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Information document regarding the immigration of cats/dogs into the European Union from Shanghai/China

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Following Veterinarian will assist you with all the formalities which are needed for this procedure.

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Consultation 150.- RMB

There are **3 important things** to take care of in the following order

1. Implantation of a **microchip** (no operation needed, simple procedure). This microchip should have European ISO-Norm, so the customs officers are able to read it, and therefore if possible bring it from a veterinarian in your country on one of your holidays. It costs around 15 Euros.

The above mentioned vet will implant it. If you can not bring the microchip from Europe, ask the vet to order you one from there, because sometimes the chips here come from the US and the EU-customs might not be able to read it with their machines at your entry, which could cause a problem.

2. A rabies vaccination within 12 months to 4 months before you leave China to the European Union. **The vaccination has to be done at the government clinic** in Zhao Jia Bang Lu, where the above mentioned vet will make an appointment for you. Costs 450,- RMB

It will cost you only 60,- RMB when you go there yourself.

Lane 361, Zhao Jia Bang Lu, you have to go to the back of the building. They speak English. Tel. 64189236

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If your move gets postponed and the blood test will be older than one year, you don't have to do it again, as long as the rabies vaccination is done in the same month every year.

3. After about 35 days from the vaccination and latest 3 month before leaving China the vet will take a **blood sample** and send it to an approved laboratory in the UK. You will get a certificate from there which will assure that the vaccination was effective and you have to keep this certificate for immigration into the EU. The costs are 1500.- RMB (including the Fed-Ex costs and laboratory costs).

You will also need

- A photocopy of the owners passport
- A photocopy of the airline ticket
- Vaccination certificate with signatures and chops and **microchipnumber**
- Above mentioned rabies blood test certificate from Europe **with microchipnumber**.
- The 'Gesundheitsbescheinigung' (Health certificate), which in case of Germany you can download from the www.verbraucherministerium.de -website. Other countries contact your embassy. **Make sure on every page of the Health Certificate is the microchipnumber and the chop of the vet and government clinic, so it is obvious each page belongs to the same cat/dog.**

About two weeks before leaving contact Dr. Yu to fill in the Health certificate (Gesundheitsbescheinigung) and she will make an appointment at the government clinic, a week before leaving, for the final papers and check of the cat/dog . You will then receive the export papers and a signature with chop from the government vet on the Health Certificate (Gesundheitsbescheinigung). A maximum of 5 cats/dogs can be imported. Final paperwork altogether 1500.- RMB.

Please let your **airline** know as soon as possible that you will transport a cat/dog in the plane and check about the conditions and prices. For instance Lufthansa charges 340 RMB per kilo, which includes the cage. An adult cat weighs around 4,5 kg and the cage around 1,5 kg.

You can transport the animal within the cabin as handluggage, but the cage should be about the size of 55 to 40 to 20 cm. Your cat/dog together with the cage can not weigh over 8 kg. When you book your flight tell Lufthansa the weight of the cat/dog, size of cage and at check in present them the above mentioned papers. One cat/dog per person can go into the cabin.

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Normal cargo handling of animals with Lufthansa is not possible at the moment, but one option is to bring them to the airport and present them as Excess-Luggage and they will also be put in the heated cargo section of the plane. This would be necessary for bigger dogs. Price per kilo is the same as above. Also let the airline know as soon as possible. Other airlines might have different regulations, but a phone call is enough to find out.

It might be a good idea to contact a vet in your home country about a relaxation pill (for instance Sedalin) and microchip for the animal for the flight. In Shanghai you could get these pills from PAW, Western Veterinary Service, 570 Huaihai Xi Lu, Flowermarket, near Intersection of Huaihai Xi Lu and Hongqiao Lu, Tel. 52540611. Because usually the medications from Chinese vets are not very effective. If you go to PAW you have to bring your animal with you and will be charged for the consultation. Two hours before you go to the airport the animal gets the crushed pill (according to its weight), mixed with very little of its favourite food.

Otherwise no big meals, but make sure water is available during the flight and maybe a animal diaper placed in the cage. An old T-shirt with the smell of you can also help them deal with the situation.

For further information check with your consulate. They should also be able to give you information and point out a website of your country which tells you about the regulations. All the European Union States have the same regulations, **except the UK, Sweden, Ireland and Malta.**

Website for German Citizens: www.verbraucherministerium.de

Be aware that certain dog breeds (Pitbull, etc.) are not allowed to bring into certain states of the EU! For details you have to check yourself.

I hope you enjoy every day of your life with your four-legged friend!

Any further questions, call me or write an e-mail.

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