Steps for Scheduling Open Heart Surgery with Jasmine Clinic

Step 1 - YOUR VETERINARIAN

Once you receive your dog's diagnosis, get a referral to see a board-certified veterinary cardiologist.

After receiving a diagnosis of a heart murmur, it is typical for your veterinarian to perform thoracic (chest) X-rays to determine your dog's heart size. Having chest X-rays is critical in this process.

Please have your veterinarian send those X-rays to your cardiologist before your first appointment.

Step 2 - SEEING YOUR CARDIOLOGIST (please feel free to give a copy of this document)

Your cardiologist will perform an echocardiogram (cardiac ultrasound). You will need to obtain your echocardiogram images, videos, and echocardiogram report.

Echocardiogram images and videos must be in DICOM or AVI. Views must include:

- Right parasternal long-axis 4 chamber view (with and without color Doppler)
- Right parasternal short-axis view, papillary muscle level (M mode)
- Right parasternal short-axis view, mitral level
- Apical 4 and 5 chamber view (with and without color Doppler)

For the Jasmine Clinic to review candidacy, the following needs to be sent to jasmine.cardiology@gmail.com and feel free to have your cardiologist cc: your veterinarian and yourself. All documents should be emailed and **always use the same e-mail thread for all future communications.** THIS IS CRUCIAL!

Please have your cardiologist include the following:

1. Name of pet
2. Age of dog
3. Sex
4. Weight
5. breed
6. Stage of mitral valve disease.
7. Thoracic radiographs from your regular veterinarian
8. All information above obtained from the veterinary cardiologist attached using Dropbox or Google Drive. This should include:
   echocardiogram written report and cardiac ultrasounds with all images and moving videos (AVI/DICOM format). MOVING VIDEOS ARE CRUCIAL FOR THE Jasmine team to determine if your dog is appropriate for surgery.

Please make sure your dog does NOT have:

-Previous left thoracotomy
-Previous blood transfusion
-Previous tick-borne infection such as Babesia, Anaplasma, Ehrlichia

Step 3 – DETERMINATION OF CANDIDACY (this could take up to 8 weeks).

After All documents submitted, Dr. Sayaka Takeuchi will review for candidacy.
Consultation fee collected via PayPal to the Jasmine Clinic.
Consultation fee of $50,000 JPY

If your dog is a surgical candidate, additional tests are required.

PLEASE NOTE: Japanese quarantine (AQS) requires your dog to be microchipped, vaccinated twice against rabies at least 31 days apart, and then tested for rabies antibody titers (FAVN test). If the titer level is sufficient (equal to or greater than 0.5 IU/ml), you can enter Japan after the 180 day wait.

The microchip should be ISO compliant with 15-digit code. Your vet can scan your dog to help you determine this. If your dog is currently microchipped, but is not ISO compliant, please reach out to the airport quarantine office to see if it is acceptable for entry. THEY DECIDE THIS. (You need to do this before your last rabies vaccination and FAVN titer blood draw).

Please understand that you will be required to wait 180 days to enter Japan. Please count out 180 days on a calendar to determine your entry date. Start day 1, the day after the FAVN blood test is drawn. Dr. Takeuchi will need this date, in addition, the airport animal quarantine officers at Animal Quarantine Services will need as well.

IF YOUR DOG IS ADVANCED B2, C OR D STAGE, TO SAVE TIME, YOU CAN START THE QUARANTIN BEFORE CANDIDACY (THIS IS YOUR CHOICE).

PLEASE HAVE FAVN rabies titer test sent to Kansas State University. This is the lab that is approved by Japan. (USA residents). Kansas State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (ksvdl.org)

All other countries- please use the following link. https://www.maff.go.jp/aqs/animal/dog/lab.html

IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF ANYTHING REGARDING TITER AND RABIES, PLEASE CONTACT ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICES (APHIS) AT 1 (844) 820-2234. THEY CAN BE REACHED MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 9AM TO 5PM EASTERN STANDARD TIME.

Aphis can be reached via email at: APHIS.CustomerSupport@usda.gov

Step 4 - TO RECEIVE A SURGERY DATE, PLEASE DO THE FOLLOWING TESTS AFTER CANDIDACY CONFIRMATION:

- FAVN test/rabies titer testing
- Abdominal ultrasound (used to rule out potential surgical risks). Your veterinarian can perform this. Dr. Takeuchi needs the report itself, not the images/videos.
- Blood typing (DEA 1.1 antigen)
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Step 5- AFTER SURGERY DATE IS PROVIDED BY JASMINE CLINIC

60-90 DAYS PRIOR TO SURGERY

- SDMA
- Blood testing: CBC, Biochemistry panel with electrolytes, C reactive protein
- Urine testing: UPC ratio, UAC, in-house Urinalysis including USG
- Any additional tests requested by Jasmine Clinic

Notify Animal Quarantine Service in Japan of entry at least 40 days prior to arrival (you can do this much sooner- and we do recommend**)**. It Is recommended to fly into Haneda Airport due to easier quarantine process and to keep your dog with you. Narita is the other local airport. Haneda is also

closer to the Jasmine clinic. You will have to complete an import form before arrival and export form when exiting Japan. **https://www.maff.go.jp/aqs/english/animal/dog/**

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Quarantine means 180 days before entrance into Japan.
For Americans/International – it does not mean for your dog to literally be quarantined in your home. Please continue your everyday life.

14-28 DAYS PRIOR TO SURGERY

Coagulation profile: AT, APTT, Fibrinogen, Antithrombin III (AT 3 is mandatory)

10 DAYS PRIOR TO SURGERY

Complete international health certificate by USDA accredited veterinarian. Please contact your local USDA office to make sure your veterinarian is an accredited veterinarian.

