

Let the Healing Begin

RACE

Romanian Animal Care Europe

This little one has struggled through and survived the dreaded Parvovirus, assisted by Elena's excellent nursing and care. Tano was so very ill during the first part of August when he succumbed to Parvo, which had already killed his two siblings. We had all but given up hope, but Elena kept on with the hydrations and infusions on Tano ... which thankfully paid off, along with his fighting spirit. He's eating and drinking well - although he has now got a taste for freshly grilled meat! Needless to say, Elena has been complying with his lordship's demands!

TANO



This delightful little lady came to our attention when Elena discovered she had spent the whole two years of her life living on a chain! Totally infested with fleas and lice, Bella has never known proper care in her short life. Within hours, Bella, a Bichon x Maltese, was off the chain

BELLA

and in our care. Her fur was filthy and badly matted; Elena's clipped out the knots and gave Bella what was probably the first bath she'd ever had. Bella has now been vaccinated, wormed and the "skin visitors" have been given their marching orders!

Bella is a complete sweetheart and is lapping up the love and cuddles she is getting now. Since promoting Bella for adoption, we have been swamped with offers of a home. We just wish all the dogs were as fortunate.

BELLA CONFINED TO A CHAIN



These two little girls came into the care of RACE on 23 August of this year, having been rescued from a local gypsy camp. Isha (black) and Alice (white) were soon back at Elena's home when she heard of their suffering. Isha was producing so much milk when she arrived ... Elena later learned that the gypsies had killed all her puppies. We will never, for the life of us, understand the brutality of some people ... no compassion, no feeling, no heart ...

It soon became clear to Elena that Isha had never been inside a house before ... evidence by the way she totally trashed Elena's kitchen that first night! She is, thankfully, getting used to the routine now of playing out in the yard and sleeping inside at night. The girls are around two years old now and will be neutered, having already been wormed, deloused and vaccinated. Alice is the quiet one of the two and Isha is rather more adventurous (especially with Elena's waste bin if she gets the chance!). We shall eventually be seeking suitable adoptive families for the Isha and Alice, so keep a check on our FB page for their promotion posts if you're interested in offering them a home. **These photos show the girls the day they arrived at Elena's*

ISHA



ALICE



EMERGENCY BACK UP FOSTERERS

Can I crash on your couch for awhile?



Thankfully, it's a very rare occurrence where we have needed emergency foster back up cover, but we do like to be prepared for all eventualities. We are currently looking for experienced people to join our register "just in case" their services are needed.

**For further information, please email us at raceromanian@gmail.com.
(Please note home check and reference apply)**

"WHY DO I HAVE TO PAY AN ADOPTION FEE FOR A RESCUE DOG?"

Your adoption fee covers transportation to the UK, worming, flea treatment, vaccinations, microchipping, passporting and neutering. Any vet treatment, food, beds, toys, treats, collar, lead that your adopted dog had whilst waiting to be adopted were most likely paid for by generous donations from supporters or fundraising by the rescue. The time, phone calls, petrol involved in networking, travelling back and forth to vets, washing beds, blankets, cages, nursing the sick are given freely by the rescue volunteers. The adoption donation, most likely, doesn't cover the true amount actually spent on the dogs.

Adoption fees not only pay for all the items listed above, but also allow rescues to clear vet bills and to be able to help the next dog in need of help.

Eva (right) had extensive veterinary treatment before she was fit enough to be adopted - RACE was helped tremendously by RACE supporter, Janie Gill, to settle the costs for her vital treatment.



This little bundle of deliciousness is Bram – the brother of Amadeus, the pup who we took in recently who was too ill to make a recovery. We're happy to say that Bram is fit and well and what a friendly, sociable soul he is. Bram, born in April 2019, was living rough on the streets – goodness knows where his mum was – and, of course, we have no idea if there were other siblings other than Bram and Amadeus. He was in a dreadful state – emaciated, full of lice and worms when he finally arrived at Elena's, but everything was very quickly dealt with and Bram has gone from strength to strength. He actually had an offer of a home on the very day we posted the first adoption post of him. We think it may be that brother Amadeus is looking over him and making sure everything goes smoothly for his brother.



EVA at the vet's waiting room



DARLING MEG

Meg is yet another Nelu rescue. He discovered her sitting in the middle of a road looking quite lost. Despite an exhaustive search, we couldn't locate an owner for her. It was clear that Meg was in pup so Elena set about getting things ready for the new arrivals. Sadly, Meg miscarried. We have the feeling she was probably thrown out after the latest pregnancy as they didn't want to deal with it.

