

HOPE 4 PETS

PET TRAVEL



Rehoming from the Turkish Republic of North Cyprus (TRNC) to the UK

The information below should be used as a guide only. The following outlines the procedures necessary to get your pet to the UK legally and safely. For further information and to speak to a human, contact Stephanie Harrison-Croft, h4petstravel@yahoo.com for further information.

What H4P can do to help you – FREE OF CHARGE

- Offer advice before travel
- Arrange kenneling/foster care (if space available)
- Liaise with vets re travel prep
- Complete paperwork - officially stamped
- Arrange Flight
- Arrange Crate
- Arrange Customs clearance in the UK
- Arrange Courier TRNC & UK

Note: Whilst all the advice, arranging and paperwork completion is FREE OF CHARGE, the payments for kenneling/foster, flights, crate, customs clearance and courier in the UK are all payable by the owner of the animal/s.

Flights

Flight - Costs for dogs/cats are based on the weight and dimensions of the crate, plus the dog's/cats weight, the smaller the animal the cheaper it will be. Unfortunately, we cannot give you an accurate cost because of the above. An estimate can be calculated once your pets details have been given to the airline.

Only one airline will accept live cargo and that is Turkish Airlines, who fly from Ercan (TRNC) via Istanbul (Turkey) to the UK. Turkish Airlines fly live cargo to only two airports in the UK, Heathrow and Edinburgh, (Istanbul airport has an Animal Reception Centre should animals need a stopover because of connecting flights).

The cargo handlers ALG Logistics are Turkish Airlines approved live cargo handlers in TRNC

Paperwork/Vet requirements for your Pet to enter the UK

Requirements as of January 2026 are, Veterinary certificate for the UK, microchip, rabies serology test, inoculations and internal parasite treatment.

Rabies requirements from a non EU country dictate that the animal should wait in its country of origin for 4 months to allow for the serology test to be carried out in accordance with DEFRA rules, this is a mandatory requirement.

A foster home or kenneling for a minimum of 4 months should be factored into the costs when rehoming a stray/street Dog or Cat, Stephanie from H4P can advise you.

Note: You have never been able to take a dog/cat into the UK from TRNC using an EU Pet Passport.

The paperwork, vet certificate, vet book, Rabies serology test, all need to be stamped by the TRNC state vet in Lefkosa. Hope 4 Pets can get all your paper work stamped and checked if using H4P for travel.

Your pet will have access to water, the crate will be sized in accordance to DEFRA rules and will be the correct size to let your pet move and turn around.

Arrival in the UK

On arrival to the UK your pet will be taken from the aircraft to the Animal Reception Centre at either Heathrow or Edinburgh. At Heathrow H4P use a company called Airpets who clear your pet through customs. You cannot clear your pet through customs yourself. Airpets liaise with the UK DEFRA vets who officially stamp your pets paperwork to enter the UK legally. Stephanie/Airpets will keep you informed every step of the way, from boarding the flight at Ercan airport to landing in the UK. It can take a number of hours for your pet to clear customs depending on the quantity of animals passing through the Animal Reception Centre

Courier

A courier can be arranged for you, who will pick your pet up from the Animal Reception Centre and deliver them to your door, or alternatively you can arrange a courier yourself or if you can't wait to be reunited with your much loved pet you can pick them up yourself from either Heathrow or Edinburgh Animal Reception Centers.

Puppies/Kittens

Puppies and kittens must be minimum 12 weeks old before they start their travel vaccinations, plus the additional 4 months to allow for the Rabies Blood Test.

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