



**6.2 MANAGEMENT OF SHIP’S PETS
within Australian Territorial Waters**

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Odyssey will arrive in Australia with 8 ship's pets (cats) onboard. While the vessel remains within Australian territorial waters (inside the 12-nautical-mile limit), the ship's pets must remain confined, and always controlled. This requirement applies throughout the ship stay in Australian ports and waters (within the 12NM boundary).

The following conditions must be adhered to, to manage the biosecurity risk associated with the ship's pets:

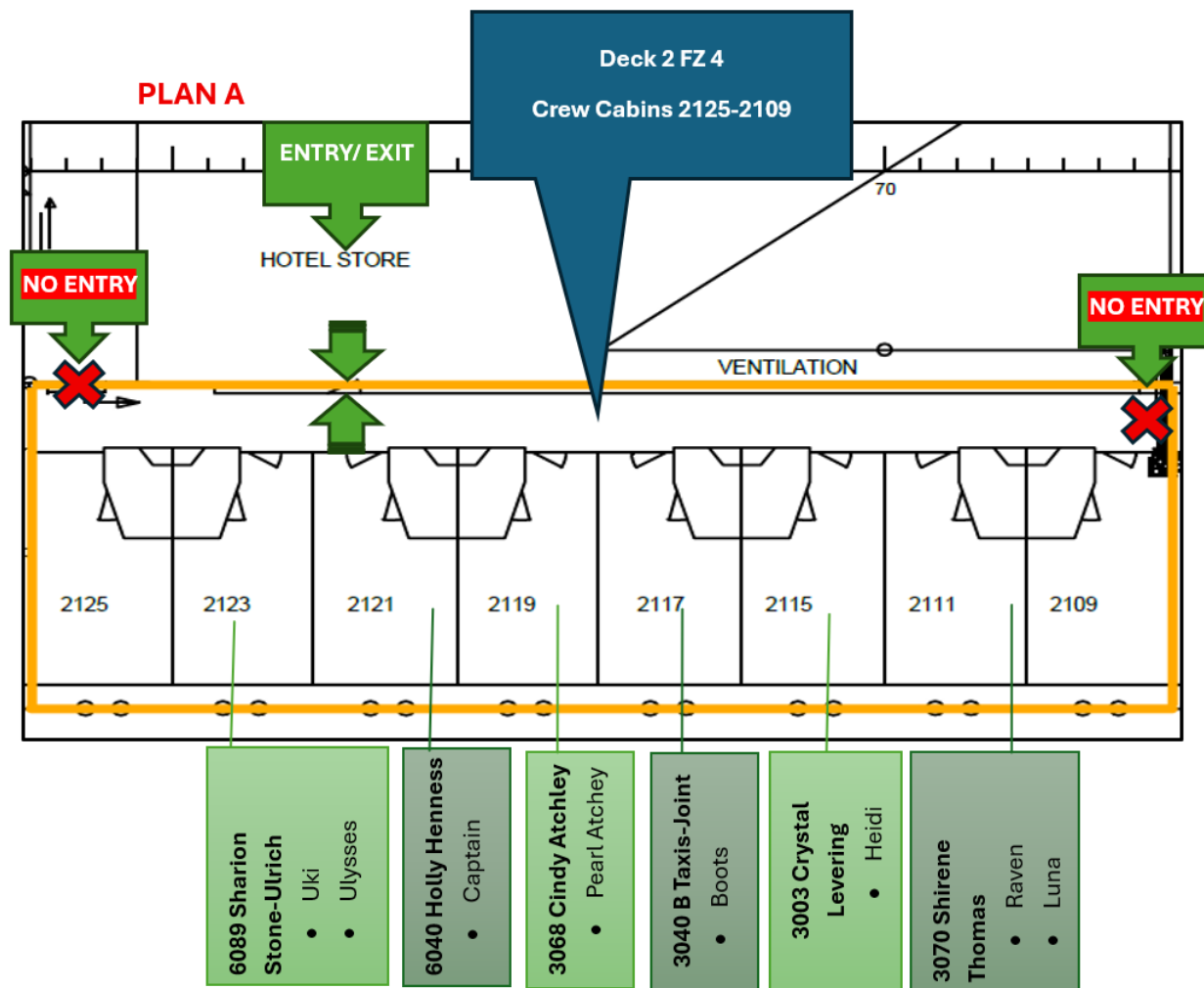
Requirements:

