

THE MOROCCO ANIMAL PROJECT

Adoption Guide

Adopting an Animal from Morocco

Adoption is one of the most meaningful ways to change an animal's life, but international adoption must be done **carefully, legally, and in the animal's best interest**. This page explains **how adoption from Morocco works, what is involved, realistic timelines, and costs**. Our priority is always the welfare and safety of the animal.

Who Adoption Is For

Adoption may be suitable if you:

- Are prepared for a **structured, multi-step process**
- Can wait several months for legal clearance
- Understand that rescue animals may need time, patience, and ongoing care
- Are willing to cover the **true cost of ethical transport and documentation**

Adoption is **not instant**, and we will never rush an animal into travel.

Step-by-Step Adoption Process

1. Expression of Interest

You contact us to express interest in a specific animal.

At this stage, we:

- Share the animal's background and current condition
- Discuss suitability (environment, experience, expectations)
- Answer initial questions honestly

This step is about **fit**, not commitment.

2. Assessment & Matching

We assess whether the adoption is appropriate for:

- The animal's health and temperament
- Your living situation and lifestyle
- The destination country's import requirements

Not every adoption can proceed — and we will always prioritise the animal's welfare.

3. Veterinary Care & Preparation

Before any travel, the animal must complete **mandatory veterinary steps**, which may include:

- Full health check
- Vaccinations (including rabies)
- Blood tests (rabies titre test where required)
- Parasite treatment
- Microchipping
- Recovery and observation periods

This phase often takes **several months**, especially for rabies titre requirements.

4. Legal Documentation

International adoption requires official documentation, which may include:

- Pet passport or export certificate
- Government veterinary approval
- Import permits (destination-dependent)
- Airline or transport documentation

All paperwork must be correct — there are **no shortcuts**.

5. Transport Planning

Transport is arranged based on:

- Destination country
- Animal size and health
- Airline regulations
- Welfare considerations

Options may include:

- Cabin travel (when permitted)

- Cargo with approved animal handling
- Ground transport within Europe after entry

We choose the **safest and least stressful option** available.

6. Arrival & Handover

Upon arrival:

- The animal is handed over according to regulations
- Any post-travel guidance is shared
- We remain available for support

Adoption does not end at arrival — we care about long-term outcomes.

Estimated Timeframes

Timelines vary depending on destination and health requirements:

- **Minimum:** 3–4 months
- **Common:** 4–6 months
- **Some countries:** up to 7–8 months

We will always give you a realistic estimate before proceeding.

Cost Transparency

Adoption costs are **not fees for the animal**. They cover real, unavoidable expenses.

Typical costs may include:

- Veterinary care and vaccinations
- Rabies titre test and laboratory fees
- Microchipping and a passport
- Government documentation
- Transport (air or ground)
- Crate and handling fees

Costs vary significantly by destination.

Indicative Ranges (approximate)

- **Europe:** €600 – €1,200
- **UK:** €1,200 – €2,000

- **USA / Canada:** €2,000 – €3,500+

Exact costs are confirmed case-by-case.

What We Do Not Do

- We do not rush animals for convenience
- We do not falsify paperwork
- We do not separate bonded animals unless necessary
- We do not promise timelines we can't guarantee

Ethical rescue means sometimes saying **no**.

Our Commitment

We commit to:

- Transparency at every stage
- Honest communication
- The animal's welfare above all else
- Responsible, lawful adoption practices

Interested in Adoption?

If you feel adoption may be right for you, please contact us with:

- Your location
- Experience with animals
- Living environment
- The animal you are interested in (if known)

We will guide you through the next steps carefully and responsibly.

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Adoption saves lives — when done properly.