What to Expect When Traveling to Korea with Pets

Congratulations and welcome to the Republic of South Korea. Traveling for 14-28 hours across the International Date Line can be stressful and exhausting. When traveling with pets, it may get confusing. This guide is designed to brief you on what to expect when you arrive to Korea with pets at either Incheon International Airport (Seoul) or at Osan Air Base on the Patriot Express.

Note: Regulations and requirements do change frequently, for the most up to the date regulations; please check with the 106th Medical Detachment (Veterinary Service Support) website at: **http://www.korea.amedd.army.mil/veterinary/index.html?2**

There are currently only two ports of entry for pets (dogs and cats) into the Republic of Korea (ROK):

1) Incheon International Airport – commercial and cargo arrivals
2) Osan Air Force Base – Patriot Express

For arrivals into **Incheon International Airport**, you should expect to go through the following:

a) Pets that are **flown in-cabin**
    a. Upon arrival to the gate, you will take your pet with you through to immigration. After registering through immigration, you will proceed to the baggage claim area for your pets' in-processing.
    b. The Animal and Plant Quarantine and Inspection Agency (QIA) office/desk for pet processing is located within the passenger baggage claim area.
    c. When you bring your pets to the pet processing area, you will be asked to provide the following:
        i. **ORIGINAL APHIS Form 7001 – signed in blue**
        ii. **ORIGINAL FAVN (Rabies Antibody Test) form**
        iii. **ORIGINAL rabies certificate**
        iv. **Pets – for verification of microchip**
    d. If there are errors in the documents or the pets are sick, the QIA will place them in quarantine. When your animal is placed in quarantine, you will be asked to immediately call for transportation through an approved transporter to the Animal Quarantine Facility (at your expense). Expenses vary from $30-50 per day and transportation can cost $200-300. The phone number should be provided to you by the QIA.
    e. If your pets are cleared by the QIA to enter the Republic of Korea, collect your bags, and proceed to customs.

f. After customs you will proceed with all other Service Members to the USO counter for ground transportation to either Camp Humphreys or another duty location.
g. Depending on your final destination, your pets may or may not be authorized on the bus. Please check with your gaining unit or sponsor for the most current authorization and base information. If your pet is allowed to ride in the bus, it must be small enough to travel in the travel carrier. **Pets are not authorized to ride under the bus.**
h. **<u>If your pets are too large to fit in the bus, you must contact a pet transporter to transport the pets to the next destination</u>** (at your expense). Please contact your local veterinary treatment facility for advice on pet transportation services.
i. You **MUST** make housing reservations for your pet prior to your arrival. For those Service Members going to Camp Humphreys for in-processing, USAG Humphreys Army Lodging does allow pets in certain rooms. Personnel bound for all other locations, please contact their destination lodging for those locations' pet housing options.
j. Pet reservations for boarding can be made with the Osan Pet Lodge or off-base veterinary clinics. **Camp Humphreys and Osan Veterinary Treatment Facilities are not authorized boarding facilities for Privately-Owned Animals (POA).**

b) Pets flown in the **belly of the airplane (excess baggage)**
   a. Upon arrival to the gate, you will proceed to immigration. After registering through immigration, you will proceed to the baggage claim area for your pets' in-processing.
   b. The Animal and Plant Quarantine and Inspection Agency (QIA) office/desk for pet processing is located within the passenger baggage claim area.
   c. Your pets may or may not be present in the baggage claim area. There is the possibility that they were moved to the cargo area and you will need to proceed to the cargo area for further pet processing.
   d. Upon arrival to the pet processing area, you will be asked to provide the following:
      i. **ORIGINAL APHIS Form 7001 – signed in blue**
      ii. **ORIGINAL FAVN (Rabies Antibody Test) form**
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      iv. **Pets – for verification of microchip**
      v. **Airline Waybill – if applicable**

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k. Pet reservations for boarding can be made with the Osan Pet Lodge or off-base veterinary clinics. **Camp Humphreys and Osan Veterinary Treatment Facilities are not authorized boarding facilities for Privately-Owned Animals (POA).**
l. **NOTE:** Customs brokers can help with the process. However, you will incur additional fees for their assistance that are not reimbursable. The brokers are recommended by the airlines, but are not required.

