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When our dogs decide to retire, we offer them for adoption. We have been rehoming retired dogs since Green Dog Svalbard AS was founded in 2011.

Finding the right home for our dogs is very important to us, as we want them to enjoy a happy and well-deserved retirement. Many adopters first contacted us after a sled tour, having met our dogs and learned about the adoption program. We also receive interest from local families, and many people have adopted a Green Dog for a second or even third time.

BEFORE YOU ADOPT

When adopting a retired sled dog, it is important to remember that you are adopting an older dog. We cannot guarantee how long the dog will live or whether it will remain in good health throughout its retirement.

Our dogs are well cared for, well fed, and remain active throughout their lives, which means many of them reach a high age. However, there are never any guarantees, and this is something every adopter must be prepared for.

We prefer that potential adopters have visited our kennel before adopting. We also prefer adopters to be based in Scandinavia, as international transport has become increasingly complicated.

Ideally, adopters should live in a rural area or small community and be able to provide an active lifestyle. Although these dogs are retired, they still have plenty of energy and need both physical exercise and mental stimulation.

Moving to mainland Scandinavia is a major change for dogs that have spent their entire lives in the Arctic. The transition is usually very successful, but adopters should allow the dog time to adjust to its new environment. We do not recommend immediately introducing the dog to smaller pets such as cats or small dog breeds.

Most sled dogs also retain a strong hunting instinct and may chase chickens, wildlife, or other animals if given the opportunity.

Our dogs are loving, social, and people-oriented. However, they can also be territorial and protective, meaning that males may be aggressive toward other males, and females toward other females.

FINDING YOUR FUTURE BEST FRIEND

All of our dogs are individuals with their own personalities, quirks, energy levels, and needs. Some love adventures and long hikes, while others are happiest spending their retirement close to their people.

If you are interested in adopting a Green Dog, we ask that you fill out our adoption questionnaire. This allows us to learn more about you and helps us find the dog that best matches your lifestyle and expectations.

Our goal is not just to find a home for our retired dogs, but to create lasting friendships between the right dog and the right family. Taking the time to find a good match benefits both you and your future best friend.

STAYING IN TOUCH

After adoption, we stay connected through our Facebook group:

Green Dog Oldies But Goldies

This group allows owners to get to know each other, share photos and stories, and stay updated on former kennel companions.

Please keep communication within the Facebook group or contact us directly at:

post@greendog.no

as this is our main point of contact. During busy periods we may not respond to Messenger or other platforms.

As the owner of a Green Dog retiree, you will also receive 20% off Green Dog tours. Bookings can be made through:

post@greendog.no

THE ADOPTION PROCESS

Once it has been decided which dog you will adopt, you must contact our local veterinarian:

Longyearbyen Dyreklinikk

+47 941 44 321

post@longyearbyendyreklinikk.no

Please explain that the dog will be moving from Svalbard to the mainland.

The veterinarian will guide you through the required procedures, including blood testing and travel documentation.

PLEASE NOTE

- You are responsible for contacting the veterinarian.
- You are responsible for ensuring that all travel requirements are fulfilled.
- You must provide your own transport crate.

- Green Dog Svalbard AS cannot be held responsible for misunderstandings or delays related to your communication with the veterinarian.

Once your veterinary appointment has been booked and your travel arrangements have been made, please contact us so we can arrange transportation to and from the veterinary clinic and assist with transport to Longyearbyen Airport.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Commercial sled dogs are not insured. If you would like your dog to be insured, you must arrange this yourself.
- Dogs living on Svalbard do not have passports. A pet passport can only be issued on the mainland.
- If you plan to bring a dog from Svalbard to the mainland, the process takes approximately four months from the date of the blood test, assuming all requirements are met.
- Only the registered owner may travel with the dog.
- Our dogs are mixed-breed sled dogs with Greenland Dog and Husky ancestry. They are not purebred. Their thick coats, large paws, and highly social nature are inherited largely from their Greenland Dog heritage.
- We recommend feeding the dog once daily and ensuring access to fresh water at all times.
- It is possible to join a waiting list for a specific dog.
- Most dogs retire between 8 and 10 years of age, although younger dogs occasionally become available for adoption.
- In all our years of rehoming dogs, we have never experienced an adoption that did not work out. However, if circumstances change, we ask that you inform us and involve us in the future rehoming process. We care deeply about our former dogs and want to ensure they continue to have safe and suitable homes.

LOCAL OWNERS

If you live in Longyearbyen, you are welcome to send us a request for a boarding spot for your Green Dog retiree whenever you go on holiday.

We do not charge for this service, as we are always happy to help our retired dogs and their families. However, our handlers who take care of your furry friend during your absence always appreciate a small token of gratitude, such as fruit, snacks, or cake.



Ready to start the adoption process?

If you would like to be considered for adopting a retired Green Dog, please fill out the adoption application form.

Scan the QR code or visit:
greendog.no/adoption

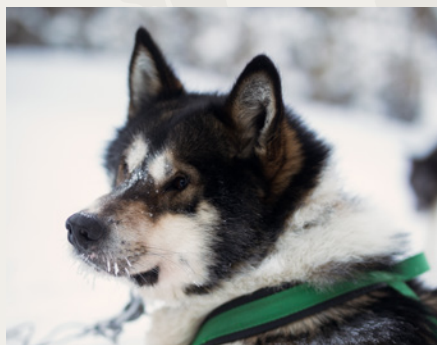
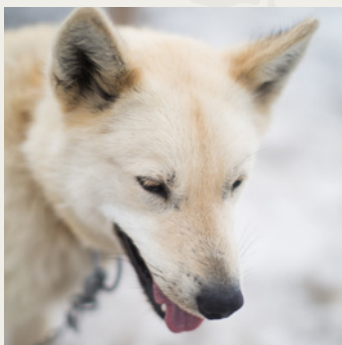
Please send the request to:

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Local owners may also purchase suitable dog food for your retired dog from us at a reduced price.

Contact us for current price

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