

Quarantine of Dogs and Cats



Animal Quarantine Service, Narita Branch
Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

INFORMATION FOR IMPORT OF DOGS AND CATS

<<To import/take your dogs and cats into Japan >>

Outline of the Regulations for import of dogs and cats

1. Advance notification for import

Importers of dogs and cats entering Japan shall notify the Animal Quarantine Service of port of entry **at least 40 days** prior to the date of arrival.

Items to be notified in the **Advance Notification**: name and address of applicant submitting, species of animal, quantity, date of birth, sex, country of export, scheduled place of arrival, scheduled date and place of embarkation, scheduled date of arrival and the flight no., and other useful information.

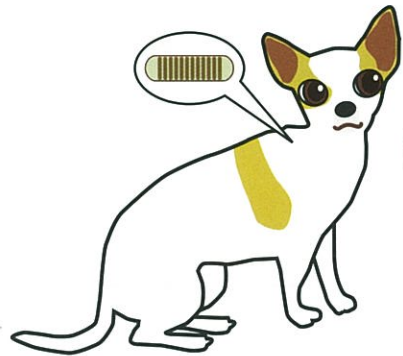
Notification form is available from the website of Animal Quarantine Service at <http://www.maff-aqs.go.jp>. Upon acceptance, the Animal Quarantine Service will issue "Approval of import inspection of animals" to the applicant. At the time of arrival, the importer is required to present the document or the approval number.

Is the notification OK?



2. Microchip identification

Identification of dogs and cats and the export health certificate will be checked by the microchip number. If the microchip does not conform to ISO standards 11784 and 11785, the importer is required to provide a legible microchip reader.



Microchips can be fitted at veterinary clinics, so please contact them for advice, or the Japan Veterinary Medical Association (Tel +81 (0)3-3475-1601, Fax +81 (0)3-3475-1604).

3. Dogs and Cats from designated regions

Designated regions (as of Jul 2013) are as follows:

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

With regard to dogs and cats being imported into Japan directly from any of the designated rabies free countries or territories shown above, and to be released from quarantine within 12 hours, the following requirements shall be certified by the competent government authorities of the exporting country. (Hereinafter export certificate)

- (i) The animal was fitted with a microchip. (Identification number, date of implantation and type of microchip (reader))
- (ii) The animal has been kept only in any of the designated regions for 180 days*, since birth or since the import from Japan.
- (iii) No case of rabies has been confirmed in the designated regions during the past 2 years.
- (iv) The animal has shown no clinical signs of rabies (and in the case of dog, rabies and leptospirosis) immediately before departure.

* The animal, kept in any of the designated countries or territories less than 180 days, will be detained on arrival in quarantine facility for the difference of 180 days and the length of days in shortage.

! The animal that does not fulfill the above requirements or the next 4. shall be detained for **180 days** in quarantine.



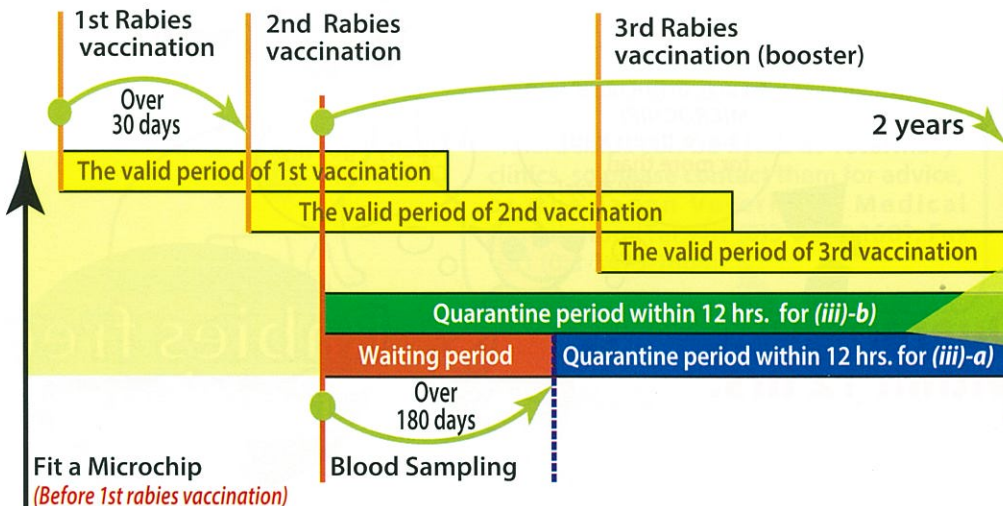
4. Dogs and Cats from regions other than the designated regions

For dogs and cats to be released within 12 hours, the following requirements shall be certified by the competent government authorities of the exporting country.

