



Amalthia



Dodecanese cattle project Nisyros-July'26 cattle transport



Dodecanese project - Nisyros



NISYROS-2026 previous actions

A short visit to Nisyros was paid February '26, before the workshop in Rhodes, to meet some breeders and to keep the contacts, but most importantly the short visit beginning of May '26 together with the breeder from Leros, Panagiotis Fasolis, was decisive to choose finally the animals to transport to Leros. This is a major achievement, that has been sought for long time. The selected breeder is really motivated to receive the cattle and to take good care of them. The plan was to choose three cows and one bull, at the end only two young cows and a two year's bull were chosen, with 2-3 newborn female calves chosen already for the next year. All animals chosen have excellent characteristics of the Nisyros breed, especially the black bull is very impressive (see front picture with the mother). A final fair price was also agreed between Amalthia representant and the local breeder (thanks to the sponsoring of SAVE Foundation).

NISYROS-2026 June-July update

In June, a visit from the veterinary service of Rhodes was organised, to take samples for analysis, before performing the planned transport. The results arrived swiftly and the organising of the transport could proceed. As foreseen, unfortunately, the next part resulted to be the most difficult one, despite the very close collaboration with Ilias Ikonomidis, director of the veterinary service for the South Aegean Region, and his team in Rhodos. Nisyros goes under Kos island jurisdiction, therefore, things looked very complicated due to a non collaborative vet there. Basically it took almost two months to prepare a few papers, a temporarily transport stop, some additional bureaucratic obstacles, to perform the transport. Meanwhile the authorised animal transport truck from Panagiotis (breeder and truck driver) had to wait there in Nisyros for three weeks. At the end, on July the 30th, finally the transport from Nisyros to Leros, via Kalymnos, was performed successfully, with the three animals arriving safely and in good health to their final destination. This Amalthia achievement was pursued after years of struggle and planning. This time, preparations lasted for more than 5 months, with the workshop in Rhodos, beginning of the year, playing a decisive role! 2



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2.5 years old black bull (July 2026, here in Nisyros)



18 months young brownish cow



18 months
young dark
brown cow





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Arriving at Leros with the truck of Panagiotis on the evening of July the 30th





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The three Nisyros type cattle at the new home in Leros