

PET PASSPORT PROCEDURES & COSTS

At 6-8 weeks old, puppies can have their 1st vaccination DHLPP (Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, Parvovirus, Parainfluenza) The 2nd vaccination is 4 weeks after the 1st and puppies are not fully protected until 2 weeks after that.

Blood tests for the 3 main diseases, (Leishmaniasis, Ehrlichiosis & Babesiosis) are only carried out on dogs over 6 months old as the diseases are not detectable until then.

1st & 2nd vaccinations, Rabies, flea/tick and worming, microchip + Passport = **130€**. Should your dog be over 6 months and you also wish to have the blood tests carried out for the 3 main diseases, the cost is an additional **€50** making a total of **€180**.

Once you have confirmed that you wish to proceed with the adoption, we will require payment of the €130 or €180. Please note that this amount is non-refundable should you withdraw from the adoption at a later stage.

NEUTERING

Neutering for male/female – this will usually be paid for by KATS charity on Kefalonia.

Neutering can be done 3 weeks after the Rabies vaccination or 2 weeks before and depends upon the age of the dog.

The dog can travel 2 weeks after sterilisation or 3 weeks after the Rabies vaccination (depending upon which way round treatment has been given).

WHEN THE NEW OWNER IS NOT ON KEFALONIA

An **authorisation form** needs to be completed to allow the new pet passport to be signed on your behalf here in Kefalonia. This signatory will also be responsible for taking the dog from Kefalonia to Patras Port to meet the Pet Taxi.

Once completed, this **authorisation form** must be taken to a notary or solicitor and signed in front of them. Once the signature has been witnessed, the form is sent off by the notary to have the Apostille Stamp added (**the cost varies widely so it pays to shop around**) We have recently been advised that this can also be done, possibly more cheaply online at www.hagueapostille.co.uk

The original form must then be sent by courier to the vet in Kefalonia and the new owner should request an electronic copy for their records which should also be emailed to Stepping Stones . The original copy will travel with the dog on the Pet Taxi.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT THE SAME NAME IS ON THE ADOPTION FORM & AUTHORISATION FORMS AS THIS WILL BE THE NAME ON THE PET PASSPORT

****Also required is a copy of the new owner's passport****

TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS

The fare for the ferry to meet the Pet Taxi in Patras is between **€40 - €80** depending on the number of cars needed and volunteers available. This is paid directly to Stepping Stones.

Pet Taxi (usually Yiannis Vassiliou hellenic-equine-transport.gr) is €420 for transfer from the mainland (Patras) to Cobham Services on the M25 outside London. Should you be unable to collect directly from Yiannis, he can put you in touch with a transporter to deliver to your home. We may use a different pet transporter and will advise you of any change to this cost or to the collection point.

Several dogs are transported at a time and taken excellent care of by Yiannis. The trip generally takes 4 days.

(If the dog is to be flown, you must supply a suitable size crate. Due to Covid, it is now very expensive and extremely difficult to find flights to the UK that are able to transport dogs.)

IPAAF Registration and UK Custom Clearance

Rescue dogs traveling to new owners in the UK must by law be registered on the post-Brexit UK IPAAF system. This system requires the dog to obtain a special health certificate signed and stamped by a government vet in its place of origin.

As the dogs are technically imports from the EU on their arrival in the UK, customs paperwork must be completed by a UK customs agent to ensure their safe and legal entry.

We use Skypets as our Customs Agent. They charge a fee of **£156** for the initial IPAAF registration and completion of Customs paperwork. Once your dog's travel arrangements have been finalised you will receive an invoice for this amount to be paid directly to Skypets.

Our vet in Kefalonia charges **€15** for completion of a health certificate for the IPAAF system - which should be paid to us once a transport date is confirmed.

PAYMENT DETAILS

Payments should be made to Stepping Stones as follows:

ALPHA BANK

IBAN GR71 0140 6830 6830 0210 1043 678

or

PayPal account: steppingstoneskefalonia@hotmail.com

Payments will be requested in the following order:

1. Payment for Pet Passport, **130€ or 180€** once adoption is confirmed. **This amount is non-refundable**
2. Payment for the IPAAF health certificate, **15€** once a transport date is confirmed.

3. Payment for the ferry fare from Kefalonia to Patras between **€40 -€80 (depending on number of cars and volunteers required)** once a transport date is confirmed

Payment for the Pet Taxi **420€** is usually paid in cash on collection, but payment by bank transfer is possible - please contact them directly for information.

Payment to Skypets **£156** is paid directly on receipt of their invoice