- The vessel is allowed to visit only ports identified as [First Point of Entry](#) (FPOE) as determined to be first points of entry under section 229 of the Biosecurity Act 2015.
- The animals must be isolated and secured below deck.
The terms, "below deck" on a cruise vessel refers to the decks that are below the main passenger decks and can include areas that are partially or fully underwater. These areas generally house essential services like the engine room, laundry, and crew quarters, and can also contain passenger cabins that are lower in price and closer to the water.
- A Biosecurity Officer will initially board the vessel to verify the animals are bona fide ship's pets, perform a visual health assessment (maybe accompanied by a department veterinarian) and verify they are secured below deck.
- Pets must not be walked or exercised on the open deck area.
- An isolation notice will be issued to the master of the vessel, and it will be the responsibility of the master to comply with directions relating to the ship's pets. Additional conditions will also be placed on the vessel's Biosecurity Status Document (BSD). The master must abide by the department's directions on the BSD and/or isolation notice, and any verbal directions. It is an offence if a person fails to follow a direction issued by the department.
- Photographs will be taken of each pet to accurately identify them at each port.
- All subsequent movements around Australia must be reported to the department prior to departure and arrival.
- Follow up inspections will occur at each Australian port visited and verification inspections will be conducted regularly (e.g. daily) if in port for more than one day. Fee for service charges will apply to these verification inspections.
- All animal waste and equipment associated with the pets must be treated as biosecurity waste if to be removed from the vessel.
- Any escapes, health issues or deaths of the pets while in Australian waters must be reported to the department immediately.

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Ship execution plan:

Dedicated Secured Pet's area below deck location
Deck 2 FZ 4, Crew cabins 2125 – 2109





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Preparation of Secured area:

- Remove all mattresses in vacant cabins in next FZ – CHK (if necessary)
- If available, apply floor protector in all Secured Pet's area cabins - CHK
- Clearly displayed waste bin/ sign to be placed within Secured Pet's area – CHK
- Sanitizing Gel to be supplied at entrance/exit of Secured Pet's area - CHK
- Comfort chair for caregiver to be placed in each Secured Pet's cabin - CHK
- Door signage (A4) to clearly display pet owner's details and pets' names - HD
- Entrance signage at top of stairs to mention – Secured Pet's area – Do Not enter -HD

Preparation – Chief Purser/ Hotel Director

- Organize a meeting with all residents to explain Secured Pet's area procedures CP/HD
- Establish if all pet owners have a cage box for their pets -HD
- Show route to area via Deck 2 Aft staircase - HD/CHK

Ship within Australian territorial waters (12 nautical mile boundary)

Before entering Australia territorial waters, all cats must be isolated and secured in the Dedicated Secured Pet's area below deck located Deck 2 FZ 4, in their assigned cabin.

Biosecurity Officers will embark on in the port to perform health checks.

Follow up inspections will occur at each Australian port visited and verification inspections will be conducted regularly (e.g. daily) when in port for more than one day. Fee for these verification inspections will apply and charged to the owner's ship account.



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Pet owners are permitted to spend time with their cats inside the designated pet cabins, including bringing chairs or other small comfort items into the rooms. In line with established biosecurity procedures, this practice is acceptable and may include overnight stays, provided all conditions below are met.

The cats will **at all times** remain in the secured pet area located **below deck**, fully under the ship's control and supervision. To maintain compliance with Australian biosecurity requirements, the following rules apply:

- **No pet may be removed** from the secured cabins under any circumstances.
- **No movement is allowed outside Deck 2 – Zone FZ4**, which is the designated pet containment area.
- **All biosecurity waste procedures** must be strictly followed at all times, without exception.
- **Access to and from the area must remain supervised** by authorized personnel to ensure that containment and compliance are maintained.

This approach supports pet welfare, allows owners appropriate caregiving time, and preserves Odyssey's ability to operate in Australian waters while carrying animals classified as biosecurity risks.

Ship outside Australian territorial waters (12 nautical mile boundary)

When Odyssey sails outside the 12NM limit, cats may return to their owners' cabins

Waste Disposal and collection & PPE

- All animal waste and equipment (cat waste, used litter, contaminated items) associated with the pets must be treated as biosecurity waste.
- Biosecurity waste must be collected in **yellow bags and bins** that are clearly marked "BIOSECURITY WASTE" under-DAFF's requirements.
- Apron, Gloves, Mask, Dustpan/ Spatula
- Sanitized with Rapid, Multi Surface Disinfectant



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Cleaning and Disinfection

- One dedicated HK Steward assigned for cleaning
- Apply disinfectant using (Rapid Multi-Surface Disinfectant Cleaner).
- In case of a spill, follow the Hit Squad procedures:
- Incidents to be reported to Public Health Officer/ Chief Housekeeper

Storage Onboard

- The “Biosecurity Waste” to be stored in the Cold Storage Area in Recycling Centre.

Disposal

- The “Biosecurity Waste” to be landed to PRF as such.

Recordkeeping

- Maintain a Cleaning, Disinfection, and Waste Disposal Log, including:
 - Cleaning and Disinfecting
 - Waste Disposal Details

Emergency Procedures – Relocation of Pets

In the event of an emergency (such as cyclonic conditions or other critical situations), all cats in their designated pet cages will be relocated to **Deck 5 – Conference Room** as the designated safe holding area.

Unless the situation involves an **immediate emergency** (e.g., fire or flooding) requiring urgent action, **prior consultation and approval from the relevant authority or department** will be required before any deviation from the approved isolation arrangements. As weather events are typically forecast in advance, necessary preparations and coordination will be carried out to ensure pet safety, regulatory compliance, and the integrity of the approved Pet Management Plan.



