

RACE

TOGETHER...

We can make a difference ...

These little sweethearts were found in a field on 20 April close to a rescue shelter, tied up in sacks and dumped. Thank goodness for the vigilance of the shelter personnel who noticed the sacks. The two are believed to be brother and sister, are still very young; Jasmine was also heavily pregnant. Both were soon safely at Elena's home being cared for.

However, tragedy was to strike yet again for Jasmine ... on the night of 23 April, Jasmine delivered six puppies.

JERRY and JASMINE



Three were stillborn, one passed away a few hours later and the other two little souls soon followed. Elena had the heart wrenching task of removing the last little dead body from under the grieving mum. The vet confirmed that they were premature, the stress Jasmine had suffered bringing on the labour. Shock, lack of oxygen, scared ... the abject cruelty of the person who did this to both Jasmine and Jerry is absolutely disgusting. Elena says that Jasmine is still, understandably, very depressed, but she is being taken excellent care of. Let's all pray that this horrendous episode will soon fade in this little girl's memory. We shall, in the future, be looking for families to adopt each of these siblings and give them the life they deserve.

Elle

Luna

Renee

ALL dogs are special ... ALL dogs deserve the best of care and love in a stable home ... and, of course, like all rescues, we want to see our precious pups with the best families ever which is why we work so very hard to promote them. Some have some issues - who wouldn't after what some of these dear souls have suffered ... but these are overcome the majority of the time if the dog is in the right hands. After all, it's not their fault at the end of the day; they come into this World as small bundles of perfection - it is man who does the damage. All RACE dogs are carefully and properly assessed as it is vital that we get our adoptions right from the very start. There have been occasions where we have turned down an applicant for a particular dog as it would not be suitable for their lifestyle or, indeed they may not have the relevant experience for a guarding breed for example. This brings us on to three of the most gentle, affectionate and family friendly dogs we have known ... no vices, completely trustworthy, fantastic around children and cats - there is nothing negative we can say about these three sisters - only that they keep getting overlooked by everyone. We have rehomed their mum, Mara, their brothers Danny, Rex, Haiduc, Frodo and Henry, with Luca is travelling to his new UK family on 4 May. LUNA, ELLE and RENEE are still looking for their forever homes too. Families with children would be perfect. All gentle and the most affectionate of girls you could wish for. They came into Elena's care at three days old, they had their mum with them so were fortunate enough to have had mum's milk, which is the best start in life for any pup, have been loved, hugged, socialised, brilliant with cats, brilliant with other dogs ... we could go on and on (which we have to a degree here ☐☐!) But will someone please consider giving these dear girls a home? They are coming up to eight months old, vaccinated and neutered. All they need now are families.

Could you offer any of these beauties a home? You will never regret it for a moment we can assure you.

If you are interested in offering a home, please email us with a completed Adoption Application Form which can be downloaded from our website at www.raceromanian.org. We always open a group Messenger chat with Elena, our frontline rescuer and fosterer, who can answer all questions about them and provide videos etc. Our Adoption Procedures are also on the site. Adoption fee and home check apply.



Four and a half year old, Teddy, a crossbreed (weighing in at around 35kgs), spent three and a half years at the Hope Rescue shelter in Bosnia before finally landing a home in the UK earlier this year and all was thought to be going well. Unfortunately, due to family illness, Teddy was often left alone for long periods of time, which resulted in him getting very depressed and acting out of character. The original rescue put a plea out for emergency back up foster which one of our adoptants saw, and subsequently passed over to us. The rescue had no foster placements left at that time and it looked like Teddy was having to go into kennels. Thankfully, we had someone to call on who has fostered for us successfully in the past, and she was only too happy to help. Teddy went on foster to her on 28 April 2019 (Berkshire area). RACE have taken over the responsibility for this gorgeous lad and we are looking for that forever home for this dearest boy. A bonus is that Teddy is cat friendly.

If you are interested in adopting Teddy, please email us at raceromanian@gmail.com with a completed Adoption Application form. This can be downloaded, along with our Adoption Procedures, from our website at www.raceromanian.org. Teddy is neutered, fully vaccinated, microchipped and passported. Adoption fee and home check apply.



