Adoption Process



INITIAL ENQUIRY & HOMECHECK

If you have seen a dog you are interested in and would like to enquire about reserving it, we require some information about your home and lifestyle

These questions will be shared with you at the time of your enquiry

If this information is acceptable, we will then reserve the dog pending a homecheck (HC).

Please note our guidelines regarding rehoming a dog with children:

Children under 6 years: Puppies only (aged 3-4 months at time of travel)
Children 6- 10 years – Puppies up to 9 months only (at time of travel)
Children 10+ years – Puppies and adults pending a successful child test*

*We can carry out child tests on our dogs, and our team will evaluate their suitability for the home. If we do not feel the dog would be a good match for your home, we will suggest other options who we believe could be a better fit.

A homecheck will be done by a volunteer in your area who will come to your house. You will receive a call or text from your allocated home checker usually within a week of reserving to arrange your homecheck

To reserve the dog, pending homecheck, we will need from you:

·Answers to the pre-adoption questions sent over by our admin team
·Your FULL name (please ensure it matches your passport)
·Full home address
·Email address
·Mobile number
·Photos of your garden, including any gates/fences/walls
·A clear photo of your passport & proof of address

On the completion of the home check you will receive an email from us informing you whether you have been successful & next steps

PREPARATION FEES

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Once you have successfully passed the homecheck, your dog will be prepped for travel, and you will be asked to pay a preparation fee which is stated below.

Vaccinations & Health Tests

Your dog will have been given all standard vaccinations required to travel including rabies. We do not vaccinate our dogs for kennel cough, as this is not a standard vaccination.

Prep Fee - £300 payable upon successful homecheck
This covers vaccinations, passport, microchip, flea/tick/worming and the basic health checks that are required for pet travel.

If your dog is over 8 months old, they will also have:

- Sterilization

- 4D Snap Test:
- Erlichia
- Lyme Disease
- Anaplasma
- Dilofilaria

- Serology Blood Test:
- Bruscellosis
- Leishmania

Please be aware that your vet in the UK may well ask for an additional Bruscellosis test to be carried out 3 months after arrival. This is due to new policies being put in place across vet practises in the UK.

TRANSPORT FEES & INFO

Paperwork Required

In order for your dog to leave the Island, there is some paperwork that we require you to complete.

This allows the State Vet to sign them off ready to travel. Details of this will be sent to you in an email upon successful homecheck

Transport fee & date

When your dog is ready to travel, a departure date for transport will be sent by email to you along with 2 important documents (microchip registration and tips & advice for your first few weeks/months)

In this email we will also ask for the overland transport fee of **£460** and this must be paid into our Lloyds UK account no later than 7 days before your dog leaves Zakynthos, the fee is given directly to the transporter.

Collecting your dog

Adopters need to be able to travel to pick up your dog. This is normally a service station as close to where you live as possible.
Please note: We do not have stops in Scotland, Ireland or the Isle of Man

You will receive a text or email directly from our transporters around a week before the dog arrives in the UK.
The transporter will provide you directly with a list of collection points and timings in the UK.

The drop off points may differ between the trips, however on average the transporter will offer you collection points at or near to: **Clacket Lane services, Leicester Forest Services and Knutsford Services.**

As the dogs come by land, please be aware of any potential traffic issues that could mean they arrive a little after or before the time given. If it is likely to be a big difference, the transporter will keep you updated.

THE IMPORTANT BITS & YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

ZANTE STRAYS
RESCUE CHARITY

ZANTE STRAYS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REFUSE OR WITHDRAW ANY ADOPTION, AT ANY TIME

Your Responsibilities as an adopter of a Zante Stray:

- If for whatever reason the adoption fails and you cannot keep your pet, you **MUST** get in touch with Zante Strays so we can take the dog back into our care.
- We may remove the animal immediately, or you may continue to foster the animal until a suitable alternative is found, depending on the situation. You must not re home, try to sell or give away the animal yourself without permission from us.
- If you adopt a puppy you **MUST** have the puppy sterilized as soon as he/she is old enough. Dogs who are old enough will be sterilized in Zakynthos before they come to the UK.
- **Never breed** our puppies. Our dogs are crossbreeds and because we rarely, if ever, know both parents, you could introduce many genetic problems by doing this.
- Register your new pets **microchip** - you will receive a Tips and Advice email nearer the time of your pets departure which will explain how to do this.
- Register your new pet with a **local vet** and take your Zante Stray for an introduction appointment within the first couple of weeks.
- Unless you have a medical emergency, we would not recommend taking your new dog to the vet in its first week as it will need time to decompress after the journey.
- **Give your dog time to settle** into it's new surroundings, please refer to the 3-3-3 information provided
- You will be required to sign an **adoption agreement**, this ensures you are aware of your responsibility to contact Zante Strays if you can, for whatever reason, not keep your dog.

GOOD TO KNOW & FUTURE HELP

Leishmania

In your homecheck, you will be briefed on a condition called Leishmania.

This is a Mediterranean disease that some dogs can get from being bitten by a sandfly. All dogs over 9 months are tested for this prior to travel, but it can lay dormant for years after they leave Greece.

It is imperative that you are aware of the symptoms and monitor your dog throughout its life

Zante Strays offers support and advice to any adopters who need it, please contact us at any time if you think your dog may be displaying symptoms.

Microchip

Due to safeguarding processes, all of our dogs' microchips will be pre-registered to Zante Strays before they arrive in the UK.

When you receive your dog, and wish to update the microchip details, Zante Strays details will stay on the microchip, but you can also register the dog to your name

This is to ensure that any vet who scans their microchip, can see that this dog has Rescue Back Up (RBU)

Behavioural Problems

Many of our dogs have never set foot inside a house, everything will be new to them.

They require time and patience to settle. We work to the 3-3-3 rule
3 days to decompress
3 weeks to learn your routine
3 months to start to feel at home

Please, allow them time to settle. If you are struggling and need advice, we are here to help. Please reach out at anytime via email or Facebook and one of our team will be here to help you.