

# Useful Numbers

Vet

SBA Police  
2596 7227

BARC  
2596 3733

CJPU  
2596 3300

Animal Health  
Cyprus  
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BARC



If you have requested this booklet you are either considering moving you and your furry family member to Cyprus, are already here or thinking of increasing your family.

To help ensure both you and your animals stay healthy during your stay we have compiled a short handy booklet.

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# Returning to the UK

Which ever company you use be aware of the possible cost before you bring your pets over or acquire an animal whilst overseas.

Animals must obtain a passport at least 21 days before travel to ensure they are micro chipped, have all the correct vaccinations, especially rabies. They must also see a vet 24/48 hrs prior to travel.

## Extreme Heat: Preparedness and Response Actions for Pets

- Keep animals in areas where they have access to shade.
- Provide animals with plenty of water. Hosing off an animal periodically will also help to cool it. \*If an animal is over heated don't shock their system by trying to cool them down too quickly, do it gradually. If severe overheating occurs seek veterinarian / medical attention!
- Do not exercise animals when it is especially hot outside (e.g., playing Frisbee, jogging, or riding). If you have to work with animals, provide regular rest periods. This allows the body's natural cooling system to work. Animals often are willing to please their owners to the point of endangering themselves.
- Because dogs don't sweat, dogs must be allowed to pant to dissipate heat. Do not encourage them to carry objects in their mouths if they are hot.
- Do not dress animals with vests, blankets, and other materials that would prevent them from keeping cool.
- Do not take animals in the car where they may have to be left alone, even for a second.
- Provide caged animals with extra ventilation.
- Provide plenty of fresh cool water for all animals to drink. Offer it in a shady place as some species may not venture into the sun if it is very hot
- Remember certain breeds suffer much more quickly from the heat, such as English Bulldogs, Pugs and many others.

## BARC

British (Forces) Animal Rehoming Centre.

We offer support to military personnel with pets.

Established in 1991 BARC is dedicated to providing an animal welfare service to British Forces in the Western Sovereign base Area, Cyprus. As well as finding new homes for cats and dogs, BARC offers pet boarding and an import/export service exclusively to service personnel.

- ✓ Rehoming
- ✓ Export/Import
- ✓ Boarding
- ✓ Shop
- ✓ Events
- ✓ Cats
- ✓ Dogs

# Vets

Erimi

2593 5140

Happy Valley

2582 1750

Dr John Pierroua

2522 1042

Military Vet\*

2596 3454

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Only to be used as emergency during work hours

**Processionary Caterpillar** – during February to May and in cooler areas of Troodos as late as July. These caterpillars leave nests to feed on pine trees.

The Hairs of the caterpillar causes harmful reactions in Humans and can be lethal to animals



If your dog  
Starts vomiting has  
itching on the skin,  
Seek immediate  
veterinary advice



## The following preventative measures should be adopted against snakes:

- Keeping gardens and surrounding areas free from undergrowth and refuse will remove the habitat and food for both snakes and their prey – rodents.
- Ensure there are no points of access through which a snake can enter accommodation. Snakes can get through very small holes, so it is imperative that all openings around water pipes, electrical outlets and windows/doors are sealed.
- Woodpiles and other items being stored around the house/garden should be kept at least 18 inches off the ground to deny shelter for the snake.
- Be careful when lifting stones and other objects in your garden.
- DO NOT pick anything up with your hands without checking underneath first.
- Rats and mice are a favourite food source for snakes, so if you think you have a rodent infestation report it as soon as possible.
- Strict lead control when walking dogs on the 'bondu' area is advisable.
- If walking/running in bondu areas stick to defined paths, making snake sightings easier. Walking with a heavy tread and making noise should ensure snakes move away as you approach.
- Educate children on the dangers of snakes. Children are naturally inquisitive which could place them at greater risk. It is imperative that children are taught to move away from any snakes and inform an adult of the sighting.
- What to do if you come across a snake....
- KEEP ALL PERSONEL AND PETS AT A DISTANCE. Leave the snake alone and it may disappear on its own accord. As snakes are frightened of loud, sudden noise and vibrations making a noise may encourage them to leave. If it remains and poses a threat then CALL

THE SBA POLICE who can assist with its removal.

# Dangerous Animals

## VENOMOUS CREATURES

**“A general awareness, respect and basic knowledge of these creatures are our main defences. If we are aware of their behaviour and habitats we can not only avoid but also anticipate potential contact with these creatures”.**

Cyprus has a wide variety of venomous creatures that you may not have encountered before. This is not to say that you are going to come across any of the following, but it is important that you are aware of their existence, what they are capable of doing and what precautions should be taken.

# Snakes

**The Blunt Nose Viper** – This strong snake can grow up to 2 metres long, grey to light brown in colour, yellow tip at the end of the tail, heart shaped head with a blunt nose. It has small cat-like eyes and fangs at the front of the mouth.



The viper is mainly active during the day apart from the warmer months of July and August when it will hunt at night. The viper is poisonous to animals humans and You should seek immediate veterinary assistance.

**The Cat Snake** – This is a small snake, only growing up to 1 metre in length. It is usually grey or beige in colour with an obvious black spot or ‘collar’ behind its head with square patches on its back. This slender snake has a flat head with small cat like eyes



**The Montpellier** – This venomous snake can grow up to 2 metres in length. It is a very slender snake with large eyes on a long head. It is grey and olive in colour with many adults having scattered spots. Fangs are at the back of the mouth so a severe bite is unlikely. This snake lives in warm dry environments with plant cover in which it will hide if threatened, but if provoked will bite.

