

# Puppy from Crete

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### Foreword

Welcome to our story about the many dogs of Crete who are known as strays. A stray is a dog who doesn't have a home to take care of them. These dogs are often found wandering

around the streets or living on their own in the countryside.

Although the island of Crete is a beautiful place with lots of sunshine and beaches, not all dogs here have a happy life. Stray dogs can face many challenges, such as



finding enough food and water to survive, avoiding dangers like cars or other animals, and dealing with illnesses or injuries without any help.

But there is hope for these dogs. Shelters are places where they can go to receive care, food, and medical attention. These shelters with few means are run by kind and compassionate people who want to help as many dogs as they can.

Through the pages of this book, we hope to share with you the story of one of the dogs of Crete and the important work that shelters do to help them. We believe that by learning about its life, we can all help make a difference and work towards a world where all dogs are loved and cared for. Adopt, don't shop!

It's a true story.

### Abandoned

Once upon a time, there was a tiny puppy who was all alone near some trash in the countryside of Crete. He had a mom and brothers and sisters but someone hadn't wanted him anymore and so had taken him here.



There he was! All alone!

Some people stopped in their cars and threw some bread on the road. That was all.





The little puppy was very afraid. He wanted to go back to his mom. He cried.

Crete is a big island in the Mediterranean Sea and this island belongs to the country of Greece. It's a very nice place with beautiful beaches, mountains, and lots of sunshine. People have lived on Crete for a very long time, and there are many



interesting things to learn about its history and culture.



Sometimes in some countries there are many dogs that don't have a family to take care of them.

When the dogs are outside by themselves, they can have puppies and make even more dogs without homes. This can make it hard for everyone to take care of them.

Places, like the Souda Shelter, care about these dogs and help them find new homes where they can be happy and loved.





It was raining and thundering outside and the poor puppy was now very scared.

When it's raining and thundering outside, it can be scary for animals too! Just like how you might feel scared or want to hide under a blanket, animals like the poor puppy can feel the same way.





The poor puppy was shivering because it was cold and wet from the rain, and the loud thunder made it feel even more scared.

But two kind, old ladies found him and took him in for a night, even though they already had two dogs of their own.



They knew they couldn't keep him, so they brought him to the municipal shelter.



# The Municipal Shelter

Three days later the ladies called the municipal shelter and asked how the puppy was doing. They were told that the little puppy got bitten by a very big dog and his wound was very, very infected. So the two ladies were very, very, very worried.

The ladies called their friend Beate in Germany about the puppy.

Beate loved dogs, wanted to help and she called the Souda Shelter.

The Souda Shelter is one place on the island of Crete where kind people take care of dogs who don't



have homes. They give them food, take care of them when they're sick, and keep them safe. They also help find new homes for the dogs, so they can be happy with a new family who will love them.

Beate asked the Souda Shelter for help and they said yes!

They told Beate that if she took the puppy later, they would get him from the municipal shelter and take him to the vet to make him all better.

## The Vet



Beate agreed and the Souda Shelter took the puppy to the vet.

When a poor puppy gets bitten by a dog and is hurt, a vet is someone who can help make the puppy feel better.

The vet will first take a close look at the puppy and gently touch the hurt spot to see how bad it is.

Then, the vet might give the puppy some medicine to make it feel less pain.



The medicine can taste yucky, but it will help the puppy feel better very soon. The vet will also make sure the puppy doesn't have any other problems and give it some special food or drink to help it heal.

The little puppy had to wear a cone - so it didn't touch the dressing on its back.

Vets cost a lot of money. Sometimes when puppies don't have a family to take care of them, it's hard for them to get the money they need to go to the vet.

But there are kind people like at the Souda Shelter who care about the little puppies and the older dogs and collect money from all over the world to help them.

They think that every life matters!



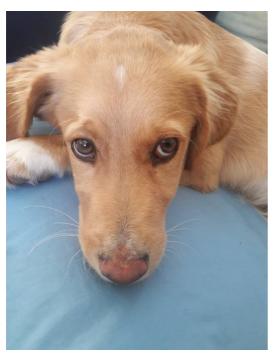
# The Foster Family

The Souda Shelter then put the puppy into a special home called a foster family because it was too ill to go to the shelter.

