

NEW RULES BEING INTRODUCED AS FROM 1ST JANUARY 2012

The UK will harmonise its pet movement rules with the rest of the EU as from 1st Jan 2012 making it easier and cheaper to be able to send pets from North Cyprus to the UK.

North Cyprus will come under DEFRA listing as a third country and as such the following requirements will be required:-

Procedures and dates to be clearly entered into your pets Veterinary Book. This will be in the place of an EU Pet Passport.

Step 1 – Have your pet **Microchipped** (before any of the other procedures are carried out)

Step 2 – **Vaccinate against Rabies** – There is no exemption even if your pet has had a current rabies vaccination. Rabies boosters must be kept up to date.

Step 3 – Arrange a **Blood Test** – After your pet has been vaccinated, it must be blood tested to make sure the vaccine has given it a satisfactory level of protection against rabies. The blood sample must be taken **at least 30 days after vaccination**.

Step 4 – You must **wait 3 months** from the date your vet took the blood sample and following a successful result before travelling into the UK or other EU countries.

Step 5 – Get pet travel documentation – You will require a **Vet Health Certificate** for the country you are travelling into which includes vet treatment for tapeworm. You will also require an **Export Licence** from the TRNC Government Vet Dept.

Step 6 – Arrange for travel – Animals to the UK must travel with an **authorised travel company on an authorised route**. At this date (01.09.2011) there are no DEFRA approved travel companies able to take pets from N. Cyprus to the UK only into other EU countries. As you must enter the UK with an approved transport company on an authorised route then it is advisable to travel via another EU country.

If you wish to have further information, costs or help with travel arrangements then please contact Kyrenia Animal Rescue. Updates will be added as further information is obtained.

Until this new ruling comes into force in Jan 2012 the following will still apply:-

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