

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS ANIMALS IN RHODES

There are a lot of homeless animals in Rhodes. Approximately 20 000 cats live on the streets. Dogs are abandoned and they end up in shelters. The biggest of these shelters is the municipality shelter in Tsairi. There lives around 350 dogs.

Because the amount of stray animals is extensively high, the need for caretaking is also great. Injured, sick and youngsters are in greatest danger.

Here are some tips for You if you want to help the animals in need – during your vacation or otherwise.

HOW YOU CAN HELP WHILE IN RHODES

RAISE YOUR VOICE FOR THE VOICELESS

If you run into animal abuse and neglect at your hotel or in a restaurant, take action! If we defend and require proper care of the animals, old habits and ways of reacting must change. As a tourist, your voice is even bigger! Give feedback to travel agencies, guides and to the authorities as the police. Ask other tourists to do the same. Together your voice is even louder, please use it! If you have any complaints, please email: touristcomplaints@mintour.gr

Promote animal wellbeing in social media and spread the word of our association as well as of other associations and societies working for the animals. The knowledge of all of us gives also the animals a stronger voice and increases the ways of helping.

DONATE FOOD AND SUPPLIES

You can donate food and supplies to shelters and feeding places during your holiday. When buying food, please pay special attention to the high quality of food. Dogs living in shelters as well as cats living in the streets often lack immunity towards illnesses and by providing them with high quality food you help them increase their immunity.

During the summer heat, give cats dry food to prevent the food from getting bad and stinky, but make sure that cats also have access to fresh water! Don't leave food bowls lying on the ground and remember to squeeze the metal bins so that cats don't hurt themselves or get stuck in them. Never give cats and especially kittens regular milk! They might get lethal diarrhea!

DONATE YOUR TIME

You can help the shelters and animal rescue associations by volunteering at a shelter. This is also a very good way to get to know more about the work that is being done. You also get to spend time with animals that desire the company of humans. Taking dogs out for a walk is also

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appreciated. The cat feeding place in Kalithea is also always a good place to volunteer and to donate food and medicine. You are also welcome to help Malene Drost Rasmussen with her rescue cats at her cat home.

HELP AN INJURED OR SICK ANIMAL

If you run into an injured or sick animal, do not expect someone else to take action – do it yourself and contact a local vet or animal rescue association. You can also ask us for help and guidance. In emergencies, always contact the vets. They are the experts in animal care and are the best ones to judge what an animal is in need of. You can borrow a trap and a cage from our association or from the vets. Contact our volunteers in Rhodes!

Sick and injured animals can be taken to the vet directly. Please take into consideration local siestas when the vet clinics might be closed. For non-emergency cases, please book a time in forehand. If you need help with trapping a stray animal, please contact our volunteers on site. The vet expenses are more inexpensive compared with North European prices, so please consider this chance to help a stray in need! Thanks for caring!

ADOPT A HOMELESS ANIMAL

There are a lot of homeless animals living in shelters in Rhodes. Especially puppies are abandoned almost on a weekly bases. Also many cats are constantly looking for homes. Please consider adoption. By adopting you give some other homeless animal a place in the shelter. For more information, please have a look at our websites.

If you are interested in adopting a dog or a cat, you can adopt with our help (only to Finland). The best way to proceed with adoption is to contact us or the local shelters prior to your trip. People working at shelters know the animals and are able to give advice of a suitable dog or cat. You can also select a dog or cat while there, and if the animal is ready to travel, you can take him or her home with you. If not, then we can help you with finding a flight escort and with arranging all the paperwork. The vets prepare all animals ready for travelling (passports, micro chips, vaccinations etc.).

BECOME A FLIGHT ESCORT

If you could consider becoming a flight escort, tell about this to us or to the other associations working with animal welfare.