CORA

Four year old Carpathian Shepherd, Cora was rescued from a sheepfold by a lady in another village. As RACE were full to bursting at the time, the lady offered to care for her until such time as we had space. In the meantime, she was neutered by the lady's vet. Unfortunately the operation site became infected and Cora was put on a course of anti-biotics, which soon helped to clear things up. Cora eventually came into Elena's direct care on 21 April of this year. We shall be looking for a forever home for our girl in the near future.

We featured Darius in our February 2019 Newsletter; rescued as a pup by Elena, along with his two sister. All three were eventually rehomed to families in the UK. In February of this year we received a message from Darius' owner whose circumstances had drastically changed and she needed us to find him a new family. Enter Andrea Rigiani. Andrea adopted Bobby from RACE in June 2018, our Lou Lou in October 2018 and was now offering to foster Darius while we looked for the perfect home for our lad. He joined her on 17 February. We continued to promote Darius for adoption and a delightful couple came forward in early April who were interested. Darius was the image of their existing dog. A meeting was arranged between applicants, fosterer and dogs and, again, all went so well. The home check was carried out and gave a glowing report.



Fast forward ... a blubbering and inconsolable Andrea who had been up all night fretting because she had such a bond with Darius. He had an amazing family wanting him, but at the end of the day we have to look at what is best for Darius ... that was leaving him with Andrea who he had settled with, bonded with and grown to love. An apology and explanation was hastily sent to the applicants who, being true animal lovers, accepted with grace that we had to put Darius' needs first and foremost, despite being disappointed (the have since adopted a puppy from another rescue so all was not lost!) Thank you Andrea - you are such an old softy and we wouldn't want you to change for all the money in the World!

MONTHLY FOOD SPONSORSHIP APPEAL

Please would you consider sponsoring one of the dogs/cats when we post our monthly requests if you are able? It actually costs us a great deal more to keep their tumbs full, but the £10 per dog/cat we appeal for goes a long way towards helping us. If you share our posts, this too helps tremendously.

Alternatively, if you would like to make a general donation towards the care of our rescues, this too is very much appreciated.

Our PayPal is
popabrandusaelena@yahoo.com

Whilst on the subject of Andrea, we'd like to take this opportunity also of thanking her amazing daughter, Sophia Sargeant, for taking the time in designing our new RACE website. A busy lady with her own design company to run, but truly she did us proud. If anyone is looking for a web designer, we would highly recommend STUDIO RIGIANI as the first port of call. You can contact Sophia through her Facebook page at Studio Rigiani.

www.raceromanian.org



* HAPPY ENDINGS - ELSA *



"Getting a dog from Romania was not something I had really considered until I came across numerous sites identifying the plight of all the dogs over there.

I opened a few sites, but immediately saw Elsa on the RACE page and fell in love with her. Initially I was concerned, but following numerous emails and chat sessions with Elena and the Charity, we decided to go for it. Getting our home check on the Saturday and by the following Saturday we were going to collect our girl. Initially, quite scared and nervous, especially with sudden movements or strange sounds, Elsa was given space to develop her confidence. It took approx. 10 days before she no longer had to be led into the house from behind the trees where she liked to hide (obviously feeling safe there). Our other dog had a huge impact on Elsa, and she has become inseparable from him but he has also greatly assisted with her confidence. Elsa is a pure joy to have in our lives, the affection she gives is second to none, she loves her belly rubbed and loves a cuddle on the floor. Elsa loves her comforts of her three soft beds, never knowing which one to choose. Considering Elsa was a street dog, we have never had accidents from her unless you feed her liver! Elsa has been a dream and we are so lucky to have her.



I have to compliment RACE charity for their commitment in seeking the best for their animals, and I would highly recommend them. Nothing was too much for them; they always acted with professionalism, and the whole RACE experience was excellent. The outcome left everyone involved

100% satisfied, I would only ever use RACE in the future if looking to home another rescue dog." **Sam Smith - Elsa's mum**



NOLA

Nola, a 4 year old Mioritic Shepherd was found abandoned in a village car park on 21 April 2019. She was in pup at the time, probably why she was abandoned. Given the neutering programmes that are available in Romania through various charities, there really is no need at all to let dogs continually produce puppies ... most of them left abandoned to die on the roadside. Nola

came into our care that very day, full of worms, ticks, fleas ... the usual scenario. Sadly, the puppies didn't survive. Nola will be neutered as soon as we are able and we shall assess our beautiful girl with a view to promoting her for adoption. She'll certainly have a good life ahead of her now and, let's hope, she can erase much of her past from her memory.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Bid and/or share our MONTHLY AUCTION posts;

SPONSOR £10 per month towards a dog/puppy/cat food;

Become an EMERGENCY BACK UP FOSTERER;

Knit DOG COATS and/or BLANKETS;

Hold a COFFEE MORNING;

Hold a BOOT SALE; SHARE our FACEBOOK posts.

