



Wise Owl Animal Hospital Pet Travel Checklist

Federated States of Micronesia

General Information

- Guam is considered rabies free
- This Handout was created on 9.16.15 – please see <http://www.fsmbassdc.org/forms.htm> for updated information

Step One (Recommended)

Time Frame: As Soon As Possible

- ☐ **Microchip your pet**

Note: Microchipping is not a requirement for your pet to enter the FSM, however we highly recommend all pets be microchipped before travel.

Step Two

Time Frame: Between 1-3 months before travel)

- ☐ **Rabies Vaccination**
- ☐ **Get your pet used to its carrier**

Ensure your pet is vaccinated against rabies as well as the following:

Dogs – Distemper, hepatitis and canine parvovirus

Cats – Feline Panleucopaenia, Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis/Calici

Give your pet at least a month before your flight to become familiar with the travel carrier. This will minimize his stress during travel.

Note: *Pets may not travel until **at least 30 days after the rabies vaccine.***

(The day they receive the vaccine is considered Day 0, so if your pet is vaccinated on the 1st of the month, the earliest they may travel is the 31st of the month).

Step Three

Time Frame: Within 1 week of Travel

- ☐ **Application for Permit to Import Live Animals**

This form needs to be filled out and sent to the FSM Quarantine Service in Pohnpei. It is highly suggested you keep the original copy with you as you travel with your pet.

Send to:
John Wichep
Department of Resources & Development
FSM Quarantine Service
P.O. Box PS12 Palikir
Pohnpei FM 96941

Phone: (691) 320-2620/2646/5133

Fax: (691) 320-5854

E-mail: jwichep@fsmrd.fm

Step Four

Time Frame: Within 3 days of Travel

- ☐ **Internal Parasite Treatment**

All animals need to be treated against echinococcosis-hydatidosis, roundworm, hookworm, and whipworms within 3 days of export.

Step Five

Time Frame: Within 48 hours of Travel

- ☐ **International Animal Health Certificate**
- ☐ **USDA Endorsement of Health Certificate**

Bring your pet to Wise Owl for a pre-export clinical exam. Pets must be found to be visibly free of all ectoparasites. The health certificate will also verify the animal has lived in Guam for the 6 months before travel to the FSM.

The certificate must include Your pet's date of birth, Microchip information (number, date it was put in or read, and where it is on your pet's body), Vaccination date, Vaccine manufacturer and product name, Vaccine batch number, Date the vaccination is valid until, The vet's signature and contact details.

Guam USDA representative information:

USDA, Guam FSA Office
FHB Building
400 Route 8, Suite 306
Mongmong, GU 96910-2003

Phone: (671) 472-7568

Fax: (671) 472-7580

****We suggest you visit the office in person for quickest processing & Endorsement***

Step Six

Time Frame: 1 or more days before travel

☐ Transport Pet(s) to Airport

Wise Owl offers services to make your departure easier. We are able to board pets a few days prior to travel and even take care of transporting your pet to the airport the day you leave.

Set up transport with our staff by filling out the Airport Transport Form with all the required information. Bring your pet, all their documentation, crate (see reminders), food, and other necessary items for travel to the clinic. We'll take care of the rest!

Note: Do not feed your pet for four to six hours before the trip. However, you can give him small amounts of water.

Your Pet must travel with all their original documentation. You should keep copies with you as well.

Step Seven

Time Frame: Upon arrival in Micronesia

☐ Inspection

All imported cats and dogs will immediately be taken under the control of an inspector to an approved quarantine facility until the inspector releases them.

Reminders

- The island of Pohnpei does not have a permanently stationed veterinarian. Dr. Joseph is the only veterinarian who regularly flies into the island to provide veterinary care.
- Make sure to get your pet carrier that meets airline regulations.
- There are separate rules governing the import of other animals such as **birds** or **hybrids**.
- **Fit your pet with a collar that can't get caught in carrier doors.** It is also advisable to put a temporary ID with your destination and contact information on your pet as well.
- **Make sure that your pet's nails have been clipped** to protect against them getting hooked in the carrier's door, holes, and other crevices.

Stay in touch!

Wise Owl veterinarians and staff are the only veterinarians who visit Pohnpei on a regular basis.

Come see us at Pacific Islands Veterinary Services!



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