



Wise Owl Animal Hospital Pet Travel Checklist

Guam

Requirements for 5-Days or Less Quarantine (Coming from non-exempt area)

General Information

- Guam is considered a rabies free territory. All quarantine procedures are established to help keep this status for our island.
- Animals originating from the **British Isles, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, and Hawaii** on direct flights to Guam may be exempt from quarantine requirements after meeting shipping and veterinary examination requirements.
- Animals less than 9 weeks of age or pregnant past 45 days of gestation are prohibited entry into Guam.
- If your pet experiences difficulties during hot periods, you should use caution when shipping them to Guam. High temperatures associated with high humidity usually peak during May through October.
- This Handout was created on 9.16.15 – please visit <http://www.andersen.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-141102-023.pdf> for updated information

Step One

Time Frame: Before all other steps

- ☐ **Verify existing Microchip**
OR
☐ **Implant New Microchip**

For 5 days or less quarantine qualifiers, it is the owner's responsibility to have the microchip implanted by a veterinarian and ensure the microchip number is recorded legibly on the serum sample submitted for the rabies testing. The microchip number must be included on the results of the rabies test.

Note: The microchip must be U.S. made and readable with an AVID universal scanner (i.e. AVID chip, Home Again chip).

The microchip must be implanted by a veterinarian *before* the rabies test.

Step Two

Time Frame: not more than 3 or 1 year(s)* before end of quarantine in Guam

- ☐ **Rabies Vaccinations (2)**
☐ **Rabies Certificates (2)**

Health Certificates or other documents cannot be substituted for the actual Rabies Vaccination Certificates (copies are acceptable).

The **rabies vaccination certificate** must:

- Be issued and signed by a licensed veterinarian
- Identify the animal (age, breed, sex, color, weight and markings)
- State that the animal is vaccinated against rabies (including manufacturer, serial/lot number, discard and expiration (duration) dates of the vaccine)
- Include the name and address of the pet owner
- Be certified with a full first and last printed name, clinic address, license number, and legible signature of veterinarian who administered the vaccinations

*Rabies vaccine should not be given more than 365 days prior to the animal's release from quarantine on Guam (36 months if vaccinated with an approved 3-year vaccine).

Note: All rabies vaccinations should be an approved monovalent inactivated rabies vaccine. The use of a modified live rabies vaccine is strongly discouraged and can require quarantine periods for as long as six months after that vaccination.

Do not vaccinate your pet for rabies after blood is drawn for the FAVN test (if performed – Step 5).

The second rabies vaccination should be given no less than 30 days after the first vaccination and a second certificate should be given to you.

Each pet must have completed at least two rabies vaccinations in its life prior to release from commercial quarantine, and the most recent rabies vaccination must still be current.

Step Three

Time Frame: More than 10 days, less than 1 year before date of travel

- ☐ **Check Vaccinations**

The department recommends that your pet receives the following vaccinations and that they are valid for the entire post-arrival quarantine period:

Dogs: Distemper, Hepatitis or Adenovirus-2, Leptospirosis, Parvovirus, Para-influenza and Bordetella bronchiseptica

Cats: feline enteritis (feline panleucopenia or feline distemper), rhinotracheitis (herpesvirus-1) and calicivirus

Note: Your veterinarian must sign a letter or other document that details the date and types of vaccinations administered.

Step Four	Time Frame: 2-3 months before date of travel
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☐ **Book Quarantine Accommodation in Guam**

There are no government quarantine areas on Guam, so pets must be kept in a private kennel. You must have a reservation with a government-approved kennel (Andersen Pet Lodge or Harpers if you're affiliated with military) before shipping your pet to Guam.

All animals originating from non-exempt areas are required to undergo quarantine on Guam. You will need to contact a facility directly for kennel reservations and rates. You must attach evidence of confirmed reservations at a government approved quarantine facility with the Entry Permit packet.

APPROVED QUARANTINE FACILITIES:

Harper Valley Kennels

*****NOT recommended for quarantine more than 5 days*****

Manibusan Lane

Chalan Pago, Guam

Phone: (671) 477-8381

Fax: (671) 477-8380 133

Website: www.harpervet.net

E-mail: harperkennels@guam.net

Available to Military Personnel Only:

Andersen Animal Quarantine & Kennel

Facility Andersen Air Force Base, Guam

Phone: (671) 366-5020

Fax: (671) 366-5021

Website: www.36fss.com under "Families"

E-mail: chumporn.velte@us.af.mil or

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Step Five	Time Frame: 1 year – 120 days before date of travel (recommended)
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☐ **OIE-FAVN Test**

See REMINDERS section for laboratories that conduct the FAVN test

Animals cannot be released from Quarantine until 120 days after the FAVN test. For this reason it is recommended the FAVN test be conducted more than 120 days prior to travel. The day that the laboratory receives the OIE-FAVN sample counts as the first day for the 120-day countdown.

