

*Let The Healing Begin ...*

## FROM STOLEN PUPPIES, A HARSH LIFE ON THE STREETS, JUST ABOUT SURVIVING ... NOW IT'S ISSY'S TURN TO BE CARED FOR AND LOVED ...

Issy, a four year old Teckel cross, had been abandoned on the outskirts of Elena's village, along with two of her puppies. Apparently they had been there for some days, but no one thought to inform Elena until local children stole the puppies.

This dear little mum was beside herself ... she stayed rooted to the spot perhaps in the hope that her babies would find



their way back to her. Despite exhaustive investigation, we never found out the fate of the pups or who had done this evil deed. It was initially thought that Issy was older than her years, but the vet has confirmed that she's around four years old. She has now been neutered and received her vaccinations, been wormed etc. Now we need her to have a good life ... not begging for scraps of food, producing puppies ... but to be loved and cared for by her very own family. Issy is a quiet, calm and gentle little girl who would blossom within a family environment. We are currently seeking a suitable home for our lovely lady.

## ANOTHER INNOCENT LEFT TO SUFFER ...

This is Bram who is the brother of little Amadeus. He arrived at Elena's on 30 July 2019.

Despite repeated requests to get Bram to us asap, we have waited well over a week for the 'rescuer' to deliver him to us; during that time his safety was in jeopardy and his health declining. Given the appalling state of Amadeus, we have been worried sick about Bram and was beginning to think he had also died.

Well he's here now and in a very poor state indeed. Bram will receive the best care possible from Elena - she will do her utmost to help him grow strong and healthy. It is always touch and go when pups are this malnourished, full of fleas, ticks, worms and, of course, unvaccinated. These babies are born into this world as perfect souls who should be protected and cherished .. only to suffer at the hands of humans. What chance do they have?!



Amadeus

Amadeus was collected on Friday, 2 July 2019, by Elena and Rares from another village. Just before she arrived, one of the villagers saw fit to kill this baby boy's brother. Why? Elena was prepared to take them both back to her home for safety and eventually to find them both good families. Little Amadeus was in a terrible state and had wounds all over his tiny body. The evil monster who so callously and needlessly killed his brother has been reported to the Police. As ever, justice will probably not be served ... but let's hope karma takes care of him. Despite all the veterinary treatment and care this little man received once with Elena, he passed away just a few days later.

**SLEEP IN PEACE OUR BABY BOY**

**COULD YOU BE THE SPECIAL FAMILY WHO COULD OFFER  
OUR GEM A LOVING, FOREVER HOME? PLEASE READ HER  
SAD STORY BELOW ...**



**Gem**

This darling girl came to us 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



**This handsome little lad joined us back in late June ... meet Simba everyone. Our beautiful Bebe's brother. If only we still had our special girl here with him too. RIP Bebe.**

understand why anyone with a heart would want to get these dogs to safety. Gem's poor puppies were the victims of disease at the public shelter and died before we could take them into our care. Gem is so very gentle, calm and good with other dogs, cats, people and children. Another girl who has never had care in her life and who so craves love and stability. Goodness knows how many puppies Gem has produced over the years ... who have become street dogs, or killed by passing traffic, or died from disease or, indeed, been caught by the public shelter operatives and put to sleep ... now it's her turn to be cared for. The gentleness of this little lady has to be seen to be believed; after all atrocities she had endured at the hands of humans - yet she is still willing to give love and affection. Could you offer Gem the safe, secure, loving home and the kind family she deserves?



**Clara**

**AND NO ONE HELPED THEM**

Two adult dogs and their puppies had been living on the side of the road in a village not too far from Elena. We were told they have been there for at least a month. Out of six original puppies, only two are still alive. The other four had ventured into the road and ended up being killed by passing traffic. No one gave a damn about them in the affluent area where they were just about surviving. Elena arranged for all four to go to her on 19 July, but



**Remy**



**Hugo**

the dad was so scared that he ran away. The lady who collected mum and the two boys is keeping a lookout so that he can be caught and reunited with his family. They all needed vaccinating, worming, flea and tick treatment and mum was neutered. We are currently looking for homes for Clara and Hugo who are delightfully friendly and sociable. Sadly, Remy has been extremely ill from day one and remains so despite constant veterinary care. Elena is doing absolutely everything in her power to help him pull through.

