



ADOPT, DON'T BUY

Animal charities' round up

Acción del Sol

The poor little pup pictured here was found abandoned without its mum and we have been feeding her every four hours to try to save her. This again shows the unbelievable cruelty that humans are capable of. We constantly strive to help the dogs abandoned here in Tenerife and to find them new loving homes, so please do come and visit us if you are interested in adopting a dog and please never buy one when our refuge has over 200 gorgeous dogs, most of them failed by their owners in terribly cruel and barbaric ways. All they want is food and love and in return they will be your most loyal, loving friend unconditionally.

We don't charge for adoptions but donations are very welcome towards the vast running costs of the refuge. Every one of our 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.

A gentle reminder

We'd like to remind owners that the law requires you to register your dog with the local town hall where you live. In addition, it is important to micro-chip your pets, as well as ensure that the contact details are correct and updated when appropriate. We have a large number of dogs brought to the refuge off the streets by Protection Civil that are micro-chipped, but the information isn't up to date. This causes unnecessary stress to the dog as it has to stay at the refuge until the owner is found.

Also, please know 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 that is vital to prevent further pain and suffering.



↑ This tiny puppy was found abandoned and has needed feeding every four hours

How you can help

We are always in need of tinned dog food for our older dogs, plus blankets, towels, sheets, dog toys, and collars and leads. If you have any of the above to spare they would be very much appreciated. 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 Accion-Tier staff.

Please do call us on 664 321 219 or 602 463 242 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 Accion tier Acción del Sol.

Cats Welfare

Adoptions

Please consider adopting from us. All of our 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, micro chip and neutering is free for the second kitten. Adopt a black kitten or two and both kittens receive the above treatments for free. Contact us via our website at www.cats-welfare-tenerife.com or ring/whatsapp Sharon (English) on 662 524 006, seven days a week 9am to 6pm, or Sandra (Spanish and German) after 6pm on 671 282 773. Alternatively, message us on Facebook.



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↑ Don't forget all the lovely kitties that are also waiting for new homes

Our shop

Our shop is our main source of income and incredibly important to us for raising funds, so we always need good quality/condition items donated, as well as happy customers in the 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 to donate you can ring Mark on 636 590 557 to arrange collection. Or maybe you would you like to help in the shop? It's a great way to meet new friends and support the local community at the same time.

Want to help but not sure how?

We go through vast amounts of bedding each week so we always need towels, blankets, sheets etc. to keep the cats clean and warm. Food and litter is a large part of our expenditure each month as we feed 20 large colonies of cats and also have foster carers who need them for their charges. Any brand is always welcome. Also, do you have any spare pet carriers or dog training cages spare?

K9

Ways you can help

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 or just come and spend some time with the dogs: they always need lots of cuddles and human interaction to get them ready for the world out there. 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



Sprite is a very sweet, handsome and loving boy who has been at K9 a while now and is still looking for his forever home.

Whatever happened to Sprite before he arrived has made him a little nervous of new people, so he does need some time to get to know you. Once he does, however, he's very content either out walking, on- or off-lead, or in the kennels playing. He's a very nice dog to walk, who loves to explore but also will stop for the occasional treat!

At the moment, he is currently sharing with a male dog but previously shared with females as he's best with female dogs. It would be wonderful for him to finally get out of the kennels and live a happy life with a new family. He's quite obedient and will come when called and also sits for you before you feed him. He loves his food and always looks forward to meal time. He likes to play and grab whichever toy he can and run around with it and have fun. He loves attention and will jump up for a hug and a nice rub under his chin. He really shows you when he trusts you. It's a lovely feeling.

If you are interested in getting to know Sprite, it's a good idea to call in a few times to walk him. Call K9 on 667 638 468 or email info@k9tenerife.com. Alternatively, visit the Refuge on Calle Chimbesque, between Las Chafiras and Las Zocas, any day between 10am and 2pm.

K9 dogs and cats have everything they need to make their time at the refuge as comfortable as possible.

UK online shop

Good news for our UK supporters. We now have an online shop at www.k9tenerife.eu/welcome-to-our-k9-shop. Deliveries can only be made to the UK, so please spread the word to your family and friends there. Thank you very much!

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We have many beautiful dogs, and even cats, wait-

ing 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 9.30am and 1.30pm. 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 Dog-walker or K9 Tenerife. Also, to see daily photos of the walks that take place at K9, 'like' the facebook page Voluntarios del Refugio K9. ■

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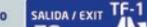
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