The foster family consisted of a man, a woman and their



black dog named Seth, who was also very kind and friendly to the little puppy. The puppy was happy again!



A foster family is a special kind of family that takes care of animals or sometimes even children who need a temporary home.

Sometimes, animals or children can't live with their own family for a little while.

A foster family takes them in and gives them love, care, and a safe place to stay.

The foster family helps the animals or children to feel better. They give them all the things they need, like food, toys, and cuddles.

When the animals or children are ready, they go back to their own family or to a new, permanent home where they can be happy.

The puppy was very ill and had to take a lot of medicine, but he was a fighter and soon he started feeling better.





This picture was taken at Chrismas. The foster family sent it to Beate who loved it very much.





The puppy got to play and cuddle with Seth, and the foster family gave the puppy lots of love and attention.

The puppy was very happy to be in a family for the first time, and it felt safe and loved.



Seth and the little puppy were very happy.



# Preparations for The Flight Home

After he was all better and was fully recovered, he was given a special shot called a vaccine to keep him from getting sick again.

A vaccine is a special medicine that helps our body stay strong and healthy. It's like a little helper that teaches our body how to fight germs and sicknesses. The medicine goes into our body and tells it how to make a special army of little fighters called antibodies. These little



fighters can help our body fight against bad germs and keep us from getting sick. When we get a vaccine, it's like giving our body a superhero suit to help protect us!

Just like how you might need to get some special shots and papers when you go on a trip, a dog needs to do the same thing. Papers are like special documents that show where the dog came from and that



it's healthy and safe to travel. When the dog has vaccines and papers, it can go on a big airplane or boat and have a lot of fun exploring new places with its family!

### Home

When the puppy was ready, Beate came to pick him up. So Beate came and the puppy was put in its travel crate. The puppy cried because it understood that it was loosing its family. But sometimes you have to loose something to get something new.



When a dog goes on an airplane, it's like going on a special trip!

The dog gets to go into a special box called a crate, and the crate gets put on the airplane with the dog inside.

The crate is very safe and cozy, like a little bedroom for the dog. The dog's owner can't go with the dog, but there are special helpers who take care of the dog and make sure it's happy and comfortable during the flight. When the airplane lands, the dog's owner is there to pick it up and take it on more fun adventures!

They flew back home to Germany and then traveled by car to their the puppy's new home.

He was so tired of the flight and all the new things! The little neighbour's girl came to see him and both became very good friends instantly. He slept very well in his new bed.



At first, the puppy was very sad because he missed his old family and his best friend Seth, but soon he was happy and having fun in his new home with Beate.

Do you know what the best part is? The Souda Shelter asked Beate what the puppy's name would be and she named him "Nikos" because he was rescued on December 6th, St. Claus' day!

From that day on, Nikos lived a happy and loved life with Beate.

What happened then?

Of course, everything was very exiting for Nikos: so many people and cars, streets, the city and all others things which are normal to us.

Of course, he had to go to dog school!



First he learnt to behave properly and then Beate and Nikos started agility where both have to master a parcour and Nikos has to jump over hurdles, run through tunnels and gets a little

treet afterwards. Nikos loves agility!



Now Nikos has many friends in his dog school, in the neighbourhood and also on the local dog run.

Can you imagine what might have happened to him if he had been left on street?

# The Souda Shelter

It's important that we help shelters like the Souda Shelter because they take care of animals who need help and don't have a family to take care of them. Can you imagine living on the street not knowing what to eat or where to sleep every day?

They give the animals food, water, and a safe place to stay, and they help them find new families who will love them.

When we help shelters like the Souda Shelter, we are being kind and helping the animals to be happy and healthy.

We can help by giving money, donating toys or food, or even by adopting an animal and giving it a new loving home. Also it is a very good thing to tell many people about the shelters so that more people help them and adopt a puppy or a dog.

It's important to help animals and show them love because they are special creatures and deserve our care and kindness.

Finally, you can always be kind to all small and big animals in your own garden and community by giving them love and care, and treating them with respect.

Every little bit helps!

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