**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.**



## WOULD YOU GIVE ME A FOREVER HOME PLEASE?



*My name is Libby and me and my brother and sisters were rescued by our Aunty Elena. She kept us safe and cared for us when we were little tiny puppies and taught us how to trust people. We would more than likely have died if she hadn't taken us in that winter. The mountains are soooooo cold and not a good place for tiny, hungry, defenceless babies. Sadly, some of my brothers and sisters died shortly after being rescued as the cold, lack of food and illness was too much for them. It made Aunty Elena cry to see us all in such a bad way. I am now eight months old and wish someone would adopt me and give me a forever home. I am such an affectionate and gentle girl. My brother and sisters have all got wonderful new families now in the UK and there's just me left. I don't know why I was left because I'm a very well behaved girl and would love a family who I could love back so much and have fun with. I like hoomans, dogs, cats, children, playing, cuddles, kisses, toys and Aunty Elena's "delishus" chicken soup ...! YUM! Please give me a chance someone. You will soon see what a fabulous girl I am. Love and kisses from Libs x*

Remy



## NELA and LILLY

One evening, on his way home from work, Nelu spotted two young Carpathian puppies who had been cruelly abandoned on the side of a road. He immediately picked the girls up and they were soon ensconced safely in the family home. Nela and Lilly will be big girls when fully grown, but they are sociable, affectionate souls. Lilly is the slightly more independent young miss, with Nela being the fusspot! Who will do anything for a cuddle!

Both girls were very quickly offered forever homes once we promoted them and we shall be waving them off in mid-August to their UK families.

Nela



Lilly



Bisley

Bisley is a four month old crossbreed, and one of the puppies that Elena managed to get out of the gypsy camp we have reported on on the previous page. Elena will, of course, keep doing her utmost for these dear souls. But is truly is physically and mentally draining. Thankfully, Bisley is going in the right direction and is getting stronger by the day.

Meet our new little addition - Bobitza, an eighteen month old Imperial Pekingese Cross. He was living in a yard amongst large dogs who attacked him, causing a head injury. Bobitza is also very underweight. This little love is now safely with Elena and Nelu who are, as ever, besotted with our new lad. We are currently looking for a forever home for Bobitza with a family who will love and cherish him in the manner he deserves.

Bobitza



Puppy Remy, who came into our care recently along with mum Clara and sibling, Hugo, has been so very ill over the last few days. Between caring for all our other dogs and puppies, sorting out emergencies etc. Elena has fought so hard for this little man, giving around the clock care. He's needed constant veterinary medication, hydration and being tempted to eat. We've been in fear of losing the battle with him over the past few days but Elena will continue to do everything possible to help this sweet boy pull through.

Tina had lived her early years on a chain in the yard with hardly any interaction whatsoever. She ended up at a rescuer's home in the same village but, being small and quite unassuming, she was scared and intimidated by all the other dogs there. Elena took Tina and three other dogs from the rescuer and set out getting some weight on them, getting them inoculated, neutered and, eventually, rehomed. Tina had been a star pupil at Elena's, she slept in her bed in the hallway which she shared with Dino (the veteran, blind dog) as well as



Tina—first hour in her new home!



Tina

the cats. She was 100% in all ways. A home was offered to Tina and she travelled to the UK on 30 May, arriving with her new family on 1 June 2019. Unfortunately, Tina was given back to us on 11 July with claims that she was deaf and aggressive. This was most certainly not the Tina that Elena had cared for. Tina subsequently went on foster to Sue at RACE and wasn't showing any of the issues she had been accused of. We had one or two minor disagreements over food which was stopped with a firm 'no' to both culprits. They were soon the best of pals. Sue assessed Tina for a few days to check about the deafness claims, but wasn't too convinced; feeling it was more a case of her never having been properly interacted with. To make absolutely certain, Tina was thoroughly checked by the vet on 17 July 2019. Her hearing was declared perfect as was her general health. Within the first week of being with Sue, Tina was enjoying cuddles, interacting more each day, started responding to her name ... and the light came on in her beautiful eyes. Four years on this planet without ever really being given a chance to blossom. We were delighted when a friend of a friend applied to adopt Tina and had come very highly recommended. Tina joined her lovely new family on 3 August 2019