WAYS TO HELP OUTSIDE YOUR TRIP

DONATE YOUR TIME AND SKILLS

You can donate your time and skills by providing our association help by producing items for sale in our charity auctions and fairs. You can donate of your time also by attending different venues as a helping hand. If you are good in making materials for ads and marketing, please contact us.

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TELL ABOUT OUR ASSOCIATION

While on Rhodes or back home, it would mean a lot if you can share our Facebook updates and the knowledge of us and other associations in Rhodes and the work we do for the stray and homeless animals. Please, also encourage your friends to adopt an animal.

DONATE

Money:

PAYMENT RECEIVER: Rodoksen kodittomat eläimet ry

IBAN: FI42 1743 3000 0235 50

REFERENCE: 1313 or according to the campaign in question

Licence number for accepting donations: RA/2017/301. Valid 1.4.2017-31.3.2019. Issued by: Lounais-Suomen poliisi 16.3.2017.

Items:

You can donate medicine against worms, ticks and flees, as well as items to be put on sale in our charity auctions, fairs etc. If you want to make a donation, please contact us by e-mail: rhodianstrayanimal@gmail.com

BECOME A MEMBER

You can become a member in one of the two membership categories: full member or supporting member. The membership fee is paid annually.

The annual fee for a **supporting member is 50 euros/private person** and **100 euros/community or organization. Full membership fee is 25 € per year.**

Apply for membership on our website: <http://rodoksen-kodittomat-kissat-ry.webnode.fi/ryhdy-jaseneksi/>

Homepage: www.rodoksenkodittomatelaimet.fi

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CONTACT US: Send a message on Facebook or by e-mail rhodianstrayanimal@gmail.com.
You can also send a text message or call us!

ADOPT/ BECOME A FLIGHT ESCORT

Rhodes Animal Welfare Society's dog shelter in Tsairi accommodates approximately 350 dogs. Dogs are looking for homes year around. Please contact us, the society or affiliated partners. Cats can be adopted from some of the animal welfare associations. Also stray cats can be adopted. Both cats and dogs are looking for flight escorts especially during the winter time.

Please read the **EU regulations for animal import and export:**

<https://www.evira.fi/en/animals/import-and-export/eu-countries-norway-and-switzerland/dogs-cats-and-ferrets/>

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ANIMAL WELFARE AND SHELTERS IN RHODES:

Rhodes Animal Welfare Society RAWS (municipality shelter in Tsairi)

Facebook: Rhodes Animal Welfare Society

Rhodes Animal Welfare Society dogs for adoption

Facebook: Rhodes Animal Welfare Society dogs for adoption

Strays of RAWS

Facebook: Strays of Raws

Lucky Paws Animal Rescue Rhodes

Facebook: Lucky Paws Animal Rescue Rhodes

Stray Gang Rhodes

Facebook: Stray Gang Rhodes Animal Rescue Team

Paws & Claws Animal Rescue Rhodes

Facebook: Paws & Claws Animal Rescue Rhodes

Kalitheia Cats

Facebook: Kalitheia Cats, Rhodes

Rhodian stray cats – Rhodoskattene (Malene Drost Rasmussen's cats)

Facebook: Rhodian stray cats – Rhodoskattene

Swedish Animalhelp at Rhodos – SAR

Facebook: Swedish Animalhelp at Rhodos - SAR

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CAT AND DOG FOOD:

Besides of buying cat and dog food in a supermarket or grocery store, you can also buy larger quantities or food of higher standard from the vets or the pet shops. Here are some of them:

Epigasos (pet shop)

Prophet Amos Street, Faliraki Rhodes

Tel. +30 2241085059

Email: info@epigasos.com,
pigasosemporiki@gmail.com

Zouroudis (cash and carry)

Asgorou, Faliraki Road (across from Lidl)

Tel. +30 2241065824

Email : zouroudikal@gmail.com

Limnos Petshop

Afxentiou grigoriou 2, Ródos

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Email: info@petshoplimnos.gr

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ANIMAL FRIENDLY TAXI:

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