Meg is a calm, gentle soul who has no doubt been producing many puppies over the years. She has now been neutered and we aim to ensure that her remaining years are happy ones, where she is properly taken care of. She will be joining her new UK family during the later part of September.



You can only imagine our immense delight when the perfect home for Libby came up on 20 August. We couldn't understand how such an amazingly gorgeous, gentle and well socialised dog (who adores cats by the way!)



If you are looking for a rescue dog or puppy, then please do check out our FACEBOOK page, as we regularly update on our precious babies who are looking for their forever homes. ALL dogs are assessed before they are offered for adoption. If you have any queries at all about any of our dogs, please contact us via email at raceromanian@gmail.com. We are always happy to assist.

was constantly getting overlooked. Her siblings were all well settled in with their respective UK families, but still our Libs patiently waited for her turn. Libby was yet another innocent victim of this appalling throw away society. Abandoned as young puppies, Libby and her siblings were far too young to be left to fend for themselves.

RACE frontline rescuer and foster mum, Elena, drove a long and arduous journey through the mountains on Sunday, 16 December in order to rescue these eight puppies. The three boys and five girls were just six weeks old. Someone had put a cardboard box out for them to shelter in and an old blanket, which was of no help to the babies at all. Their mum, a street dog, who had probably produced so many litters over the years, was also not the most attentive of mothers. They were soon back at Elena's where they were fed and given warm beds to sleep in. There were some real mixed breeds in them ... some look like they have Romanian Mountain dog in them, some German Shepherd ... but the most important thing was that they were now safe.

Elena tried so very hard to get Bisley's dear mum, but the gypsy owner refused to let us have her to find her a home. The one saving grace was that he did agree to Elena getting her neutered. Not the result we wanted, but something at least to prevent more puppies being brought into this world only to suffer and die.



Three of Libby's siblings, Gus, Pearl and Talia, were so ill and weak that they didn't make it despite every effort being made for them. The remaining five, Merlin, Dylan, Katy, Amber and Libby grew into beautiful, sociable, gentle puppies. They have all had lots of socialisation



and handling, love cuddles and play and, again, were brought up amongst a multitude of cats in Elena's home.

The rest, as they say, is history ... ALL of our beautiful pups are now safe and loved in their new homes.

Mum was duly neutered on 20 August and paid for by RACE. We really try to do our bit by getting some of the local bitches neutered, but it is a never ending battle.

CALLING ALL RACE ADOPTANTS

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 (RACE Romanian Animal Care Europe Adopters Forum) ask to join the group ... and hey presto ... you're all set to go.





RESCUED FROM THE KILL SHELTER ... Julia now needs a loving, forever home ...

Julia, a two year old crossbreed, came to us back in June 2019 from one of the public shelters in Romania (known to many as Kill Shelters). Unclaimed dogs are euthanised after the requisite period of time they remain unclaimed. There are many rescues that do their utmost to get the unclaimed dogs out of the shelters and find homes for them. Puppies, small dogs, large dogs are sometimes all thrown into kennels together ... fights break out where the bigger and stronger dogs will get what little food they all received. Puppies are at risk from deadly disease ... so you can understand why anyone with a heart would want to get these dogs to safety.

When Julia arrived at RACE, she had a badly infected tail stump – our vets believe that someone simply hacked her tail off. She was extremely malnourished and covered in lice, full of worms ... the old, old story as we say. Despite two courses of anti-biotic treatments, the infection refused to heal. The veterinary hospital suggested that the rest of the stump be surgically removed to give the area a chance to properly heal. Julia had the operation in early August and, we are pleased to say, the area has completely healed. So ... our girl is now looking for a home and family who will love and care for her for the rest of her days. Could you offer a safe, secure, loving home and the kind family she deserves? We would not recommend a home with small children as, although Julia is very friendly with people and dogs, she does get a little excited when playing and could, inadvertently, knock a toddler over! Older children would love this delightful playmate. She is small to medium and we wouldn't suggest a home with cats - she doesn't want to hurt them, but play! But her intentions are not always well received by our feline friends.

If you are interested in adopting Julia or Sassy, please email us at raceromanian@gmail.com with a completed Adoption Application form which is available on our website at www.raceromanian.org where you can also find our Adoption Procedures.

All dogs are fully vaccinated, neutered (where old enough), microchipped and passported.