A rabies blood test to determine if dogs and cats have responded adequately to the rabies. The testing laboratory (*See REMINDERS section for laboratories where FAVN test is available*) must submit the test results directly to the Animal Quarantine Program at:

Department of Agriculture

163 Dairy Road

Mangilao, Guam 96913

Phone: (671) 300-7965/66

Fax: (671) 734-6569

When updating rabies vaccinations prior to conducting the FAVN testing, you should wait at least 10 days before drawing the blood sample. This gives time for the pet to respond to the vaccine and build a titer high enough to pass the FAVN testing requirements.

NOTE: DO NOT ADMINISTER FURTHER RABIES VACCINATIONS AFTER THE BLOOD IS DRAWN FOR THE FAVN TEST.

To be considered valid, the test results must include the number of the implanted microchip and a complete description of the animal (sex, breed, age, color or color pattern, any visible unique identifying characteristics, etc.)

Step Six	Time Frame: Within the 10 days before arrival in Guam
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☐ **Pre-Export Inspection of Animal**

☐ **Health Certificate**

Pets must be examined by a Government Approved Veterinarian or Official Government Veterinarian and found to be free from ticks and clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease within 10 days before arrival in Guam.

The veterinary **Health Certificate** must include:

- A complete description of animal (age, markings, sex, breed and weight)
- Microchip number & date of implantation
- Name, serial/lot number, expiration date of lot, and date of rabies vaccination
- Veterinarian's statement certifying the animal is clear of or has been treated to remove internal and external parasites (plus date and name of product used in treatment)
 - All treatment must use Fipronil
- Certification that the animal is clear of any evidence of infectious or contagious diseases (including heartworm testing/treatment information)

Step Seven

Time Frame: Within 10 days of arrival in Guam (right after Step 6)

☐ **Application for Entry Permit**

☐ **Pay Entry Permit Fee**

☐ **Pay Pet License Fee**

Application available at:
<http://www.andersen.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-141102-025.pdf>

Your **Application for Entry Permit** must be accompanied by copies of:

- Results of the Rabies antibody test (OIE-FAVN) processed 120 days before entry to Guam. Microchip number is required for this test.*
- Copy of 2 valid rabies vaccination certificates administered no less than 3 months apart prior to approval of entry permit.
- Copy of the record of required annual immunizations administered no less than 10 days and no more than 6 months prior to approval of entry permit.
- Confirmation of kennel reservation made with quarantine facility (provide kennel name and staff will contact kennel to confirm reservation).
- A copy of a valid health certificate issued no more than 10 days prior to flight.
- Payment of the permit and pet license fees (see note)

Note: Entry Permit Fee is \$60.00 per pet and the Pet License Fee is \$5.00 per pet/per year. Payment may be made with a *cashier check or money order payable to Treasurer of Guam* to:

Department of Agriculture
163 Dairy Road
Mangulao, Guam 96932
Phone: (671) 300-7965/66
Fax: (671) 734-6569

*The testing laboratory must submit the OIE-FAVN test results by fax directly to the Animal Quarantine Office.

Please fax the required documents to the Department of Agriculture, ATTN: Animal Quarantine. Faxing of documents is recommended to ensure receipt and expedite processing. Please contact the Animal Quarantine office to ensure receipt of the required documents.

Reminders & Post-Arrival Information

Authorized FAVN laboratories:

The Rabies Laboratory Kansas State University
2005 Research Park Circle Manhattan
Kansas, KS 66502 U.S.A.
Phone: 785-532-4483
Fax: 785-532-4474/4522
Website: <http://www.vet.k-state.edu/depts/dmp/service/rabies/index.htm>

Research Institute for Animal Science & Biochemistry & Toxicology
3-7-11 Hashimotodai
Sagamihara 229-1132 Japan
Kanagawa, Japan
Phone: 81-42-762-2775
Fax: 81-42-762-7979

All laboratories currently listed on the EU DEFRA website are approved for performing the FAVN test for rabies. see www.EUapproverabieslaboratories

- No quarantine of less than 5 days can be guaranteed based on the availability of a veterinarian to perform the arrival quarantine examination. If documentation is incomplete to meet the requirements a less than 120-day quarantine program, the full 120-day commercial quarantine program will go into effect.
- Make sure to get your pet carrier that meets airline regulations.
- **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.

FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL:

- Animals must be registered within 30 days after moving into base housing with the U.S. Army Veterinary Detachment. Families living in off-base housing should register their pets with the Government of Guam.
- **Reimbursement** for actual mandatory quarantine fees for household pets is authorized not to exceed \$550 per PCS move. Keep receipts for quarantine expenses and file your claim with NBG, Personnel Support Detachment (PSD) upon your arrival to Guam.
- Guam does not have strict leash or pet licensing and registration laws. However, **if you live on base** your pet must always be on a leash, micro-chipped, registered at the Boller Veterinary Clinic on Naval Base Guam or the Andersen Veterinary Treatment Facility on Andersen Air Force Base.