

Healing, Caring, Loving ...



February 2019 Newsletter

SCOUT



SCOUT SLEEPING ON THE PARK BENCH

Unceremoniously and cruelly thrown from a moving car during the first week in January, this little lad somehow survived the elements for a month before we heard of his situation. Scout had been sleeping on a bench in the village he'd been abandoned in. It was evident to Elena that Scout had been badly abused previously, but she and Nelu soon won his trust and now he enjoys a fuss and a cuddle. Scout is socialising well now and gets on great with the family cats. He's quite a small boy, weighing in at 9kgs. Very

SCOUT SETTLED IN QUICKLY AT ELENA'S



soon after we had published Scout's story on our Facebook page early in February 2019, this sweet eleven month old lad was offered a home in the UK. Scout will be joining his family on 9 March 2019.

LAVINIA AND PUPPIES

Lavinia had delivered a litter of six puppies in a nearby village. The owner of the land close to where they were born had built a ditch to keep them off his property, which resulted in three tiny puppies drowning. Local children then



took it upon themselves to play with the remaining puppies, throwing stones at them, consequently all have minor injuries. All the family required de-lousing, as they were so infested that their skin was very sore. We named the little boy Will and the two girls, Skye and Star. Lavinia, the mum, is semi-wild - a seasoned street dog. We're hoping she'll eventually settle and get used to human contact. KIND contact ... it can go a long way at times. Sadly, all three puppies had Parvovirus and the two girls lost their fight for life in mid-February. Will is the sole survivor from the litter.

UPDATE: Within a couple of days (yes, that's all it took Elena and Nelu) Lavinia was enjoying being properly cared for and cuddled. Obviously something she's never experienced in her life. This progress has given us hope that, once the puppies are old enough, we can begin the process of finding Lavinia a suitable home of her own where she can receive the love and care she should have been getting from day one.



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*** EIGHT NEW ARRIVALS ON 24 FEBRUARY 2019 ***

ALL FROM THE SAME SOURCE - ALL IN AN APPALLING STATE

BOBO is a year old and weighs in at just 7kgs. He's spent his short life on the streets, but people threw stones at home, resulting in an injury just before Christmas. His 'rescuer' from whom he was taken today, simply chained him up in her yard! Bobo is safe now and we'll soon be looking for a home where he will be properly loved and cared for. What a dear little lad he is. Bobo was duly neutered the following day (we have enough puppies at RACE thank you!) and also started his very necessary course of vaccinations.



BOBO

HAIDUC and LOTRU are were eight weeks old as at 24 February 2019. Covered in lice, fleas and carrying heavy worm burdens, the treatment started immediately they were safely back at Elena's. They are Carpathian Shepherds.



HAIDUC



LOTRU

MINA was also ten weeks old when she came to us on 24 February. This dear little mite was soon made comfortable and treatment began. Not before she, and all the others, had a tasty dish of meat and rice to warm them through.

EIGHT WEEK OLD IRINA, another Carpathian puppy, was amongst the rescues too. Irina too had the same problems as the others - diarrhoea, worms, lice Quite truthfully, these puppies were no better off having being "rescued" by this lady than had they been left to fend for themselves on the streets.

Then we have **NINE WEEK OLD SIBLINGS ANJI, SOFIA and FINN**. These tiny mites had been kept outside the home (it's still in the minuses in Romania) in a cage with a blanket thrown over the top. Why? Because she didn't want a mess in her home! They were so very scared when Elena and Nelu collected them ... probably wondering what they'd done to deserve such an appalling start in life. They have all now received their first vaccinations, been wormed, deloused and are now being properly cared for. We'll be posting updates on our Facebook page over the next few days with some new photos to let you know how they are all getting along.



