

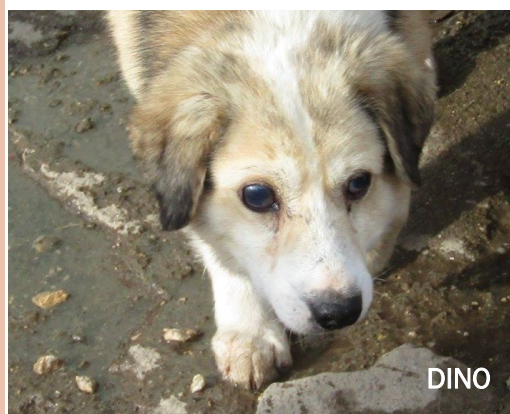
# RACE

## January 2019 News



### HELPING, HEALING, CARING

Dino is the poor boy who was found abandoned in the woods with puppy Ava. He is old, blind and has very little teeth left.



DINO

Dino was callously abandoned by his owner over the Christmas period. Bad enough to be dumped out in the freezing elements to fend for yourself, but being **TOTALLY BLIND** how on Earth was he supposed to find food?! Dino was soon safe, warm and fed at Elena's. Elena took Dino along to the specialist vet on 13 January 2019, together with Renee (see page 2 for Renee). The vet believes Dino to be around 15 years old. He took blood for tests and further investigation, and says there is pressure on the eyes which they have prescribed treatment for. The feeling is that the blindness has been caused by untreated glaucoma or diabetes. Rest assured that Dino will receive the best care and treatment possible. In the meantime, he's settled in well and has come to adore Nelu, Elena's husband. Max was neutered on Friday, 11 January 2019; not an easy task with a dog of that age, but a very necessary one.



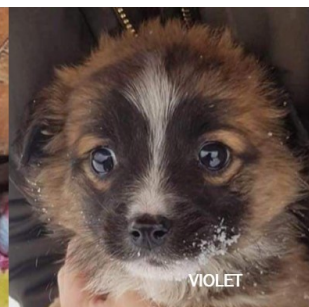
MAX

Our seventh rescue on Boxing Day was Max, a ten month crossbreed, who was extremely underweight; it's little wonder that the climate hadn't seen him perish as there was no meat on his bones to keep out the cruel mountain temperatures at the time. Max is now safe from harm and is receiving a good diet as well as vitamins and calcium to help to strengthen his bones. A beautiful soul, inside and out, Max mixes well with all the RACE dogs, as well as the six family cats. Now neutered, vaccinated, wormed and now a good weight, Max has so much love and affection to offer. We were delighted when one of our longer term supporters applied to adopt Max AND our Danny too. The boys will be joining their new family in the UK shortly, but having just moved to a new property, they are getting secure, new fencing in place. Happy lives ahead now lads.

**CHRISTMAS ... A TIME OF GOOD CHEER? CERTAINLY** not for these four tiny puppies, abandoned in minus temperatures just before Christmas. How could anyone have such a black heart to leave them out in the streets to fend for themselves?! The four girls were soon safely ensconced in Elena's kitchen after she went out to collect them on Boxing Day. For the first few days, all the pups seemed to be improving, but they were riddled with worms despite being treated; sadly also three of the babies, Chloe, Gem and Violet, developed the deadly Parvovirus and again, despite veterinary care, they lost their fight to live.



GEM



VIOLET



CLEO

Roua is the only surviving puppy from the litter and is, thankfully, going from strength to strength. Sometimes it just too late to help these precious souls, the odds are simply against them.

On the same day as Gem, Violet, Chloe and Roua came to us, another very young puppy came to our attention an hour or so later. Ava had been abandoned in the woods, along with an old, blind dog who, understandably, was terrified. How could he find food and shelter? How could anyone be so downright merciless?



AVA



ROUA

Ava and the blind dog, Dino, were also safe in the warmth of Elena's home. Despite every effort on the part of Elena and the vet, young Ava also had Parvovirus and she too passed away within a couple of days of her rescue. Unfortunately, when puppies are this young, full of worms, not had the best start in life and are them dumped in freezing temperatures and are sick, the odds are against them from the outset.



