

## ADOPT, DON'T BUY

# Animal charities' round up



↑ **Acción del Sol** provided a range of children's activities over Easter, including egg painting

## Acción del Sol

We hope all our friends and supporters had a happy Easter and once again a very big thank you for all your help. We've been busy again with our educational programme with local school children, and Easter gave us a fantastic opportunity to teach them how to care for their pets, and also about chickens and the difference between battery and free range chickens. We are passionate about educating children in the hope that the horrendous pain and suffering many animals in Tenerife suffer is greatly reduced. One of the things we stress to all dog owners is the importance of microchipping their pets, as well as ensuring that the contact details are correct and updated when appropriate. We have a large number of dogs brought into the refuge by Protection Civil off the streets that are microchipped, but the information hasn't been kept up to date. This does cause unnecessary stress to the dog having to stay at the refuge until the owner is found. In addition, 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 overstate 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 very 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, 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

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.

### K9

We always appreciate any and all help. If you aren't in a position to adopt, maybe you could consider becoming a volunteer dog walker (simply call us or pop by any day during our opening hours). Alternatively, you could sponsor one of our wonderful sponsor dogs via our website, donate money either via our website or in cash at the refuge, you could donate food and other items which help us look after our dogs and cats, and you can even buy our merchandise at the refuge. In addition, 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? There are heaps of ways you can help, and we and the dogs and cats will all be immensely grateful!

### 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.

### Cats Welfare

See some of our kittens at Don Perro Vets, Las Chafiras



**Lovely Joseph is about four years old and has been at K9 for about a year, as his previous owners fell on hard times and had no option but to hand him over into their care.**

He's a large dog but is a true gentle giant: a sweet, friendly boy who's wonderful to walk both on and off lead. He's patient and obedient and always waits his turn to be fed or when treats are being handed out. Sadly, he's often overlooked by people who come to walk the dogs or are looking to adopt, possibly because of his size. It's such a shame, as he's so loving and will make a wonderful companion. Could you give Joseph a loving home? Or maybe just spend some time with him or any of the other dogs at the K9 refuge? Simply contact K9 on 667 638 468, or email [info@k9tenerife.com](mailto:info@k9tenerife.com) for more information. ■

(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. ■

↓ **Cats Welfare can help you find your new feline friend**

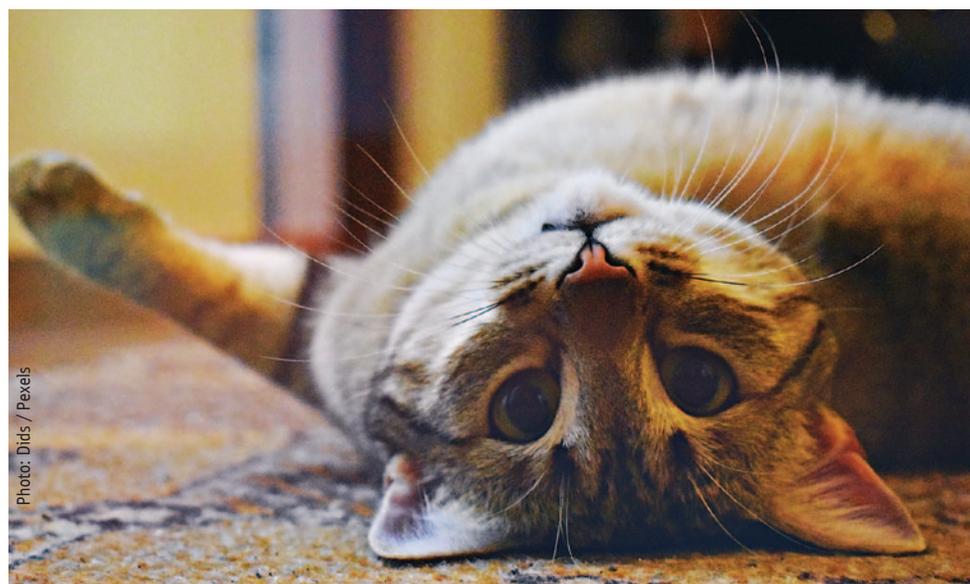


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