

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## Zunder opens the first dog area at an ultra-rapid charging station, for EV users traveling with their pets



- Located at Zunder's station in Tudanca, at km 151 of the A-1 (Autovía de Burgos), this is the first dedicated dog rest area available at an ultra-rapid charging station.
- This fenced grass area includes two shaded zones, a fountain with fresh water, a bench, and a designated dirt area with a bin and sanitary bags.
- The dog rest area will make stopovers easier during trips, such as the upcoming summer return operation, which begins in a few days, allowing drivers to use charging time to relax safely with their pets.

According to various studies, in Spain there are more than 9 million dogs living with their owners—and that also includes when they travel by car. On road trips, pets need to stretch their legs, drink fresh water, and enjoy a moment of play after spending time in their carrier or secured with the harnesses recommended by the DGT. Yet many times, drivers find there is no safe area to let their dogs run free during a rest stop.

To meet this need, Zunder has designed and equipped the first dog rest area at an EV charging station in Spain, with features specifically thought out for the enjoyment of pets and the comfort of their owners.

With over 300 square meters of space, Zunder's dog area—developed in collaboration with Grupo Tudanca—is freely accessible. It offers two shaded areas that protect both the owners' rest space and the water fountain, keeping the water cool. The facility also includes a separate, fenced hygiene zone where pets can relieve themselves, with a dedicated bin and free sanitary bags, keeping the play area separate from the toilet area.

With this new service, Zunder, the leading ultra-rapid charging infrastructure operator in Southern Europe and ranked the best charging operator in Spain by users, offers even more advantages for those who want to travel seamlessly with their EVs. Now, drivers can also enjoy time with their pets while charging their battery in the average 15–20 minutes it takes.

According to David Huete, Business Development Director at Zunder:

"We are constantly working to improve the user experience. We have one of the fastest and best-rated charging networks in Southern Europe, and we want users to find solutions to all their needs at our stations—including when traveling with pets and not having a safe area to enjoy a rest stop. With this first dog area, Zunder becomes the first 'Dog Friendly' operator, offering a solution that we hope thousands of users will benefit from. Our goal is to continue opening more areas soon."

Zunder continues to work to offer the best EV travel experience through its ultra-rapid network and user-friendly applications. The company provides multiple payment options across its network—POS terminals, RFID systems (cards and key fobs), app payments, smartwatches, and Autocharge / Plug&Charge. Its stations also feature wide parking spaces, facilities adapted for heavy vehicles, and, above all, a dedicated human team available 24/7 to assist drivers on their journeys—now including their "best friends."





