

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
**HEADQUARTERS, 129<sup>th</sup> MEDICAL DETACHMENT (VM)**  
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MEMORANDUM FOR All Pet Owners coming to Korea

Subject: **Importation of Privately Owned Animals in to the Republic of Korea**

1. The following information applies to all personnel covered under the Status of forces Agreement (SOFA) between the United States and the ROK.
2. The following items are required when bringing an animal into the ROK.
  - a. **Health Certificate, Less than 10 days old**, when arriving in to the ROK (the original plus two copies)
  - b. **Rabies Certificate**, Rabies vaccination **must be current and at least 30 days old**. Animals arriving without a current rabies vaccination, or one that is less than 30 days old, will be quarantined at the owner's expense for up to a maximum 30 days. Animals less than 90 days old are exempt from this requirement. (the original plus two copies)
  - c. Certificate of Excess Baggage, original signature (if the animal is travelling unaccompanied).
3. When preparing your animal's cage for travel, attach the following to the cage.
  - a. One copy of the Rabies certificate.
  - b. One copy of the Health certificate.
  - c. One copy of your flight itinerary.
  - d. One copy of your orders assigning you to Korea.
  - e. A feeding schedule for your animal, if your pet is on a special diet.
4. When Quarantine is required, all dogs and cats will be placed in the National Quarantine Station in Seoul. Upon arrival in the ROK, you will need to go to the Yongsan Pet Care Center, located on Yongsan (South Post), and fill out the necessary forms for your animal to be picked up from the National Quarantine Station. At this time you will also need to present to the YPCC the following items.
  - a. Original Rabies certificate
  - b. Bill of Lading or Certificate of Excess Baggage (If the animal is travelling unaccompanied)
  - c. Original Health certificate
  - d. One copy of your orders assigning you to Korea
  - e. Power of Attorney (YPCC has a form to sign).

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5. Owners are responsible for arranging housing for their pets. Most hotels including Dragon Hill Lodge do not allow pets. It is recommended arrangements be made with your sponsor or with Yongsan Pet Care Center.
6. The YPCC is located near Gate 17 in Building #5256. The telephone number DSN, from Korea is 736-6426. When calling from the United States dial 011-822-7916-6426. The Pet Care Center is closed on Sundays and Holidays. Hours of operation are 1000 to 1900 Mondays to Friday and 1000 to 1700 on Saturday.
7. Once your animal has been released from quarantine, you will need to register your animal with the 129<sup>th</sup> Medical Detachment (VM) Veterinary Hospital within 14 days. The Yongsan Veterinary Hospital is located in building #728. The telephone number from Yongsan is 738-4261/5145.
8. Further questions can be directed to this office 738-4261/5145 or commercial 011-822-7918-4261/5145.