



Dogs and Cats of the Dominican Republic

Adoption Procedures—FYI

Thank you so much for considering adopting a needy Coconut Hound or Coconut Cat from the Dominican Republic . We have put together this sheet to answer some of the frequently asked questions about the process of adopting one of our wonderful pets. **Thanks again!**

- ◆ If you are interested in adopting, the first step is for potential adopters to fill out all parts of the DCDR Adoption Application. The adoption form can be found by clicking the link on our website at www.dogsandcatsdr.com/adoption-album. Else, feel free to contact our adoption coordinator at: adoptions@dogsandcatsdr.com and we will gladly send one to you. Complete the form at your earliest convenience and email it back to adoptions@dogsandcatsdr.com. Our adoption coordinator will then review your application for suitability to adopt a Coconut Hound or Coconut Cat.
- ◆ Interested adopters, once approved, will then be asked if there is a specific animal or animals they are interested in. Pictures and stories of many of the newer animals brought into our adoption program are often first shown on our Facebook Page: Dogs and Cats of the Dominican Republic. An album of animals available for adoption can be seen on our website at www.dogsandcatsdr.com/adoption-album. Please Note: Although we do our best to keep this site current, some newer animals may not yet be posted and some on the site could possibly already have been adopted. Please also realize that some animals are still in the Dominican Republic waiting to travel while others are already in Canada (this will be noted in their description on the website).
- ◆ If you do not have a particular animal you are interested in you can provide our adoption coordinator with some of the specifics of what you are looking for and they will inquire with our fosters if there is a possible match and let you know. If no match exists at the time, your name will be kept along with the type of animal you are looking for and you will be contacted when potential matches become available. However, we do recommend that you continue to check our Facebook Page for new animals and peruse our adoption album on a regular basis to stay current on what pets are available.
- ◆ Once approved, our adoption coordinator will put you in touch with the foster provider for the animal(s) you are interested in or might be a match for you. You are free to talk to them directly about the animal's temperament, appropriateness for you, and any questions you might have about the dog or cat. We want to make sure you find the right Coconut Hound or Coconut Cat for you.
- ◆ Note that when your adoption application has been approved, this does not mean that you are approved to adopt any particular animal available through DCDR. It will ultimately be up to the foster person of an animal to determine if the animal is a good match for you. They will ultimately have the final decision as to whether the animals temperament and personality will be an appropriate match.



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- ◆ Depending on your location and the location of your new forever friend, the adoption process may also include a meet and greet and/or a home visit to insure the animal is compatible with your home environment and any other animals in the household.
- ◆ Once you decide on a Particular Coconut Hound or Coconut Cat we will note that animal as adopted to you.
- ◆ **For Dogs and Cats in the D.R.** - We then put your animal on our list to find a travel companion that can bring them to you. A \$100 non-refundable deposit is required to hold an animal. Should you decide to not go ahead with the adoption, the deposit will be retained by DCDR to use in one of its programs to help improve the health and well-being of the animals of the island. Please note we generally have a list of already adopted animals waiting for a travel companion and so it might take a little time to find someone who is traveling to your area. *Please let anyone you know of who is flying to the D.R. know that we are always in need of travel companions to take animals back to the U.S. and Canada. If they would be willing to volunteer, we will handle all the costs for the animals and the logistics of getting the animal to its forever home. They just need to be willing to help.

Once we have a travel companion set we will handle all the arrangements to get the animal to you.

For Dogs and Cats already in Canada or the U.S. - You can take your new friend home with you as soon as your adoption fee (as outlined below) is paid.

- ◆ Our adoption fee is \$375 CAD in Canada and \$325 USD in the United States (airline costs are more to the U.S.) and this fee is used to help cover our costs to bring you a healthy animal that is ready to be adopted. Our adoption fee covers:

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| ◆ Spaying/Neutering | ◆ Import Paperwork and Fees |
| ◆ Vaccinations | ◆ Flea, Tick, and Parasite Meds |
| ◆ Microchipping and Registration | ◆ Veterinarian Treatments |
| ◆ Vet Health Certificate | ◆ All Other Foster Costs Incurred |
| ◆ D.R. Airport Vet Fee | ◆ Airline Fees |

*All procedures may not be performed before arriving to you if the animal's age or health dictates it. If so we will advise you.

** Adoption Fee does not include crate for shipping. Check your options to buy or return on our Crate Returns PDF.

Questions???: Email adoptions@dogsandcatsdr.com

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