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Open Day for Veterinary Week 2015

The European Commission will mark Veterinary Week 2015 with an open day organised at the Veterinary Department Laboratory located in Nicosia, on Wednesday, 18 November from 9:30 to 13:00. The event, organised by the EU Infopoint, will include a tour of the Veterinary Laboratory, expert speeches on animal health standards in the Turkish Cypriot community, and EU standards for food production and safety standards for local products, as well as information stands.

The aim of the Veterinary Week Open Day is to improve awareness about animal health and welfare and safety of products of animal origin, to increase knowledge about the EU livestock development programme in the Turkish Cypriot community and to improve awareness on the EU standards for food production. The Cyprus Turkish Veterinary Medical Association, Animal Breeders Union, Dairy Processors, Chamber of Agricultural Engineers and Near East University Veterinary Faculty will host information stands to showcase their work and answer questions from participants.

The European Union is providing support to the livestock sector, mainly to improve animal health and production, safety of products of animal origin and strengthening capacities of service providers, especially veterinary services in the Turkish Cypriot community.

Background:

Veterinary Week is celebrated every year in November to promote the concepts of partnership and communication, the two key underlying principles of the new Animal Health Strategy for the European Union (2007-2013) where "Prevention is better than cure". The key message of the day is that animal diseases are having an increasing impact on public health and therefore high standards of animal health will have a positive impact on human health and consumer wellbeing.

Participation in the Veterinary Week Open Day is free, however registration is necessary.

Interested individuals can get more information on these events on the EU Infopoint Facebook page [f/abbilgi](https://www.facebook.com/abbilgi) or by contacting the EU Infopoint: info@abbilgi.eu, 228 2577 and 11A Hasene Ilgaz Sokak, Köşklüçiftlik Nicosia.

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