DINO with NELU and NATASHA



DANNY



## RENEE

### The Perfect Patient

**11 January 2019 :** We seriously think Elena needs a season ticket to the vet ... third trip of the day today ... (first dropping Max and Mara off to be neutered; second trip collecting them). Renee was playing a little over zealously with the other babies and hurt her leg. Nothing serious, but just to be on the safe side, Elena got her checked over. Our baby girl was prescribed anti-inflammatories and we were looking forward to seeing Renee back to being her normal, cheeky self within a couple of day. However, there was no improvement in her condition.

**Update 13 January 2019 :** Renee was seen by a vet in Friday who prescribed a course of anti inflammatories as she had gone lame on one leg. Elena had expected to see a slight improvement over 24 hours but Renee was still favouring the leg. Today Elena attended at a specialist veterinary hospital to have Renee's leg x-rayed. The leg appeared to look normal but x-rays have revealed our little one to have a double fracture! Even the vet

was surprised that Renee wasn't making more fuss than she had been! We've no idea how she has sustained the injury - but it's more than likely that overzealous playing with the other puppies has caused her to have a freak accident. Renee is now under specialist veterinary care by the very same vet who so successfully treated Mica - the little dog with the severe burns back in early 2018. We have every faith he will be just as successful with Renee. We'll keep you updated.

Another huge pile of donations were sent over to Elena on Sunday, 27 January 2019. Lots of duvets, towels, blankets, dog toys, coats, beds .... all of which will be put to very good use. Thank you John Sanders for collecting so many items for the dogs - it really is appreciated. Thank you also to Steven Allery for the donation of 500 puppy pads; you've made Elena a very happy woman! All animal rescues are so grateful for donations like these, so please think of them when you're having a sort out.



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



**Bid for a bargain and help us to raise money towards the care of our dogs awaiting rehoming.**



**If you would like to donate any unwanted items to our Auctions, please email us at [raceromanian@gmail.com](mailto:raceromanian@gmail.com).**



## AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION AISHA and NATASHA



AISHA



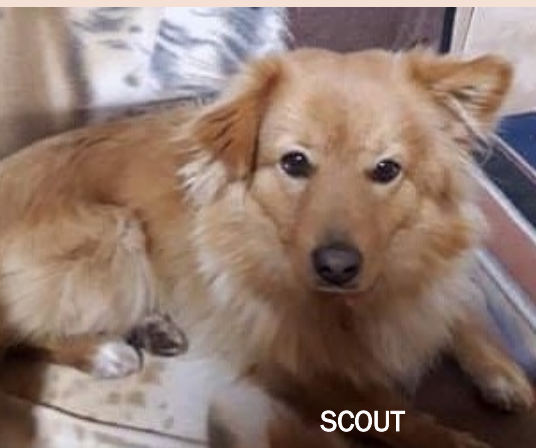
NATASHA

These sweet girls are still looking for a family each to love them forever. They have both blossomed into beautiful ladies, are affectionate and sociable as well as being cat friendly. Aisha and Natasha are the two 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, leaving two survivors; Aisha and Natasha. Thanks to Viorica's care and dedication, the girls are healthy and strong. They are now aged nine months old.

**They both have so much to bring to a suitable families.  
COULD THAT BE YOU?**

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Scout was living on a park bench for the best part of a month before we heard of his situation on 28 January. We were informed that someone had witnessed a car driving through their village and they'd thrown this poor defenceless puppy out before making a quick getaway. This all took place quite some distance from Elena's, but she arranged for the little lad to be brought to her by the kind husband of a friend. Scout, a crossbreed, is



SCOUT

around 10 to 11 months old and weighs just 9 kilos. As you can see from the photos, he's made himself at home already, and is now safe and warm. It never ceases to amaze us at how some people can totally disregard and disrespect any animal in this way. And it's nothing to do with culture - you're either a decent, caring and compassionate being ... or you're not! We'll post updates on Scout via our Facebook page.