ARE YOU A KNITTER?

If you're at a loose end and have some odd balls of wool, we are always so very grateful for any knitted blankets for our puppies to use during the cold, Romanian winter months.

NOW YOU ASK ... HOW DO YOU GET THEM TO US?



If you're in the Essex Area, we can possibly arrange to collect.

Otherwise we would ask you to post them to us by second class postage, which Sue from RACE will reimburse to you.

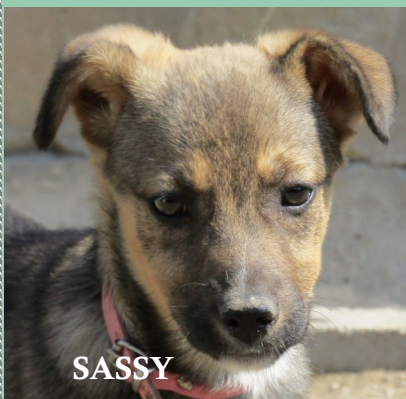


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COULD YOU OFFER SASSY AND/OR CHICO A FOREVER HOME?



SASSY



CHICO

Siblings, Chico and Sassy, are now five months old and would so love to become part of a family. They are Pincher crossbreeds, small, sweet, affectionate and used to being around cats. Chico and Sassy are from a litter of eight puppies born to a pregnant dog that an old lady had taken in from the streets. When the dog produced this large litter, the lady simply couldn't afford to care for them which is how they came into our care. The other six siblings have all been adopted by families in the UK and are thriving. This leaves Sassy and Chico still needing homes. Both would make great family pets, having been so well socialised from a young age.

If you are interested in adopting one of these gorgeous pups, please email us at raceromanian@gmail.com with a completed Adoption Application form. This can be downloaded, along with our Adoption Procedures, from our website at www.raceromanian.org.

All dogs are fully vaccinated, microchipped and passported. Where they are old enough, they are neutered/spayed. In the case of puppies who are not old enough to be neutered, it will be a term of any adoption that this procedure is carried out by the adoptant's vet once the dog is of a suitable age as verified by the vet. Adoption fee and home check apply.



A house guest arrived at RACE back in early April of this year in the form of six year old Golden Retriever, Lilly. Lilly was at Codlea, one of the kill shelters in Romania, awaiting a death sentence. Lilly went to live with Elena on a fostering basis on behalf of a rescue shelter as she needed to be properly socialised and assessed by RACE before travelling to her forever home, also found by the other rescue. It's obvious that she has produced many puppies during her lifetime. Lilly is scared of enclosed spaces, being much happier in the yard. Like all of our female rescues, Lilly has fallen totally in love with Nelu, Elena's husband. Lilly is

safe ... but the kill shelters are still jam packed with other precious dogs for whom there is little chance of being saved.

TEDDY'S TALE

We were contacted late one night in mid-April by one of our adoptants who had seen a post regarding a Bosnian dog that had spent some four years in a shelter before finding a home in the UK quite recently.

Teddy, a four and a half year old crossbreed, had become increasingly depressed and irritable as his new owners, despite assurances to the contrary to the rescue he came from, did not spend enough time with him and he was often left alone all day long. Not good for any dog, let alone one who has spent years in kennels. At the time, the rescue, had no emergency back up fosterers available, so they posted an appeal; if they couldn't quickly find an emergency back up, this sweet boy was going to end up back in kennels for the foreseeable future. It was brought to our attention and we were asked by our adoptant if we were able to help. Thank goodness we had the contacts,



and within less than twelve hours we had arranged for Teddy to go to the foster home where he would certainly get interaction, play and someone at home with him 99% of the time. All the fosterers registered with this particular rescue were full to bursting (remember, they

usually foster for other rescues too). At the end of the day, a dog is a dog is a dog - no matter where he/she originates from. If they need help and we can do so, then of course we will. Quite a few rescues help each other with dogs when they can; at the end of the day, we're not in competition but all striving for the same thing ... the welfare and safety of the animal concerned. The other rescue were happy to put Teddy under our care and for us to find him a forever home with a family that would love and appreciate him.

