



ADOPT, DON'T BUY

Animal charities' round up



↑ This lucky puppy has already been re-homed after being taken in to the Acción del Sol refuge at three days old with mum and seven brothers and sisters

Acción del Sol

Spanish Christmas came early to one little puppy after her hard start in life, when she was abandoned with her mum and seven brothers and sisters. They arrived at the refuge only three days old with their eyes still closed. After lots of love and care from mum and the staff at Acción del Sol, they are all fit, well and ready for adoption. The little one pictured here has already been adopted by Susan Ellis who also has a gorgeous older dog called Biscuit. Biscuit is delighted to be with the puppy and now has a new lease of life in her later years. Some of the brothers and sisters are also up for adoption so please do come and visit if you are interested. We are completely full up and reaching crisis point, with over 230 gorgeous dogs of all

shapes and sizes looking for new loving homes. We don't charge for adoptions but donations are very welcome towards the vast running costs of the refuge. Every one of the dogs has a full clean bill of health and is fully inoculated, microchipped, heartworm- and flea-free, has a passport and is sterilised, the last one being compulsory to try to reduce the large numbers of unwanted litters here on Tenerife.

How you can help

We need many things for the animals and refuge, such as products for our clinic and cleaning products and utensils, building materials, dog toys, leads, etc., tinned food for our elderly dogs, puppy milk, and dog jackets for when our dogs travel by flight to Germany, as well as materials to help with our educational programme (pens, paper, glue, play-doh

and crayons). Every donation is greatly appreciated.

In addition, we are desperately looking for people who are travelling to Hamburg, Dusseldorf, Berlin or Frankfurt who would be prepared to escort a dog. All that's needed is a little time at the airport: all necessary paperwork and handling of the dogs is done by AccionTier staff.

Please do call us on 664 321 219 between the hours of 8am and 5pm if you can help in any way, or visit us on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons from 2pm to 5pm, and Saturdays 1pm to 4pm. We're situated directly under the wind turbines, from exit 52 on the TF1 north bound, just after the El Médano junction. Head for the windmills on the coast and we're located in the buildings on the right hand side. Alternatively, email us on teneriffa@aktiontier.org or visit our Facebook page at Action tier Acción del Sol.

Cats Welfare

See some of our kittens during opening times at Don Perro Vets, Las Chafiras (tel: 922 735 824), and Yaiza Vet, Los Cristianos (922 169 381). As well as kittens, we also have several adult cats, ranging from 18 months to seven years old. All adults are leukaemia negative, neutered, vaccinated and microchipped. All cats go on a week's trial in your home so you can be sure you've made the right decision. If you adopt two kittens together then kitten injection, microchip and neutering is free for the second one. Adopt a black kitten or two and both will receive the above treatments for free. We always need cat food, litter, sheets, towels, bedding etc. for the cats if you have any spare please.

Contact us via our website at www.cats-welfare-tenerife.com or ring/whatsapp Sharon on 662 524 006, or Sandra on 671 282 773 (for English,

Spanish and German, after 6pm). Alternatively, message us on Facebook.

Our shop

Find it on San Blas in Golf del Sur (behind Hiperdino), open seven days a week, 10am until 6pm. If you don't have transport or have large bulky items

wristbands and more) at the refuge, you can sponsor one of our wonderful sponsor dogs via our website, you can donate money either via our website or in cash at the refuge, or food and other items which help us look after our dogs and cats. Also, you can become a volunteer dog walker by calling



↑ K9 managed to reunite the lovely Cholo with his owner after his being missing for 10 years having been reported as stolen

to donate you can ring Mark on 636 590 557 to arrange collection. Or maybe you would you like to help in the shop?

K9

A wonderful happy ending!

One very lucky dog called Cholo was recently returned to his owner after being missing for a decade.

On January 6 of this year, a French Bulldog was left tied outside K9's cattery. He looked very sorry for himself, very skinny but very happy to see us. Thankfully, he had a chip so we contacted our vets for the owner's information. We discovered he was called Cholo and was reported stolen back in 2008. The little guy was now 12 years old! Unfortunately, the owner's contact numbers were out of date, so we used the power of Facebook to share his story and on January 11 little Cholo was reunited with his owner. Tears flowed all round and we at K9 are so happy that he can spend his retirement with his beloved owner, who has missed him every day since he was taken.

Ways you can help

We always appreciate any help. You could buy our merchandise (T-shirts, vests, key rings,

may like to attend. Also, why not come along to our charity shop in Alcalá?

Shop till you drop

You can visit our shop in Alcalá Plaza every day from 10am to 2pm. Donations of quality household goods, clothes, books, shoes or other items are very welcome as well. Call 646 561 035 to arrange collection of larger items from all local areas. All the proceeds from our shop go towards funding the animals' care and are essential to ensuring our K9 dogs and cats have everything they need to make their time at the refuge as comfortable as possible. There are always lots of bargains to be had and our volunteers will make you very welcome.

Please note that K9 will no longer have a stall at the Los Gigantes car boot sale.

Adoptions

We have many beautiful dogs waiting for their forever homes. You can see them on our website at www.k9tenerife.com. Or visit the Refuge on Calle Chimbesque, between Las Chafiras and Las Zocas, any day between 10am and 2pm. Alternatively, call us on 667 638 468 or email info@k9tenerife.com. You will also find stories of our dogs' antics on our Facebook page at Diary of a K9 Tenerife Dogwalker or K9 Tenerife. Also, to see daily photos of the walks that take place at K9, 'like' the facebook page Voluntarios del Refugio K9. ■



ADOPTION

Pick a podenco

The beautiful Canarian podencos make lovely pets.

They're widely used on the island for hunting and breeding and often lead awful lives, kept on chains or in squalid conditions, and many are underfed in the belief they will hunt better. The Acción del Sol refuge is currently housing nearly 90 of these gorgeous dogs, fully restored to health and ready for re-homing. If you would like to know more, contact the refuge on 664 321 219 between the hours of 8am and 5pm. ■



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