SCOUT





EBONY

Ebony was somewhat under the weather just after Christmas, so Elena popped her along to the vet for a check up. Our poor girl was diagnosed with Giardiasis. Dogs and cats frequently contract Giardiasis, which is an infection in the small intestine. It's caused by a microscopic parasite called Giardia lamblia. Giardiasis spreads through contact with infected people. And you can get Giardiasis by eating contaminated food or drinking contaminated water. Ponds, streams, rivers, and other bodies of water can all be sources of giardia. G. lamblia are found in animal and human faeces. These parasites also thrive in contaminated food, water, and soil, and can survive outside a host for long periods of time. Accidentally consuming these parasites can lead to an infection. Symptoms of Giardiasis generally

show up one or two weeks after exposure. Common symptoms include: **Fatigue, nausea, diarrhoea, loss of appetite, vomiting, bloating and abdominal cramps, weight loss** to name but a few. In most cases, Giardiasis eventually clears up on its own, but your vet or doctor might prescribe medication if the infection is severe or prolonged. In this case, Ebony was prescribed a two week course of Metronidazole, an antibiotic effective in treating this particular infection.

Lady was rescued by us in September 2018 - underweight, in poor condition and she also has very bad legs. We believe this to be the reason Lady was thrown onto the streets, following a life on a chain being used repeatedly for breeding. She was no longer of use to them. If she had not been rescued, she would have died. Lady is staying at Elena's now for the rest of her days where she is very contented. She absolutely adores Nelu, Elena's husband, and the feeling is certainly reciprocated. She enjoys sleeping in the warm hallway at night on her duvet and loves to amble around the garden and courtyard outside during the day - weather permitting. Ten year old Lady has deformed back legs due to a poor diet and lack of exercise. Since September, she has come on so well ... her weight is good, she receives regular calcium and other supplements to help her bones, which has improved her legs somewhat. Lady is such a kind and affectionate old girl. She has had a bad life previously, but she now has no more worries where her next meal is coming from, her next cuddle, her next kiss. You can relax now lovely and enjoy your precious life.



LADY

## EMERGENCY FOSTERERS REQUIRED



**DO YOU LOVE DOGS AND HAVE WHAT IT TAKES  
TO OFFER SHORT TERM, BACK UP  
FOSTERING AT HOME?**



Due to the continued success of our rehoming scheme, we are now looking to create a nationwide Register of Fosterers for EMERGENCY back-up. As we have a thorough vetting/matching process for adoptions, it is only very occasionally that we have a need for the services of fosterers. This is a great opportunity for anyone who wishes to play an important part in dog rescue and would like to help RACE. **Could that be you?** If so, we would love to hear from you. Please email us at [raceromanian@gmail.com](mailto:raceromanian@gmail.com). **Home checks apply.**



MARA

## AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION LUNA, LUCA and ELLE



LUNA

LUCA

ELLE



Mara, is the mum of ten who was rescued by RACE back in September 2018 when the pups were just three days old. She has done a grand job of raising her equally gorgeous babies, although one sweet little pup died soon after rescue. Mara joined her new UK family on 26 January 2019, and is settling in really well. Her puppies, Rex, Frodo, Henry and Haiduc are all now in adopted homes in the UK, but we are still seeking homes for Luca, Luna, and Elle, Renee being on hold until she has recovered from her injury.