AND YET ANOTHER LET DOWN ... Our poor Sassy ... Will her luck EVER change? She is the only one of all her siblings not to have a home ... then back in August someone reserved her, we had the home check booked and they cancelled out without telling

us. So yet again, Sassy has been let down.

As is, unfortunately, a regular occurrence in Romania, pregnant bitches are often thrown out on the streets, discarded through absolutely no fault of their own ... had the owners had them neutered in the first place the dogs or the innocent souls born into the World in this way would not be left to suffer. Little Sassy's mum was one such poor unfortunate dog – heavily in pup having been thrown out of her home at the time she needed it the most. Wandering the village streets in search of food and warmth, an elderly lady took pity on her and gave her a home. The eight puppies were born shortly afterwards. Having weaned the puppies once they were old enough, the lady approached Elena of RACE and asked for helping in re homing them as she couldn't cope with, or afford, all these puppies. We arranged for the mum to be neutered and Sassy and her siblings came to be fostered at Elena's until we could find them homes. All the pups were very quickly offered homes in the UK by various families ... all that is, except

for our Sassy. We really can't fathom why this sweetheart was, and remains, overlooked. The only pup from the litter not to have a home of her own. Sassy is one year old in November 2019; she so needs a home of her own too. She has been brought up amongst dogs of all shapes and sizes, is used to the family rescue cats and is sociable. Sassy can be a little hesitant at first – shy in fact – until she gets to know you. Discarded before she was born and still awaiting the offer of a kind, forever home nine months on.



CAN YOU OFFER OUR DEAR OLD MAN A LOVING HOME?

Dino, a ten year old, medium sized, crossbreed, would love a home of his own during the autumn years of his life. Could you be the family for him? This poor old lad was abandoned in the forest during the harsh Romanian winter. Bad enough to be abandoned in such a way ... but Dino is also totally blind. He was out of his mind with stress and obviously so very frightened and bewildered. Someone alerted Elena and he was soon safe at her home. We had Dino examined at the veterinary hospital to see if there was anything we could do about him regaining his sight; the vet told us that Dino was suffering from Glaucoma and there was absolutely nothing that could be done for him. Had he received treatment at the onset, he would not have become blind. Due to his age and his blindness, we initially thought that Dino would be better to stay at Elena's home until the rest of his days. Over the course of time we have changed this opinion ... Dino is fit and healthy in every other way, is friendly with all the other dogs and cats



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All dogs are fully assessed, vaccinated, neutered (where old enough), microchipped and passported. Adoption fee and home check apply.

(although is not a fan of Axy, Elena's Siberian Husky!) Dino WANTS to go out and be active – he needs a home where he came go safely for walks with his family;

where he can be fussed and loved. Please don't let his age put you off – he has so much life in him and needs some action! He is so cat friendly, that the house cats sleep on top of him! He may be older in years, but his mind and spirit are sharp and he still wants some action out of life.



SO YOU WANT TO RESCUE A DOG? BUT LOVE ALONE IS NOT ENOUGH ...

You want to rescue a dog - give a home to a poor neglected beastie who's had a bad start in life? Good for you! There are so many stories of spectacularly successful adoptions, where the dog fitted easily into her new home from day one, had few issues and was easy to train. But this isn't by any means always the way it goes. So you need to go into this with your eyes open. We all have baggage - life experiences that have formed our worldview - some good, some not so good. And not every dog is the perfect match for your life. Some will have been neglected; some will have been abused; some have lost an adoring owner through death or other catastrophe; some were just not given the right care. But they all have a history, good or bad. Think of those poor children in camps in war-torn countries: we would absolutely expect them to have substantial damage which would take many, many years to repair. Why do we assume a dog will just be fixed in an instant? And don't forget the essential training! You can't expect your new dog - who may be very confused about what people want of him - to just know what you want. You have to teach him, step by step. And while some of those steps may feel uphill, most will be successful - if you follow a force-free training program. There are some excellent dog training classes around the world where the instructor is firmly grounded in force-free training, treating each animal as an individual. RACE will always tell you the truth about your chosen pet. But sometimes we are not sure of the truth ourselves, particularly if the dog was found straying and there is no history attached. Further, we cannot stress enough to heed the Guidelines that are supplied to you by the rescue; you owe it to yourself and indeed your newly adopted dog. In the meantime, happy hunting for your new companion, and may you be one of the great rehoming success stories.



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