ANJI



SOFIA



FINN



AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION



Libby and Dylan are from a litter of eight puppies rescued by Elena on 16 December 2018. The puppies were roaming all over the roads in the icy cold weather, in danger of being hit by passing traffic, starvation, hypothermia or being collected by the kill shelter operatives. Despite the blizzards at the time, Elena undertook the long drive to the village the puppies were in. No one had seen fit to help them other than throwing a cardboard



DYLAN



LIBBY

box and an old blanket out. Better than nothing, but not good enough by anybody's standards. Both Libby and Dylan are now ready to join families who could offer them suitably loving and caring forever homes. They are now four months old, have some mountain breed in them - mixed with who knows! But they are beautiful, affection and gentle souls who have so much to give. They will both be medium to large when fully grown. *If you are interested in adopting either of these pups, please contact us at raceromanian@gmail.com for an Adoption Application form and a copy of our Adoption Procedures. Adoption fee and home check apply.*



MINA



IRINA

If you would like to make a donation towards the care of the puppies until they are old enough to be rehomed, our PAYPAL address is



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ANOTHER EIGHT PUPPIES JOIN THE FOLD ...

An elderly lady in a neighbouring village to Elena took in a stray dog who was in pup. Eight little beauties were born, but the lady was too frail to care for them all, as well as not being able to afford their care. A plea was sent out to Elena to help the babies. Despite having a full house and being low on funds, we ended up taking them in ... how could we say no!? We did run an online Puppy Appeal to try to raise some much needed funds towards their care - we managed £190 so **THANK YOU** to all those lovely people who donated.



The eight arrived at RACE on 9 February 2019, four boys and four girls. Initially rather timid, they soon found their paws and were happily playing along with the other tiny tots currently in situ. Here we have Angel, Chico, Martha, Nemo, Sassy, Sissy, Tito and Tony. - all Chihuahua crosses.

RENEE UPDATE

Back in January we told you about Renee managing to fracture a front leg ... how she did it is anybody's guess, although we have to admit she does play with a passion! Following x-rays, Renee's leg was put in plaster and we have to say she was the perfect patient. On 10 February, further x-rays revealed that the fracture had healed nicely and the plaster was removed. We're pleased to say that our girl is making good progress and should soon be looking for her forever home.

LUCA IS THINKING "... WHY IS MY SISTER RENE PRETENDING TO BE A TABLE LAMP!?"



This sweetheart was abandoned in the same place as Scout just a week after he had come into our care, namely Busteni. It was pretty evident that she had been in pup at some stage. Elsa came into RACE's care at Elena's on 9 February 2019, the same weekend as Lavinia and her three puppies AND the eight featured above. As you can imagine, it was a pretty busy weekend. Elsa is so gentle, affectionate and friendly. No sooner had we published Elsa's plight on our Facebook page, when an offer of a lovely home came up for our girl. Following all the usual checking processes, we're delighted to say that Elsa will be joining her new family in the UK on the 9 March 2019.

Although RACE is a rescue and we need every single penny (or Leu) that we can possibly raise to maintain the care of our dogs, we really do try not to make a habit of continually asking our supporters directly for money. Instead - we run a monthly Auction to help raise some funding, dip our hands in our own pockets constantly and run a **MONTHLY FOOD SPONSORSHIP**.

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 tumms 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.



*ALL donations make
a difference ...*

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

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These dear souls were just three days old when they were rescued by RACE back in September 2018. They'd been born outside a Monastery - a litter of ten puppies in total; a big litter by anyone's standards. The temperature was in the zeros, and their poor mum, Mara, was underweight and very hungry. There was little chance any of the family would survive given the circumstances unless someone stepped in to help them. Within half an hour of hearing their situation, they were safely in the warm and being fed back at Elena's home. Sadly one little pup didn't make it, but the others have thrived with the care and regular feeding they've had. With the extra care they've had with Elena, and being fortunate enough to have their lovely mum Mara to rear them; all pups have turn into the most affectionate, healthy, sociable and friendly dogs you can imagine. We have just these three beauties left looking for their forever homes now as all the others have been rehomed. Luca, Luna and Elle are the perfect family dogs. An added bonus is that they are all cat friendly, having been reared alongside the household's six feline furries. *If you are interested in adopting one (or three!) of these delightful puppies, please email us at raceromanian@gmail.com for an Adoption Application form and a copy of our Adoption Procedures. Adoption fee and homecheck apply.*

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT OUR RACE AUCTIONS TO HELP SUPPORT THE RACE DOGS AND CATS FOR OUR MONTHLY AUCTIONS

If you would like to donate any unwanted items to our Auctions, please email us at raceromanian@gmail.com.