We'll be looking for an adoptive home for our new little man as soon as he has been properly assessed by the fosterer and will post on our Facebook page.

All animals deserve the chance of a good life ...



LILLY AT
CODLEA KILL
SHELTER



Belle

"It was a year on the 24th April, that I saw my first ever picture of my Belle, she stole my heart in an instant, and I knew I just had to have her in my life. Until that day I hadn't known or heard about RACE; I can only thank you all for the wonderful gift of my darling girl Belle. She fills me with such joy and amazement at her generous helpings of love, devotion and huge sloppy kisses and much tail wagging. I can't imagine life without her. Thank you from the bottom of my heart." **Bernadette Gooch-Haslam (Belle's mum)**



Right: Belle on the day we removed her from Rainbow Shelter

CALLING ALL RACE ADOPTANTS



Group by RACE Romanian Animal Care Europe

RACE Romanian Animal Care Europe Adopters Forum >

Did you know we now have a dedicated RACE Facebook where you can write about the progress of your little (or big!) darling and post photos? You can boast how clever your pooch is (member of doggy MENSA, winner of The X Factor, Crufts Champion, etc.)

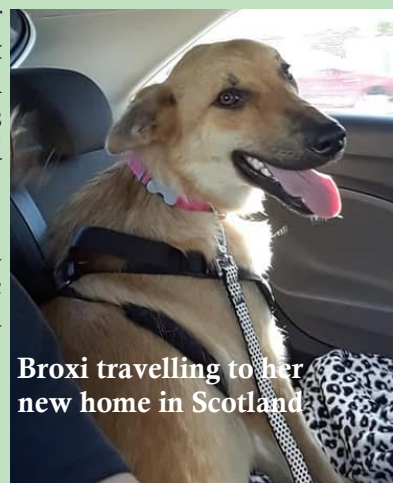
Just go to the page, ask to join the group ... and hey presto ... you're all set to go.

"Here is our Broxi (previously Nadine). She has two RACE sisters (Erin and Abbie). When we first got to the transport van, it was evident that Broxi was very timid and scared. It took us at least 40 minutes to get her out of her cage (with the help of another lady plus the transport men). She was very, very scared after a long journey to the UK. So picture this, here is me (my back had seized from moving wrongly trying to put on her harness) sat in the car crying, then Broxi finally gets put in to our car and we meet officially. The first thing she does is lick my face. All our worry of how it would be, if she would take to us and if she would cope on the drive home (6 hour drive to Scotland) was washed away by this immediate connection. Followed by lots of licks and sniffs to the back of Marc's head (my partner). We won't lie, it was a very stressful journey home. However, to see how far Broxi came within the first week was amazing. She learned how to climb stairs, how to put a lead on as well as walk with her lead, how to sit, paw, lie down and lots of other general commands. She even eventually learned how to play with toys after having no initial interest! Broxi is the most affectionate dog I have ever owned, she is still learning wee things and has her rebellious moments. But we love her unconditionally and we couldn't imagine our life without her.



Broxi

I wouldn't change anything nor would I have chosen to adopt from anywhere else. Elena has done a brilliant job at nurturing these wee pups. Its just takes time to adapt. Nine months on, we still have a timid doggy, but 100x more confident than she was. It's hard adapting to a new life with a new language but she takes it all in her stride. Thank you to all @ RACE for our amazing puppy dog. P.S. When we first got Broxi she loved to lie right beside you with her head by yours, but now she doesn't do that much at all. I think it was a comfort thing!" **Ashleigh Watson (Broxi's mum)**



Broxi travelling to her new home in Scotland



PLEASE COULD YOU SHARE OUR FACEBOOK ADOPTION POSTS AS MUCH AS YOU ARE ABLE?

EVERY DOG SUCCESSFULLY ADOPTED, A SPACE IS CREATED FOR ANOTHER SOUL IN NEED OF OUR HELP

*Thank you for your kind support
The dogs, cats and puppies send their love*