CDC Dog Import Form

Entry Requirements for U.S.-Vaccinated Dogs from High-Risk Countries | Importation | CDC
You have to apply to the CDC for the import form to travel home to your country/state.
Complete the form online. A receipt will be emailed to you upon submission of the form. You can print the receipt or show it on your phone. Instructions on how to fill out the form.

Complete the form

Please contact the CDC if you have any other questions. Phone **(800) 232-4636**

USDA website
https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/pet-travel/find-a-vet/pet-travel-locate-an-accredited-vet

AQS (Animal Quarantine Services) will require you to email certain documents to them in advance of your flight. You may need to produce documents to the quarantine officers at the airport.

Please refer to the below Jasmine Clinic website and ours for lodging and additional information.

Jasmine Clinic website (English): English | JASMINEどうぶつ総合医療センター (jasmine-vet.co.jp)
Mighty Hearts Project: Mighty Hearts Project Jasmine Page

Step 6 - RETURNING HOME TO THE US

Leaving Japan (Japan Animal Quarantine Service, AQS)

- Before your trip, fill out the AQS export application for dogs AQS export form (PDF). **DO NOT DATE OR SIGN IT.** You will sign it at your inspection, in front of the AQS officer.
- Soon after you arrive in Japan, apply for your export inspection. Most families do this right after landing. Apply online through NACCS, or email the application and your pup's certificates to the AQS office at your departure airport. See the Haneda and Narita AQS contacts listed earlier in this guide.
- **APPLY AT LEAST 14 DAYS BEFORE YOU LEAVE JAPAN.** This becomes a formal rule on **January 1, 2027**. Haneda appointments fill up fast, so apply early.
- Put up to three preferred inspection dates and times in the remarks box. AQS will reply by email. **THEY DO NOT TAKE BOOKINGS BY PHONE.**
- The inspection happens within 10 days before your flight. Bring your pup, your photo ID, all original certificates, and your unsigned application. It takes about 30 to 60 minutes, and it is free. For an early morning flight, AQS suggests going the day before.
- You'll leave with an export quarantine certificate. **KEEP IT WITH YOU.**

Arriving in the US (CDC)

- Fill out the free online CDC Dog Import Form a few days before your flight. You need one form for each dog.
- **SHOW THE CDC RECEIPT TO YOUR AIRLINE BEFORE BOARDING** and to US Customs when you land. A printed copy or one on your phone both work.
- Your pup must be at least 6 months old, have a microchip that a universal scanner can read, and look healthy when you arrive.
- Japan is a low-risk country for dog rabies, so you can arrive at any US airport. **A LAYOVER IN A HIGH-RISK COUNTRY CHANGES THE RULES**, so check your route CDC high-risk countries.
- Check your home state's rules too.

Official pages: Japan AQS: Exporting dogs and CDC: Dogs from low-risk countries

Your JASMINE Surgery Checklist

Check off each item as you go.

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- ☐ Have your vet take chest (thoracic) X-rays.
- ☐ Have your vet send the X-rays to your cardiologist before your first appointment.

Step 2 - SEEING YOUR CARDIOLOGIST

- ☐ Get the echocardiogram images, moving videos (DICOM or AVI, all required views) and report.
- ☐ Have your cardiologist email everything to jasmine.cardiology@gmail.com, and use the same email thread for all future communications.
- ☐ Include name, age, sex, weight, breed, stage of MVD, your vet's chest X-rays, and the echo report, images and moving videos (Dropbox or Google Drive).
- ☐ Confirm your dog has had no left thoracotomy, blood transfusion or tick-borne infection.

Step 3 – DETERMINATION OF CANDIDACY

- ☐ Pay the consultation fee ($50,000 JPY) to the Jasmine Clinic via PayPal.
- ☐ Wait for Dr. Takeuchi's candidacy review (this could take up to 8 weeks).
- ☐ Check that your dog's microchip is ISO compliant (15 digits), before the last rabies vaccination and FAVN blood draw.
- ☐ Get two rabies vaccinations at least 31 days apart.
- ☐ Count 180 days from the day after the FAVN blood draw, and give the entry date to Dr. Takeuchi and AQS.

Step 4 - TESTS AFTER CANDIDACY CONFIRMATION

- ☐ FAVN test/rabies titer testing (USA residents: Kansas State University).
- ☐ Abdominal ultrasound (send Dr. Takeuchi the report).
- ☐ Blood typing (DEA 1.1 antigen).

Step 5 - AFTER SURGERY DATE IS PROVIDED BY JASMINE CLINIC

- ☐ 60-90 days before surgery: SDMA, blood testing, urine testing, and any additional tests Jasmine Clinic requests.
- ☐ Notify AQS of entry at least 40 days before arrival (sooner is recommended).
- ☐ 14-28 days before surgery: coagulation profile (AT 3 is mandatory).
- ☐ 10 days before surgery: international health certificate by a USDA accredited vet.
- ☐ Complete the Japan import form before arrival, and email AQS the documents they require.

Step 6 - RETURNING HOME TO THE US

- ☐ Fill out the AQS export form. **DO NOT DATE OR SIGN IT.**
- ☐ Soon after arriving in Japan, apply for your export inspection, at least 14 days before you leave (a formal rule from **January 1, 2027**).
- ☐ Go to the inspection with your pup, photo ID, original certificates and unsigned application. Keep the export certificate.
- ☐ Fill out the CDC Dog Import Form (one per dog) and show the receipt to your airline and US Customs.
- ☐ Check your home state's rules.

Support Mighty Hearts Project

Mighty Hearts Project is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit helping families of pups with MVD. If this guide helped you, please consider a donation to help the next family.

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