

## ADOPT, DON'T BUY

# Animal charities' round up



↑ This poor Yorkshire Terrier arrived at the Acción del Sol refuge in terrible conditions, but after a spruce up and veterinary care soon found a loving home

## Acción del Sol

The gorgeous pure Yorkie pictured here arrived at the refuge in terrible conditions with very badly overgrown nails. He's in his later years but he's been very lucky and, after veterinary care, a full makeover and pedicure, has luckily found a new owner who will care for him and give him the love he so deserves.

Otherwise, 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 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,

Contact us at [www.cats-welfare-tenerife.com](http://www.cats-welfare-tenerife.com) or ring/what-sapp 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.



↑ Handsome Nepo is waiting at K9 for a new home

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.

## 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.

## K9

Handsome Nepo (pictured here) has been with K9 nearly a year now and is a favourite among staff and volunteers. He is a podenco mix and is about two to three years old. He never seems phased by living in the kennels and is always very relaxed and chilled. He shares his kennel with two other males, Chacho and Erwin, and they all love playing and running around together when they get the chance. When out walking, Nepo likes to be spoiled with treats, but also loves to chase lizards and does a really good job trying to catch them. No bush or wall is too big for him to climb into, or up! He is fun to walk, and can walk on and off lead. He's a pleasure to walk on the lead and loves getting out to explore the trails around K9. When he's off lead he loves to run and run but don't worry, he will come back when you call him and give him

## LOOKING FOR LOVE

# Puurfect companion

Not a lot of people know this, but the K9 refuge also has some beautiful cats up for adoption.

Stubby here is a female kitten, around six or seven months old. She was found on the street and is very friendly but also a little unsure. Unfortunately, Stubby has sadly tested positive for leukaemia, but this doesn't mean she won't have a normal long life. She can be homed with dogs but not other cats, unless they are also positive. Contact K9 on 667 638 468, or email [info@k9tenerife.com](mailto:info@k9tenerife.com) for more information. ■



a little reward. His cool calm nature makes him easy to be around, and he plays well with and seems to get on with most dogs. He is really good with people also, is obedient and super friendly and is always ready for a cuddle.

His two roommates both love Nepo as he is a great playmate to have. Chacho, who is a podenco, will run with him for ages and they like to play tug-of-war: it's a lot of fun to watch. You can meet Nepo (and his friends) at K9 any day of the week between 9.30am and 1.30pm. See contact details below.

And some great news – Scrappy, who was featured in the adoption section in edition 842, has now found a new home! We love a happy ending.

### 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 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.

### 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. ■