PCS with Pets Checklist

OCONUS planning worksheet | Dogs & cats

Service branch: _____ Duty station: _____
Destination country/state/territory: _____
Estimated arrival date: _____ Departure airport: _____
Pet 1: _____ Species: _____ Microchip: _____
Pet 2: _____ Species: _____ Microchip: _____
Additional pets / notes: _____

1 | ORDERS & DESTINATION

- ☐ Confirm accompanied orders and whether each pet may accompany the family
- ☐ Read the official destination pet-import checklist; record the source and date checked
- ☐ Confirm installation, housing-provider, breed, size and pet-count rules
- ☐ Confirm whether an import permit, quarantine reservation or advance notice is required

2 | VETERINARY TIMELINE

- ☐ Book a USDA-accredited veterinarian if required for international certificates
- ☐ Verify ISO microchip requirements and scan every pet's chip
- ☐ Check rabies and other vaccination dates, required intervals and validity
- ☐ Confirm whether rabies antibody titer/FAVN or parasite treatment is required
- ☐ Book the destination-specific health certificate exam and endorsement if required
- ☐ Ask about chronic medications, prescriptions and in-flight health concerns

3 | TRAVEL & ARRIVAL

- ☐ Confirm Patriot Express / commercial airline pet booking and cargo rules
- ☐ Measure each pet and confirm IATA-compliant crate size and airline specifications
- ☐ Check seasonal heat/cold embargoes, layovers and transit-country requirements
- ☐ Arrange airport inspection, pet pickup, ground transport and emergency backup
- ☐ Reserve pet-friendly temporary lodging or boarding as needed

4 | DOCUMENTS & MONEY

- ☐ Keep originals and digital copies of orders, vaccines, microchip and lab reports
- ☐ Save import permits, certificates, endorsements, airline confirmations and receipts
- ☐ Ask transportation/finance offices about current PCS pet reimbursement eligibility
- ☐ Build a budget for each pet, including fees, crates, testing, boarding and quarantine

5 | FINAL 2 WEEKS & ARRIVAL

- ☐ Reconfirm entry rules and all certificate / treatment deadlines
- ☐ Pack leash, ID tags, water bowl, food, medication and a cleaning kit
- ☐ Confirm destination veterinarian and 24-hour emergency clinic
- ☐ Register pets with installation / municipality and update microchip contacts

PERSONAL DEADLINES / DESTINATION-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

Due: _____ Task: _____
Due: _____ Task: _____
Due: _____ Task: _____
Due: _____ Task: _____
Due: _____ Task: _____

Official starting points: USDA APHIS (aphis.usda.gov/pet-travel); Military OneSource (militaryonesource.mil); installation housing office; destination government veterinary/import authority; DTMO (travel.dod.mil).

Planning aid only, not an entry permit or official military checklist. Requirements vary by destination, transit route, species and travel date. Confirm current rules with official authorities.