- (i) The animal was fitted with a microchip, and vaccinated twice* against rabies with inactivated or recombinant vaccines. The interval of vaccinations shall be equal to or more than 30 days and within a year (or within the validity). (Microchip identification number, Date of implantation, Date of rabies vaccination, Kind of rabies vaccine, and the validity.)
- (ii) After two vaccinations, a neutralizing antibody titration test against rabies virus shall be carried out at the designated laboratory by the Japanese government with a result of at least 0.5IU/ml of serum. (Date of blood sampling and name of the veterinarian, Antibody titer and name and address of the designated laboratory)
- (iii) **a)** At arrival not less than 180 days** and not more than 2 years have passed since the above serum was sampled.
Or
b) At arrival it can be substituted by "Export quarantine certificate" issued by Animal Quarantine Officer (of Japanese government) certifying data of above (i) (ii) in Japan and not more than 2 years have passed since the above serum was sampled.
- (iv) After the vaccination the animal has been continuously given rabies booster vaccinations. (Date of rabies vaccination, Kind of rabies vaccine, etc.)
- (v) The animal has shown no clinical signs of rabies, and leptospirosis for dog, immediately before departure.

- * The animal shall be older than **90 days old** before being vaccinated against rabies.
- ** The animal, blood-sampled within less than 180 days before arrival, will be detained on arrival in quarantine facility for the difference of 180 days and the length of days in shortage.
- ! The animal that does not fulfill the above requirements shall be detained for **180 days** in quarantine.

What is required to make quarantine less than 12 hours ?



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- Microchip identification number
- Rabies vaccination certificate
- Serological test for rabies antibody
- Waiting Period (Over 180 days)
- Health Certificate



If you does not fulfill the requirements ...



5. Import inspection on arrival in Japan

On arrival, importer shall submit an application for import inspection to the Animal Quarantine Service and have dogs and cats inspected by Animal Quarantine Officer. Inspection of the export certificate and dogs and cats scheduled for quarantine within 12 hours will not usually take long, if the advance notification has been promptly made, dogs and cats have been successfully identified, and all requirements have been properly met.

6. Feeding arrangements during the quarantine period

It is the importer's responsibility to take care of dogs and cats during quarantine. Importers are requested to take proper care of dogs and cats to avoid unfavorable accidents or illness due to changes in environment.

The importer shall cover all the cost except import inspection by Animal Quarantine Officer, such as transport, feeding, on-site veterinary treatment, and return or disposal of dogs and cats. Please bear in mind that veterinary treatment has to be done at the quarantine facilities of Animal Quarantine Service during quarantine.



Please check my microchip
identification Number!

Please check if my microchip
identification number is stated on
the **governmental certification!**

INFORMATION FOR EXPORT OF DOGS AND CATS

<<To take your dogs and cats out of Japan >>

Outline of the Regulations for export of dogs and cats

1. Confirm the regulation of entering the country of destination

Exporters are requested to make sure by themselves the up-to-date requirement for entering the country to the embassy or the quarantine authorities.

2. Regulation of Japan

Dogs and cats shall undergo quarantine and inspection when being exported from Japan. Early consultation is advised to make arrangements for export inspection, and it is necessary that you submit an application to the Animal Quarantine Station in advance (at least 7 days before traveling).

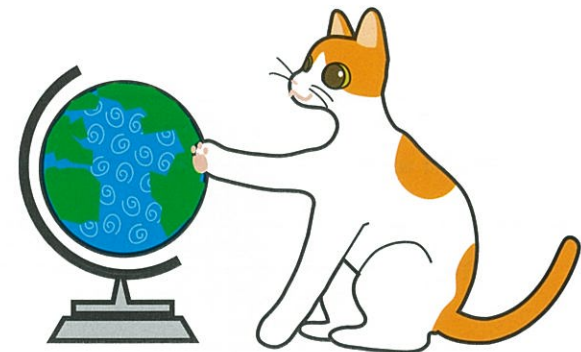
On the day of export, exporters shall bring dogs and cats to Animal Quarantine Service (Narita airport: terminal 1 is on 2F, terminal 2 is on 6F) with all the certificates required by the country of destination and the health certificate issued by the veterinary about 1 hour before check-in.

Inspection receipt time for export of animal

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※ A person who wants the inspection of overtime, please consult our Animal Quarantine Service beforehand.

! Animal quarantine is necessary when returning to Japan even if you are only out of Japan **for a short period** (on holiday etc.). If your animal will re-enter to Japan, please refer anterior 3. or 4. of information for import of dogs and cats.



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For more information about importing/exporting dogs and cats,
please contact;

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