



Nottinghamshire  
County Council

# Business Information

## Rabies Information

The Trading Standards Service in Nottinghamshire is responsible for the enforcement of the Rabies (Importation of Dogs, Cats and Other Mammals) Order 1974 under the Animal Health Act 1981.

Under the Order it is illegal to land any animal not having a valid Pet passport other than from the Republic of Ireland. It is also illegal to fail to contain any animal known or thought to have landed illegally. Businesses that deal with imports are particularly vulnerable to animals stowing away in containers or vehicles. You must be particularly vigilant when opening containers/vehicles, which have come from abroad. The following guidance is given: -

- 1 Only open containers/vehicles in an area where animals can be prevented from escaping into the wild.
- 2 If an animal is discovered try to contain it in as small an area as possible.
- 3 Do not feed the animal until advised to do so.
- 4 Notify the County Council Animal Health Officers i.e.

Tel: 01623 452005 Mansfield

**Out of hours: Emergency Planning tel. no: 01159 77 3471**

**Alternatively DEFRA (01522 529951).**

Local Veterinary Inspector or Police may advise you further.

- 5 Retain all documentation relating to the importation.

**Do not on any account, attempt to handle the animal.**

*Please turn over...*

Rabies is a very serious, life threatening, disease that can be contracted by humans from the body fluid of a rabid animal.

If the animal bites or scratches any person they must seek immediate medical attention.



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