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This is one fortunate collie

ANSWERS to the name "Lucky."

At least that should be the name of one fortunate pooch, who was ditched in Puerto Rico and is being flown to Houston this week to start a new life.

After being evaluated, neutered and microchipped, the stray dog — who appears to be a pedigree male collie — will be put up for adoption by Houston Collie Rescue.

"We will know more about him when he arrives. We don't know his age yet," said Pat Booher, a volunteer with the rescue group.

The collie's journey started when he was found roaming the streets of San Juan by Save a Sato, a dog rescue organization in Puerto Rico. Stray dogs are called *satos* in Puerto Rico. It's not a kind nickname.

According to Save a Sato, there are 100,000 homeless dogs in Puerto Rico. The group partners with animal shelters in the U.S. to find homes for the animals. Save a Sato pays for the shipping and handling through donations.

Since this dog is a collie, Save a Sato jumped on the Internet and found Houston Collie Rescue.

When the collie is shipshape, he will be available for adoption to the first qualified person. The fee will be \$250.

Don't be surprised if the dog sings "I like to be in America" from *West Side Story*. Yes, the dog knows showtunes.

Click on www.houstoncollierescue.org for more information.

■ **Today's trivia:** Which has the most teeth — a human, a chimpanzee, a giraffe or a pig?

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