(Light items only please as we have to take into account postage costs)



BID FOR A BARGAIN AND HELP US TO RAISE MONEY TOWARDS THE CARE OF OUR RESCUES AWAITING REHOMING.

A big welcome home for Papa Nelu - what more could you ask for after a hard day at work ... greeted with such love by these beauties.



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:

Have a CAKE SALE:

SHARE out FACEBOOK posts.



BOBBY AT RAINBOW SHELTER

BOBBY AT ELENA'S



Bobby and another dog were unceremoniously abandoned outside a shelter one day back in late 2017. The shelter was full to capacity, so both dogs went to Rainbow Shelter - which name you are all, by now, aware of. In early 2018 Elena from RACE spotted Bobby in the back yard of RS not looking as good as he should have done. At this stage there were no signs of the appalling tragedy that was discovered on 17 January 2019. When she questioned the manager of RS she was informed that the owner had abandoned Bobby and his companion (her story will be posted another day) because they had chewed up his kitchen furniture. Elena was also told by RS that Bobby was wild and couldn't be touched. Bobby was not wild ... he was scared! Terrified of men in fact. Elena certainly managed to touch him, and Bobby and his companion were soon back at her home. It took her all of 48 hours to win Bobby's trust and love. It took him a little longer to trust Nelu as it was definitely men that he didn't like. With socialisation, love and care Bobby flourished. With a couple of weeks, he was a totally different dog to the sad soul Elena took on. Bobby was adopted in mid 2018 by a lovely lady - the very same lady who went on to adopt our Lou Lou. Who said miracles don't happen!?

MICA AT ELENA'S



* UPDATE - MICA AND LOLA *

Back on the 16 May 2018, we told you about a little dog we had taken in who we named Mica. Having been allowed to roam, Mica was now in pup. Her previous owner didn't want her to have puppies, so, like many others, she was thrown unwanted onto the street. But dear little Mica made the mistake of trying to return to the only home she knew. To scare her away, boiling oil was thrown at her by her cruel owner, causing terrible and painful injuries!!! Her plight was brought to the attention of Elena, who took her into her home where she became a RACE Dog - safe at last. Mica had countless treatments at

the specialist veterinary hospital where her horrific wounds were treated and dressed. She had so many burns on her tiny body, but by far the worst was on her back. Thanks to the vet's skills and prompt treatment, Mica went on to make a full recovery, although will undoubtedly bear scars for the rest of her life. During her ongoing treatment, Mica gave birth to the largest pup possible for her size ... one delightful little black puppy who we called Lola. Fast forward and both mum and daughter were adopted by a family in the UK on 1 September 2018 - we were so pleased they were going to be kept together, especially after all Mica had suffered. Their mum, Justine, tells us: *"They play fight in the mornings to get me up! They're always smiling ... it's like*



LOLA AT ELENA'S



MICA'S HORRENDOUS INJURIES

we've always had them - they fit right in. They sleep on the bed with me or the sofa. They love walks and cuddles. Lola tries to take the attention away from Mica, but at night Lola always lets Mica sleep next to me - she knows that Mica is still the boss! Lola is much bigger than Mica now ... the vet thinks she may be part Collie. They're always playing and getting more confident now ..." What fabulous lives they have now.



