cats, contact Animal Quarantine Service in advance.

◆ Airport: New Chitose Airport, Narita International Airport,
Tokyo International Airport (Haneda Airport), Chubu International Airport,
Kansai International Airport, Kitakyushu Airport, Fukuoka Airport,
Kagoshima Airport, Naha Airport

◆ Seaport: Tomakomai Seaport, Keihin Seaport (Tokyo, Yokohama), Nagoya Seaport,
Hanshin Seaport (Osaka, Hyogo), Kanmon Seaport, Hakata Seaport,
Kagoshima Seaport, Naha Seaport

Precautions

・Dogs and cats that are subject to quarantine for more than 12 hours [→ STEP 7-2] must arrive at a port with a detention facility.

2. Health condition for transport

The following dogs or cats are not suited for transport or quarantine. If it is necessary to import such animals, we recommend you to contact your veterinarian in advance whether the dog or cat can endure the transportation and quarantined.

◆ Puppies, kittens or old age
◆ Pregnant or lactating
◆ With a history of illness, sickly, or currently receiving medication (other than for parasite treatment)
◆ Injured

3. Transport cage

The importer is responsible for choosing an appropriate transport cage that is not uncomfortable for the dog or cat but prevents their escape and ensures safe transport. For further information on the acceptable size or type of transport cages for boarding, contact the airline etc. to be used.

4. Types of transportation

There are two types of transportation: hand luggage (checked baggage) and cargo.
For further information, contact the airline etc. to be used.

◆ Hand luggage (checked baggage)
The dog or cat is to be transported as a carry-on baggage or checked baggage.
If boarded as checked baggage, the dog or cat will be picked up at the area where checked baggage is picked up.

◆ Cargo
The dog or cat is to be transported as air cargo (or sea cargo).
For air cargo, an “AWB (Air Waybill)” is issued.
For sea cargo, a “B/L (Bill of Lading)” is issued.
Upon arrival in Japan, the dog or cat is transported to the cargo shed (bonded warehouse) in the cargo area.
Animal quarantine procedures are followed by customs procedures.

Precautions

・Airlines etc. may apply various restrictions for transportation.
For further information, contact the airline etc. to be used.

[Reference 2] Recommended treatments (vaccinations, parasite treatment)

In terms of animal health care and sanitary control of the detention facility, the following treatments are recommended.

In particular, for dogs and cats subject to quarantine at a detention facility [→ STEP 7-2] upon arrival in Japan, vaccinations (combination vaccine) and parasite treatment should be performed in advance.

1. Vaccinations (combination vaccine)

◆ For dogs: Distemper, canine adenovirus type 2, canine parvovirus disease, etc.

◆ For cats: Feline viral rhinotracheitis, feline calicivirus infection, feline panleukopenia, etc.

Precautions

・Dogs and cats should be vaccinated under the guidance of your veterinarian to give them sufficient antibodies.

2. Treatment for external and internal parasites

◆ External parasites: fleas, ticks
◆ Internal parasites: nematodes, cestodes

Precautions

・The effect of treatment for parasites must be maintained at the time of arrival in Japan.

C. List of Animal Quarantine Service

Name	Airport, Seaport	TEL	FAX	E-mail address
Hokkaido and Tohoku Branch	Tomakomai Seaport, New Chitose Airport	+81-123-24-6080	+81-123-24-6091	aqs.spk@maff.go.jp
Narita Branch, Contact desk for travel of dog & cat	Narita International Airport	+81-476-32-6664	+81-476-34-4261	aqs.nrtr1@maff.go.jp (Terminal 1) aqs.nrtr2@maff.go.jp (Terminal 2) aqs.nrtcargo@maff.go.jp (Cargo)
Haneda Airport Branch, Contact desk for travel of dog & cat (Terminal 3)	Tokyo International Airport (Haneda Airport)	+81-3-5757-9752	+81-3-5757-9759	aqs.hnd@maff.go.jp
Yokohama Head Office Animal Quarantine Division	Keihin Seaport (Tokyo, Yokohama)	+81-45-751-5973	+81-45-751-5951	aqs.yokdobutu@maff.go.jp
Chubu Airport Branch	Chubu International Airport	+81-569-38-8577	+81-569-38-8585	aqs.nga@maff.go.jp
Nagoya Sub-branch	Nagoya Seaport	+81-52-651-0334	+81-52-661-0203	aqs.ngo@maff.go.jp
Kansai Airport Branch, Contact desk for travel of dog & cat	Kansai International Airport	+81-72-455-1956	+81-72-455-1957	aqs.kixk1@maff.go.jp
Kansai Airport Branch, Except for the above		+81-72-455-1986		
Kansai Airport Branch (Cargo)		+81-72-455-1958	+81-72-455-1959	aqs.kixcargo@maff.go.jp
Kobe Branch	Hanshin Seaport (Hyogo)	+81-78-222-8990	+81-78-222-8993	aqs.ukb@maff.go.jp
Osaka Sub-branch	Hanshin Seaport (Osaka)	+81-6-6575-3466	+81-6-6575-0977	aqs.osa@maff.go.jp
Moji Branch	Kanmon Seaport, Kitakyushu Airport	+81-93-321-1116	+81-93-332-5858	aqs.moj@maff.go.jp
Hakata Sub-branch	Hakata Seaport	+81-92-262-5285	+81-92-262-5283	aqs.hkt@maff.go.jp
Fukuoka Airport Sub-branch	Fukuoka Airport	+81-92-477-0080	+81-92-477-7580	aqs.fuk@maff.go.jp
Kagoshima Airport Sub-branch	Kagoshima Airport, Kagoshima Seaport	+81-995-43-9061	+81-995-43-9066	aqs.kop@maff.go.jp
Okinawa Branch	Naha Seaport	+81-98-861-4370	+81-98-862-0093	aqs.nah@maff.go.jp
Naha Airport Sub-branch	Naha Airport	+81-98-857-4468	+81-98-859-1646	aqs.nap@maff.go.jp

D. Management after import into Japan

The owner must obey the domestic laws after importing dogs and cats.

1. Registration with municipality (only for dogs)

Under the Rabies Prevention Law, dogs must be registered with the municipality where they are kept.

The owner must bring the “Import Quarantine Certificate for Dogs”, issued by Animal Quarantine Service, to the municipality for registration within 30 days of import.

For further information, contact the municipality office.

2. Rabies vaccination (only for dogs)

Under the Rabies Prevention Law, dogs must be vaccinated against rabies once a year.

For further information, contact the municipality office.

3. Microchip registration (optional)

The microchip number (currently only those in accordance with ISO standards) can be registered domestically with a copy of the “Import Quarantine Certificate,” issued by Animal Quarantine Service.

When a lost dog or cat is found in Japan, its owner can be identified if the microchip number is registered. For further information, contact AIPO (Animal ID Promotion Organization).

◆ AIPO (Animal ID Promotion Organization) office: Japan Veterinary Medical Association
Phone: 03-3475-1695 Fax: 03-3475-1697]

Precautions

- Import Quarantine Certificate will be necessary to export the dog or cat that has been imported into Japan.
- If you are planning to export your dog or cat, apply for export to Animal Quarantine Service at least 7 days prior to export.