

# FAVN Rabies Titer — Country & State Reference Guide

## Fluorescent Antibody Virus Neutralization (FAVN) Testing Requirements for Pet Travel

For use by A Pet's Place staff and clients planning international or high-biosecurity travel. Updated 2026.

### WHAT IS THE FAVN TEST?

The Fluorescent Antibody Virus Neutralization (FAVN) test measures the level of rabies antibodies in your pet's blood to confirm that their rabies vaccination has produced a sufficient immune response. It is not the same as a standard rabies vaccine certificate.

Many high-biosecurity countries require this test to avoid lengthy quarantine periods or as a mandatory condition of entry. The test must be performed by an approved laboratory and must be completed before travel.

#### Key facts about FAVN testing:

- Microchip must be implanted BEFORE the rabies vaccine is administered.
- Blood sample can only be collected 30 days or more after the most recent rabies vaccination.
- Many countries require a 180-day waiting period from the date of blood collection before entry.
- Results can take up to 8 weeks — plan well in advance.
- The FAVN test is not the same as a health certificate — both are typically required.
- Approved lab: Kansas State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (KSVDL) is USDA-approved for FAVN testing.

**⚠ Start this process at least 6–9 months before your travel date for countries with a 180-day waiting period.**

### INTERNATIONAL DESTINATIONS — FAVN REQUIREMENTS

The table below summarizes known FAVN requirements by country or region. Requirements change — always verify with the destination country's embassy and the USDA APHIS website before travel.

USDA APHIS Pet Travel: [www.aphis.usda.gov/pet-travel](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/pet-travel)

Country / Region	FAVN Required	Waiting Period	Key Notes
<b>Australia</b>	Yes	180 days from lab receipt of sample	One of the strictest requirements globally. Microchip required before vaccination.
<b>Japan</b>	Yes	180 days from blood sampling to entry	Two valid rabies vaccines required. Blood sample 30+ days after most recent vaccine.
<b>New Zealand</b>	Yes	180 days from blood sampling	High-biosecurity entry. Microchip must precede rabies vaccine.
<b>Hawaii (USA)</b>	Yes	See Section C of intake form	Strict requirements to qualify for 5-day-or-less quarantine program. See Hawaii section.
<b>Singapore</b>	Yes	Varies by origin country/route	Required for certain categories or routes. Verify current requirements with Singapore AVS.
<b>South Korea</b>	Yes	Varies; verify with embassy	Required for pet entry. Microchip and valid rabies vaccination also required.
<b>Guam</b>	Yes	Varies; verify current rules	Required for all pet entry. Contact Guam Department of Agriculture for current protocol.

<b>UK</b>	Conditional	Varies by origin country	Required if traveling from an unlisted country or for certain rabies-risk scenarios. Verify via APHIS.
<b>EU Member States</b>	Conditional	Varies by origin	Required if traveling from a non-listed rabies-risk country. Most US pets traveling directly are exempt — verify your specific situation.
<b>Hong Kong</b>	Conditional	Varies by origin country	Required depending on origin country risk classification. Verify with AFCD Hong Kong.
<b>China</b>	Conditional	Varies; verify with embassy	Requirements vary. Some entry routes require titer testing. Confirm with Chinese embassy.
<b>Taiwan</b>	Conditional	Varies; verify with embassy	Certain routes and origin countries require titer testing. Verify with Bureau of Animal and Plant Health.
<b>Canada</b>	No	N/A	Valid rabies certificate sufficient. No USDA endorsement required from US.
<b>Mexico</b>	No	N/A	Valid rabies certificate sufficient. No USDA endorsement required from US.
<b>Most of Europe</b>	No (if US origin)	N/A	Standard health certificate + rabies vaccine sufficient for pets traveling directly from the US to EU. Confirm your specific destination.

★ 'Conditional' means FAVN may be required depending on your pet's travel history, origin country, or specific entry route. Always confirm current requirements before booking.

## US STATES & TERRITORIES — FAVN REQUIREMENTS

Within the continental United States, a standard Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) is used for interstate travel — FAVN testing is not required. The exceptions are Hawaii and US territories with high-biosecurity entry requirements.

State / Territory	FAVN Required	Notes
<b>Hawaii</b>	Yes	Strict requirements. FAVN titer required to qualify for 5-day-or-less quarantine program. See Hawaii section of intake form and <a href="http://dab.hawaii.gov/ai/aqs/aqs-info">dab.hawaii.gov/ai/aqs/aqs-info</a> .
<b>Guam (US Territory)</b>	Yes	Treated similarly to international entry. FAVN and additional documentation required.
<b>All other US states</b>	No	Standard CVI (Certificate of Veterinary Inspection) required. Valid for 30 days. No titer testing required.
<b>Puerto Rico</b>	No	Standard CVI required. No titer testing required for domestic US pets.
<b>US Virgin Islands</b>	No	Standard CVI required. Verify any additional requirements with local agriculture authority.

## FAVN TESTING — STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS

- Step 1** | Implant microchip (ISO 11784/11785 compliant). This **MUST** be done before the rabies vaccine is administered.
- Step 2** | Administer rabies vaccine (or confirm current vaccine is on record).

<b>Step 3</b>	Wait at least 30 days after the rabies vaccination before collecting a blood sample.
<b>Step 4</b>	Collect blood sample and send to an approved USDA laboratory (e.g., Kansas State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory — KSVDL).
<b>Step 5</b>	Wait for results — allow up to 8 weeks for turnaround.
<b>Step 6</b>	Begin the mandatory waiting period required by your destination (e.g., 180 days for Japan and Australia).
<b>Step 7</b>	Schedule health certificate appointment at A Pet's Place no sooner than 10 business days before departure.
<b>Step 8</b>	Complete any additional country-specific forms, import permits, or owner-submitted documentation (e.g., Hawaii AQS forms).

**⚠ For Australia, Japan, and New Zealand: begin this process at least 9 months before your planned travel date to account for vaccination timing, the 30-day wait, lab processing, and the 180-day waiting period.**

## APPROVED LABORATORIES FOR FAVN TESTING

FAVN testing must be performed by a USDA-approved laboratory. The primary approved lab in the US is:

### Kansas State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (KSVDL)

USDA-approved for FAVN rabies antibody testing  
 Kansas State University · Manhattan, KS 66506  
 Website: [www.ksvdl.org](http://www.ksvdl.org)

*★ Some destination countries may require use of a specific approved laboratory in their own country or region. Always confirm approved lab requirements with the destination country's embassy or agricultural authority.*

### Important disclaimer

Pet travel requirements change frequently. The information in this guide is provided as a general reference and was last reviewed in 2026. A Pet's Place Animal Hospital is not responsible for changes in import regulations after this document was prepared. Clients are responsible for confirming all current entry requirements with the destination country's embassy, agricultural authority, and the USDA APHIS website prior to travel.