THE GIRLS AT THEIR HOME IN THE UK



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a workyard, only three of whom survived ... Darius, Suki and Tarra. It was over the winter and the pups were in danger of the freezing temperatures killing, them starvation, disease and, of course, the kill shelter officials. Elena took the three into her care, nursing and caring for them until they were old enough to be adopted. All three were very quickly offered homes and joined their respective families in March 2018. Sadly, Tarra (now Eden) is the only pup still with her original family. Suki was rehomed in November 2018 - through no fault of her own at all - her family were simply too busy to give her the time that any puppy needs if they are going to become happy, sociable and well balance dogs. Suki is now settled with an amazing family and is progressing really well. The people that owned

Seven puppies had been born in



Darius had a change in circumstances and could no longer keep him, so our lad was put in foster on 17 February 2019 with one of our adoptants (this amazing lady has Loulou and Bobby from RACE). Andrea has assessed Darius and his behaviour is totally different to that which we were told he was exhibiting in his adopted home, which was that he didn't like men and would growl at them. Since the moment he stepped into Andrea's home, he has been absolutely perfect in every way, accepting her partner and her sons with no problem at all. Andrea tells us: *"He is very scared and nervous, but just needs time and patience. He will sit with you all day and not leave your side when he gets to know you. Darius barks when people come into the room but he picks thing up very quickly - he is not silly at all. He is good on the lead too. He will bark at some men while out walking, but the more he sees on his walks the better he gets. With women, children, dogs and cats he is really good."*



Let's find Darius that forever, loving home he deserves - could that be you? *If you are interested in adopting Darius, please email us at raceromanian@gmail.com for an Adoption Application form and a copy of our Adoption Procedures. Adoption fee and homecheck apply.*



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We really don't understand how, when our adoption scheme is so successful, some dogs never get the offer of a home. We have two in our care who are the nicest dogs imaginable, who are gentle, friendly and - all in all - pretty perfect ... yet nothing. It breaks our hearts that these girls get constantly overlooked.

Why? Are they not cute? Is it because they're not fluffy and tiny? WHY, WHY, WHY?! They are beautiful—inside and out



AISHA

NATASHA

Natasha and Aisha are kind hearted girls who adore a fuss, are sociable and also cat friendly. They're both very much family dogs. They really would be your best friend for life and you'll wonder how you ever lived without them once you know them! The girls are the only survivors of a litter of eight tiny, defenceless puppies who were saved by a kind and caring lady who hand reared them. Tragically, the dreaded Parvovirus killed six of them. Thanks to the lady who took them in, these two girls are healthy and strong. They are now aged eleven months old. **Could you offer them a forever home? A loving home? A family of their own? If you are interested in adopting either of the girls, please email us at raceromanian@gmail.com requesting an Adoption Application and Adoption Procedures. Adoption fee and home check apply.**



Suki was rescued by Elena as a puppy (along with Tarra and Darius — see previous page) and was eventually adopted by a family in the UK once she was old enough. Things didn't work out there for Suki and she was placed in an emergency foster home. This was the Dyanne's first foster ... and it failed ... spectacularly! The family fell in love with her immediately and Suki

remained as a permanent family member. Dyanne sent these photos through in early February of Suki - and we are delighted to see a beautiful dog now properly socialising, looking relaxed and up to a decent and respectable weight. In fact, she's glowing with health and happiness now. Thanks Dyanne and Dave for all you've done for her. And doggy brother Lenny too. As you can see, Suki's a real mummy's girl.



AMOR, ARCHIE, DIDI and MARIO



While out visiting family in the City at the beginning of February, Elena came across four tiny puppies in an alleyway - someone had thrown some dry food out for them, but they were far too young to survive on their own. Well of course Elena was never going to leave them there ... soon they were safely tucked up in a warm bed at Elena's family home. They had to have a warm bath each as they were covered in engine oil and were running alive with fleas. They were fed, wormed and had lots of cuddles before settling down for a much needed sleep for the night. The three boys and one little girl were eight weeks old at the time of being rescued. The following day all four were duly taken to the vet for a thorough check over, had flea and wormer bought and the vet was happy to give them all their first vaccinations. Other than being undernourished, they all seemed to be in good enough health but, as the vet said, you never know what those tiny bodies are hiding. Elena has them all on daily vitamin and calcium supplements as she does with all the RACE puppies. All was appearing to go well, but the pups had Parvovirus and, despite all the veterinary care and nursing, our precious babies all lost their fight for life in mid-February.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND SUPPORT

The dogs, cats and puppies send their love ...



Elena, Nelu and Sue