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Residents (cat's owners) Obligations:

- Provide reasonably sized crate for their cats
- Provide clean cat litter to be placed in Secured Pet's area
- Provide sufficient food suitable for the food diet for their cats when placing them in Secured Pet's area
- Provide feeding times schedule, or leave automatic feeder/ water
- Wash and sanitize their hands when leaving Secured Pet's area
- Provide additional guidelines for the crew as needed.

Drop off and collection:

- At the time given, please drop off or collect your cat via the route provided and guided by the crew
- Once drop off your cat, please close the cabin door
- Once you collect your cat, please leave cabin door open
- **In case of emergency, all cats will be taken to Deck 5, Conference Room**

Ship Schedule:

9-Feb-26	Mon	9:00		Cairns	Australia
10-Feb-26	Tue		20:00	Cairns	Australia
11-Feb-26	Wed	12:00		Townsville	Australia
12-Feb-26	Thu			Townsville	Australia
13-Feb-26	Fri		18:00	Townsville	Australia
14-Feb-26	Sat			Sea	Sea
15-Feb-26	Sun			Sea	Sea
16-Feb-26	Mon			Sea	Sea
17-Feb-26	Tue			Sea	Sea
18-Feb-26	Wed	10:00		Sydney	Australia
19-Feb-26	Thu			Sydney	Australia
20-Feb-26	Fri		18:00	Sydney	Australia
21-Feb-26	Sat			Sea	Sea
22-Feb-26	Sun			Sea	Sea
23-Feb-26	Mon			Sea	Sea



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24-Feb-26	Tue			Sea	Sea
25-Feb-26	Wed			Sea	Sea
26-Feb-26	Thu	6:00	23:30	Tauranga	New Zealand
27-Feb-26	Fri			Tauranga Offshore	Sea
28-Feb-26	Sat			Tauranga Offshore	Sea
1-Mar-26	Sun			Tauranga Offshore	Sea
2-Mar-26	Mon	00:45	5:45	Tauranga	New Zealand
3-Mar-26	Tue			Sea	Sea
4-Mar-26	Wed	9:30	18:00	Wellington	New Zealand
5-Mar-26	Thu	11:00		Lyttleton	New Zealand
6-Mar-26	Fri		11:00	Lyttleton	New Zealand
7-Mar-26	Sat	16:00		Dunedin	New Zealand
8-Mar-26	Sun		16:00	Dunedin	New Zealand
9-Mar-26	Mon			Sea	Sea
10-Mar-26	Tue			Sea	Sea
11-Mar-26	Wed			Sea	Sea
12-Mar-26	Thu			Sea	Sea
13-Mar-26	Fri			Sea	Sea
14-Mar-26	Sat	7:00	18:00	Melbourne	Australia
15-Mar-26	Sun			Sea	Sea
16-Mar-26	Mon	13:00		Hobart (Tasmania)	Australia
17-Mar-26	Tue	8:00		Hobart (Tasmania)	Australia
18-Mar-26	Wed		18:00	Hobart (Tasmania)	Australia
19-Mar-26	Thu			Sea	Sea
20-Mar-26	Fri	13:00		Melbourne	Australia
21-Mar-26	Sat			Melbourne	Australia
22-Mar-26	Sun		18:00	Melbourne	Australia
23-Mar-26	Mon			Sea	Sea
24-Mar-26	Tue			Sea	Sea
25-Mar-26	Wed	7:00	18:00	Adelaide	Australia
26-Mar-26	Thu			Sea	Sea
27-Mar-26	Fri			Sea	Sea
28-Mar-26	Sat			Sea	Sea
29-Mar-26	Sun	7:00	18:00	Esperance	Australia
30-Mar-26	Mon			Sea	Sea



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31-Mar-26	Tue			Sea	Sea
1-Apr-26	Wed	8:00		Fremantle	Australia
2-Apr-26	Thu			Fremantle	Australia
3-Apr-26	Fri		20:00	Fremantle	Australia
4-Apr-26	Sat			Sea	Sea
5-Apr-26	Sun	8:00		Geraldton	Australia
6-Apr-26	Mon		18:00	Geraldton	Australia
7-Apr-26	Tue			Sea	Sea
8-Apr-26	Wed			Sea	Sea
9-Apr-26	Thu			Sea	Sea
10-Apr-26	Fri	8:00		Dampier	Australia
11-Apr-26	Sat		18:00	Dampier	Australia
12-Apr-26	Sun			Sea	Sea
13-Apr-26	Mon	7:00	19:00	Port Hedland	Australia
14-Apr-26	Tue			Sea	Sea
15-Apr-26	Wed	8:00		Broome	Australia
16-Apr-26	Thu		18:00	Broome	Australia
17-Apr-26	Fri			Sea	Sea
18-Apr-26	Sat			Sea	Sea
19-Apr-26	Sun	10:00		Darwin	Australia
20-Apr-26	Mon		20:00	Darwin	Australia
21-Apr-26	Tue			Sea	Sea
22-Apr-26	Wed	12:00		Dili	Timor Leste



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Jan 14, 2026	Rev. 4	Updated ship schedule
Mar 9, 2026	Rev. 5	Updated ship schedule (<i>updates in red color</i>)