



# Dogs and Cats of the Dominican Republic

## Adoption Procedures—FYI

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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 most frequently asked questions about the process of adopting one of our wonderful pets. **Gracias! Please note that we are able to adopt dogs to the U.S. However, due to new CDC requirements for dogs the process to get a Coconut Hound to the U.S. takes a bit longer and is more expensive. Cats can still be sent to the U.S. without these additional requirements.**

- ◆ 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.dcdr.org/adopt](http://www.dcdr.org/adopt). Else, feel free to contact our adoption coordinator at: [adoptions@dcdr.org](mailto:adoptions@dcdr.org) and we will gladly send one to you. Complete the form at your earliest convenience and email it back to [adoptions@dcdr.org](mailto:adoptions@dcdr.org). 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 by clicking the “Our Adoption Album” button at [www.dcdr.org/adopt](http://www.dcdr.org/adopt). 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 the first line of their description in the adoption album ).
- ◆ 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 in our system.
- ◆ 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 ask 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 dog or cat is a good match for you. They will ultimately have the final decision as to whether the animal's 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 Cat and the foster thinks you are a great match, we will note that animal has been adopted to you and a \$250 CAD deposit will hold the animal until we can send it to you. Sorry, but we often get several applications for one animal and so we can not guarantee any particular animal will end up with you once you start the process. 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 on the island. DCDR will use its best efforts to get you your Coconut Hound or Coconut Cat within 90 days of completing the adoption process.
- ◆ **For Dogs and Cats already in Canada** - You can take your new forever friend home with you as soon as your adoption fee (as outlined below) is paid.
- ◆ **Our adoption fee** for Coconut Hounds in and to Canada is \$650 CAD and for Coconut Cats is \$250 CAD. We do have special needs dogs (older, medical condition, etc.) with reduced adoption fees that are available on a case by case basis. Coconut Cats heading to the U.S. are adoptable at \$225 USD. **Please email [mark@dcdrr.org](mailto:mark@dcdrr.org) to find out fees for dogs heading to the U.S.** These fees are used to help cover our costs to bring you a healthy animal that is ready to join you in your home. The 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 before the flight and make arrangements accordingly.

\*\* Adoption Fee does not include the crate used for transport.

**Questions???: Email [adoptions@dcdrr.org](mailto:adoptions@dcdrr.org)**

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