Just three days old puppies when they were rescued by RACE back in September 2018, these little sweethearts are now looking for families of their very own to adopt each of them. All affectionate, friendly, fighting fit AND cat friendly. The pups were fortunate enough to have had mum's milk as well as all the supplementary food and vitamins supplied by Elena. Things could have turned out so differently for these siblings; the weather was in the minuses, mum had ten pups to feed (a large litter by anyone's standards), she was starving hungry herself as it was so we doubt any of the pups would have survived; the monastery were threatening to kill the pups and there was the added danger of the kill shelter officials picking them up. But here they are, safe and sound, strong and sturdy. **If you would like to adopt Luna, Luca, Danny or Elle, please email us at [raceromanian@gmail.com](mailto:raceromanian@gmail.com) for an Adoption Application form and a copy of our Adoption Procedures. Adoption fee and home check apply.**



**LOTTIE**



We told you about Lottie in our December 2018 Newsletter. She had been offered a home in the UK and when she arrived, we were told that the family had already got another rescue and now didn't want Lottie. This was just before Christmas, so we had to spring into action to find an emergency foster placement for our lovely girl. Thanks to Charlotte-Ann McCampion, Lottie was able to spend Christmas in a family home. Charlotte says she has been such a good girl too. Just after Christmas, we promoted Lottie for adoption to find her a forever home. We were delighted when a lovely family applied for Lottie AND they lived within half an hour of Lottie's fosterer! A visit was soon arranged at the foster home for the family to meet Lottie, and all went very well. Indeed, we think the tasty treats they brought along helped to sway Lottie's decision!

We want to thank everyone who offered to help our Lottie out just before Christmas

when the family she had travelled over to the UK to join had decided to get another dog in the meantime without informing anyway. As they say—all's well that ends well. Lots of happy times ahead Lottie.

**NELL**



Another RACE doggy that was returned into our care was Nell. Nell had been rescued from a kill shelter back in February 2018 when she was around eight weeks old, along with a number of other puppies who had found themselves on death row. All of them ended up being taken by RACE and, eventually, rehomed in the UK. Nell joined a family in Scotland, but their

circumstances changed and they were no longer able to give Nell the time and attention she needed. Nell went on foster to a family who had adopted one of our other dogs, Marley, who had been rescued from the

kill shelter with Nell. Marley's family fostered Nell for around three and a half months, until a lovely lady offered Nell a home with her. Once the home checks were carried out, Nell soon joined her new family and has settled down to life in Bonny Scotland.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS OUR WORK, DONATIONS CAN BE SENT VIA PAYPAL TO**



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**On a final note .... We can't emphasise enough ... CHECK that your donations to ANY rescue are being spent on the care of the animals. You have every right to ask if you are making donations.**

**Any reputable rescue will completely understand your request and will be more than happy to provide proof.**



While writing this Newsletter I really have to take the opportunity of saying how very privileged I am at working alongside such a dedicated, loving, compassionate and selfless lady as Elena Popa. The love and care she puts into our dogs and cats knows no bounds; I have

witnessed, on many occasions, at first hand how much she loves the dogs, how much time and effort she puts into them, cooking for them, nursing them, cuddling and loving them ... and the love is certainly reciprocated by the dogs as is evidenced by the sheer joy in their dear faces

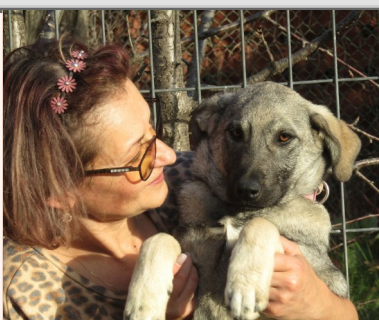
when they are around Elena and Nelu. I thank the stars the day I chose to adopt Lola from a rescue in the UK. Lola had been rescued by Elena and the UK rescue asked me to keep the Romanian rescuer up to date with her progress. It was the start of the most beautiful and treasured friendship with dear Elena, the addition of a further four amazing Romanian rescue dogs into our family and of course, the formation of RACE. Thank you Elena – simply for being you. Sue

**LOLA**  
The Face of  
RACE!



**We're looking forward to a successful 2019 in rehoming as many rescue dogs as possible into forever homes.**

**In the meantime, if you would like to help us to help the dogs ... you could bid/share on our MONTHLY AUCTIONS, SPONSOR FOOD FOR A MONTH, become an EMERGENCY FOSTERER, KNIT DOG COATS/BLANKETS and SHARE our posts on FACEBOOK.**



*Elena, Sue and Nelu*

