The “Ideal” Timeline

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This timeline represents each step in completing the Government of Japan Animal Quarantine Service pet importation requirements. The timeline shown here will take approximately eight months to complete, but is the most likely to result in no quarantine upon arrival in Japan, provided that all documentation is accurate.
In April 2010, the GOJ AQS updated their importation requirements to allow for two exceptions to having the microchip implanted prior to both rabies vaccines.

The following are schematics to illustrate one of these exceptions.

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April 2010 Exception 1

- Previously Rabies vaccinated
- Microchip
- Rabies vaccine & FAVN drawn on the same day
- Advance notification
- Health certificate & Update notification
- Arrival in Japan

More than 30 days between Rabies vaccinations, but before previous Rabies vaccine expires

If the FAVN is valid, then this period is 180 days
If the FAVN is not valid, then another Rabies vaccine must be given and another FAVN drawn
Arrival in Japan

Previously Rabies vaccinated

The first FAVN validates the previous Rabies

Microchip

FAVN drawn

Rabies vaccine

Advance notification

Health certificate & Update notification if necessary

April 2010 Exception 2

The second FAVN is used for quarantine period

If the FAVN is valid and drawn within the effective date of the Rabies, then this period is 180 days

If the FAVN is not valid, then another Rabies vaccine must be given and another FAVN drawn

More than 30 days between Rabies vaccinations, but before previous Rabies vaccine expires