c) Pets that are flown in **cargo/fly unaccompanied**
   a. Upon arrival to the cargo pet processing area, you will be asked to provide the following:
      i. ORIGINAL APHIS Form 7001 – signed in blue
      ii. ORIGINAL FAVN (Rabies Antibody Test) form

iii. **ORIGINAL rabies certificate**
iv. **Pets – for verification of microchip**
v. **Airline Waybill – if applicable**

b. If there are errors in the documents or the pets are sick, the QIA will place them in quarantine. When your animal is placed in quarantine, you will be asked to immediately call for transportation through an approved transporter to the Animal Quarantine Facility (at your expense). Expenses vary from $30-50 per day and transportation can cost $200-300. The phone number should be provided to you by the QIA.
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For arrivals into **Osan Air Base**, expect the following:

a) Pets that are flown **in-cabin**
    a. Upon arrival to the PAX terminal, you and your pet will escorted to a holding gate with all passengers.
    b. Military Customs will ask for all passengers traveling with pets both in cabin and in the belly to identify themselves.
    c. Upon being briefed and filling out the Immigration Arrival Card, you will proceed through immigration and be escorted to the Animal and Plant Quarantine and Inspection Agency (QIA) office and pet holding area.
    d. The Animal and Plant Quarantine and Inspection Agency (QIA) office/desk for pet processing is located within the passenger baggage claim area.
    e. When you bring your pets to the pet processing area, you will be asked to provide the following:
        i. **ORIGINAL APHIS Form 7001 – signed in blue**
        ii. **ORIGINAL FAVN (Rabies Antibody Test) form**
        iii. **ORIGINAL rabies certificate**
        iv. **Pets – for verification of microchip**
    f. If your pets are cleared by the QIA to enter the Republic of Korea, collect your bags, and proceed to customs.
    g. If there are errors in the documents or the pets are sick, the QIA will place them in quarantine. When your animal is placed in quarantine, you and your pet(s) will be transported by Air Force officials to the approved quarantine facility (Osan Pet Lodge and Osan or Camp Humphreys Veterinary Treatment Facilities). Quarantine fees average $20-60 per day.
    h. **If there are significant errors on the documentation, the QIA may require your pet(s) to be transported back to the United States on the next flight out of Korea (at your expense).**

Pets flown in the **belly of the airplane (excess baggage)**

    i. Upon arrival to the PAX terminal, you will be escorted to a holding gate with all passengers.
    j. Your pets will be taken off the plane and transported by representatives to the pet holding area located with the QIA office.
    k. Military Customs will ask for all passengers traveling with pets both in cabin and in the belly to identify themselves.
    l. Upon being briefed and filling out the Immigration Arrival Card, you will proceed through immigration and be escorted to the QIA office and pet holding area.
    m. The Animal and Plant Quarantine and Inspection Agency (QIA) office/desk for pet processing is located within the passenger baggage claim area.

n. When you arrive at the pet processing area, you will be asked to provide the following:
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Transportation from Osan Air Base Passenger Terminal to Camp Humphreys

1) Pets are only authorized to travel on the bus between Osan and Camp Humphreys if they fit in a carrier on your lap and if there is room.
2) If your pet is too large to fit inside the bus, then a pet transporter MUST be utilized (at your expense). Please contact your local veterinary treatment facility for advice on pet transportation services.
3) The current cost for the pet transporter is approximately $250.

Transportation from Osan Air Base Passenger Terminal to all other locations

Transportation and housing arrangements for all pets going to other locations must be made prior to your arrival to Korea. You will have neither the time nor resources to have arrangements made while processing through the Osan Passenger Terminal.

Note: Some taxis are willing to take pets in them, but you **WILL** pay a premium and these expenses are not very negotiable and may not be reimbursable.

List of Veterinary Treatment Facilities on the Korean Peninsula

1) **Camp Humphreys Veterinary Treatment Facility**
    a. **82-05033-37-9720 or DSN 315-737-9720**
2) **Osan Veterinary Treatment Facility**
    a. **82-0505-784-6614 or DSN 315-784-6614**
3) **Camp Walker Veterinary Treatment Facility**
    a. **82-05033-64-4708 or DSN 315-764-4708**