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This month, our spotlight is on...

Pets in Cyprus.

Importation of pets into Cyprus

Pets in Cyprus are defined as non-commercial 'companion animals' such as dogs, cats and ferrets. Pets arriving from an EU country may enter Cyprus without being subject to quarantine and without an import permit provided that they fill the following conditions:

1. Your pet must have a suitable travel box
2. An electronic microchip incorporated into their body to verify their identity. Until 03/07/11, it is also acceptable for your pet to have an easily identifiable tattoo.
3. A certificate issued by a vet confirming the general health of your pet and giving your name, address, destination airport and destination address.
4. They must have a European Pet Passport issued by an authorised vet confirming that the animal has received the following prior to their departure from their home country:
 - At least 30 days but no more than 1 year in advance - a valid vaccination against rabies
 - 24-48 hours in advance - an antiparasitical treatment against fleas, Ectoparasites (aka ticks), Lice and Hydatidosis (aka worms)

If your pet does not fill the conditions above, you may still be allowed to bring your pet into Cyprus but their entry will be subject to a 6 month quarantine period and an import license will be needed from the Government Vet based in Limassol. Quarantine kennels will need to be booked (and paid for) by you so it is always advisable to be prepared in advance.

Whether you have the Passport or not, the District Veterinary Station must be informed of the arrival of your pet at least 48 hours in advance. They must be supplied with the date, time, location (port or airport) and number of the flight or ship on which the animal will arrive. On arrival, the Veterinary Officer will check your animal and the accompanying paperwork. At this point, the officer will request payment (during office hours the payment will be around CY£25, after hours it is around CY£35). If you are unable to accompany your pet, other arrangements should be made.

As with all countries, there are restrictions on the importation of some species and breeds of animal. Pet dogs, cats or ferrets under the age of 3 months cannot be brought into the country regardless of their country of origin. The following dog breeds is also forbidden: Pit Bull Terrier (American Pit Bull), Japanese Tosa (Tosa Inu), Argentinian Mastiff (Dogo Argentino), Brazilian Mastiff (Fila Brasileiro).

Care of pets in Cyprus

Once you arrive in Cyprus, you will soon realise that there is a serious problem with stray cats and dogs. Many people will take on a pet without fully considering the amount of time and money the animal needs. Once they learn this, the animal is often abandoned on the side of a remote road and left to fend for itself. Some of these unwanted pets are lucky enough to be taken in by people who pass by and take pity on them. Others are not so fortunate and their lives tend to be cut short by starvation or passing motorists. There are many charity organisations and vets in Cyprus who will offer shelter and help to re-home these animals for a small donation to their cause. Here are just a few:

[Paphiakos & CCP Animal Welfare](#)
[Rosewood Kennels](#)
[Happy Valley Vet Clinic & Pet Hotel](#)
[Argos Animal Rescue](#)
[Dr Lakis Polemitis](#)

[Malcolm Cat Protection Society](#)
[Dr Christos Christodoulou Veterinarian](#)
[Zikkos Vet Clinic](#)
[D&N Vet](#)
[Cyprus Association for the Protection and Care of Animals \(CAPCA\)](#)

District Veterinary Offices: [Limassol](#) [Paphos](#) [Larnaca](#) [Nicosia](#)

Next Month: Spotlight on... Larnaca

PROPERTY HOTTIES!

FEATURED PROPERTY—Kalo Chorio

This beautiful newly built bungalow is set on a 3-tiered plot of approximately 3000m² and is located just on the outskirts of the village in a very picturesque and tranquil setting. Its elevated position gives excellent views of the surrounding valley and the riverbed below. The garden includes many fruit, olive and almond trees and some young grape vines. The covered area of the property is approximately 130m² but with a building density of 10% on the plot, there is plenty of space to expand the house itself and add a pool if desired.

This property needs to be seen to be fully appreciated and is priced for a quick sale.

All this for just CY£148,000 / €252,991 !

