



ADOPT, DON'T BUY

# Animal charities' round up



↑ The lovely Esperanza is waiting at K9 for a new home

## K9

Meet the lovely Esperanza, pictured here. She was brought to K9 a few months ago by one of our volunteers. He'd spotted her wandering the streets and spent five days trying to rescue her, finally managing to bring her to us. She was extremely shy, scared and thin, and we named her Esperanza (Hope). While she's still very nervous and shy with new people, she's begun to show her personality and is a really sweet and gentle girl. When the volunteers arrive in the mornings, she jumps out of bed to say hello and you can tell she's happy to see us. Otherwise, Esperanza the Podenco is often curled up in her bed as the noise of the dogs and all the new people can be a bit overwhelming for her. She would love the chance to be taken to her forever home, and once she knows and feels comfortable around you, she will begin to show you affection and her wonderful tender nature. Please come and meet her. With patience and taking the time to get to know her, you'll not be disappointed.

### Ways you can help

We always appreciate any help. You could buy our merchandise 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 us or simply popping by any day during our opening hours. Remember to keep an eye on our website or Facebook page (information below) for any fundraising events which you may like to attend. Also, why not come along to our charity shop in Alcalá?

### Shop till you drop

Please note we are no longer holding car boot sales in Los Gigantes, but you can visit our shop in Alcalá Plaza Monday to Saturday 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 proceeds go towards fund-

ing 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.

### Adoptions

We have many beautiful dogs waiting for their forever homes. You can see them on our website at [www.k9tenerife.com](http://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](mailto: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.

### Cats Welfare

See some of our kittens at Don Perro Vets, Las Chafiras (tel: 922 735 824), and Yaiza Vet, Los Cristianos (922 169 381). As well as kittens, we have several adult cats from 18 months to seven years old. All adults are leukaemia negative, neutered, vaccinated and micro-chipped. 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 initial injections, microchip and neutering is free for the second one. Adopt a black kitten or two and both will receive the above treatments free.

Contact us at [www.cats-welfare-tenerife.com](http://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 or visit our shop on San Blas in Golf del Sur (behind Hiperdino), open seven days a week, 10am until 6pm.

### Acción del Sol

We would like to say a really big thank you to the very kind res-

idents of Los Geranios apartments in Los Cristianos who've made a fantastic donation of dog food to the refuge. You are all very special and have big hearts for helping the dogs. On that note we would like to thank each and every person that helps the dogs at the refuge. You are all fantastic. We'd like to remind you that a single bite from an infected mosquito can give your dog heartworm, which can lead to a very slow and painful death. We can never stress enough the importance of treating your dog to prevent this occurrence. Over 60 per cent of dogs that arrive at the refuge test positive for heartworm. It's a very costly treatment and uncomfortable for the dog but one of utmost importance to prevent further pain and suffering.

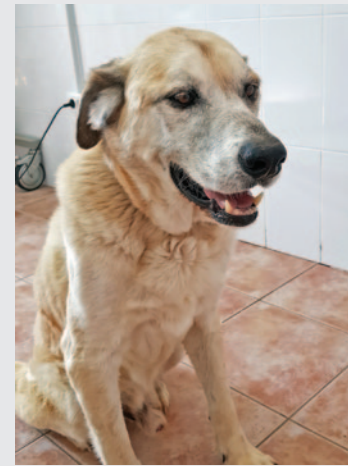
We have over 230 gorgeous dogs of all shapes and sizes looking for loving homes. We don't charge for adoptions but donations are very welcome towards the vast running costs of the refuge. Every one of the dogs has a clean bill of health

## ADOPTION SUCCESS

### Lucky in love

There are many hundreds of dogs and cats on the island looking for new homes, with each of the refuges working to their limit to ensure that abandoned animals have as good a life as possible.

That's why it's always good to hear a heart-warming story of success, such as the tale of this gorgeous chap pictured here, called Chico. He's been living at Acción del Sol for a whole 10 years, after being picked up from the streets of Granadilla at just two years old. He's a lovely natured dog, but for whatever reason nobody wanted to take him home – until recently, when an older couple spotted him on the AktionTier website and fell instantly in love with him. We are all really happy that finally he will have the life he so deserves. Contact the Acción del Sol refuge on 664 321 219 between the hours of 8am and 5pm if you would like to meet any of their dogs, or see the other refuges on this page for further future furry friends. ■



and is fully inoculated, micro-chipped, 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

Besides obvious needs such as food, water and veterinary care, a little attention is all the dogs here want. They love going out for a walk so please do come and take one out if you have time, they really will appreciate it. We are also desperately looking for people 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 or 602463242 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](mailto:teneriffa@aktiontier.org) or visit our Facebook page at Action tier Acción del Sol. ■



↑ Kind residents of Los Geranios apartments, Los Cristianos, made a fantastic donation of dog food to the Acción del Sol refuge

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