Maya

Three year old Maya came into RACE care on 3 October 2018. Her owner was advertising her on a Romanian Animal page, saying that unless

someone had her immediately, she was going to the kill shelter the very next day. The story was that the couple who owned Maya were divorcing and the wife was going to live with her sister who refused to have a dog in the house. Elena was soon on the case and Maya was picked up the following morning and taken back home. Maya really did worry the life out of Elena initially; during the first 36 hours, Maya wouldn't eat, drink, pee, poo and was pining so badly for her old home. Elena and Nelu took Maya to bed that night in the hope she would settle, resorting also to a comfort vest to try to help this poor dog. The following day she was no different; however, when Nelu came home from work, Maya suddenly wanted to sit with him and .... eat! Result. She loved Nelu and it seemed Nelu loved Maya right back. Elena said they happily trundled off to bed together for cuddles, leaving her sitting alone in the kitchen! Seriously, she was delighted that Maya had started to settle. Her ex-family really didn't deserve her love and loyalty given the appalling way they dismissed her from their lives. Also, she had never had her vaccinations and was unneutered too. She was soon brought up to the with all the necessities. Maya went on foster back in November 2018 but was handed back to us as on the 6 July 2019 by her owner. We were told that she was constantly toileting in the house, amongst other complaints that have not materialised at all since Maya has been with Sue and her five dogs. She is totally house trained, and is the softest, most affection little lady going. Maya is a real lap dog, adores fuss and cuddles AND does a mean high five too! Whoever ends up adopting dear Maya will be very fortunate family indeed.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

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

**Become an EMERGENCY BACK UP FOSTERER;**

**Hold a COFFEE MORNING;**

**Knit DOG COATS and/or BLANKETS;**  
**Hold a BOOT SALE.**



Gus

Odie

## WHERE DOES IT ALL END ...?

We appealed for help via our Facebook page earlier in July in an attempt to help a group of dogs and numerous puppies at a Romanian gypsy site. Our aim was to keep the puppies fed—they were all starving—delouse them, vaccinate them, get them homes and get the adult females neutered. The dire situation had been brought to Elena's attention by a lady who lived close the location.

### ODIE AND GUS

Two more tiny victims in this heartless, cruel world. Abandoned puppies, Odie and Gus joined us on the 19 July, the same afternoon that Clara and her two boys came into our care. Two terrified puppies; two innocents; Gus actually cried with fear initially when Elena and Nelu went to pick him up. Within 24 hours Gus started to accept that he was being helped and there was no more to fear. The boys still have a way to go, but we will get there with patience in earning their trust.

We started to promote a couple of the older pups for adoption, provided materials for a safe enclosure to be built for the younger pups to prevent them wandering onto the roads and promised that we would keep the food coming until some of our existing

reserved rescues were on their way to the UK to their new families - hence freeing up some much needed space. Elena did take Bisley home as he was so emaciated and anaemic that she feared for his survival. A few days ago, she went out and brought more supplies of puppy food and went to deliver it at the site ... only to discover that the men at the camp had been systematically killing all the pups off ... WHY? We offered to help ... we would never have reneged on our promise to help ... why destroy these innocent souls? A needless and barbaric slaughtering ... we go beyond anger. The three pups who were still alive at that moment were swiftly scooped up by Elena and taken to her home. They are in an extremely poor way - it is clear most of the food we supplied was not given to them. We've called the three little boys Tudor, Tahoe and Tango (photos left). They are around 9-10 weeks old. Elena is doing her utmost in nursing them, getting rid of their worms, lice, fleas; they all have diarrhoea and, of course, are still an easy target to all the usual diseases that do the rounds amongst the canine community in Romania. We will keep you posted on the boys' progress.

Call this "a life?"

Bobit

One of the mums imprisoned  
**PERMENANTLY** on a chain

### THIS "THROW AWAY" SOCIETY

Nelu arrived home from on 31 July with two abandoned puppies - sweet tiny girls. We have named them Toffi (dark) and Tuitti (white). It's the same old story ... fleas, ticks, worms, malnourished ... how cheap is life to some people.

Thanks to Nelu's vigilance they were spotted before any dangers befell them. Thank you Nelu for always caring so very much.



Julia

Julia was one of the four dogs that came to us on 7 June from a Public Shelter. She was emaciated at the time. Her tail had also been cruelly half hacked off, resulting in a deep infection at the site. Julia had a course of anti-biotics and anti-inflammatories for her mutilated tail. She also had a course of hepatoprotector to assist with her liver function. Unfortunately, despite the veterinary treatment, the site refused to properly heal, so there was little else that could be done other than to have the rest of the tail surgically removed. Julia was therefore admitted to the Spital Veterinary Hospital at Sfântu Gheorghe on 24 July to undergo surgery to remove more of the stump. We're pleased to say that the operation has been a success and things are going



in the right direction. We shall eventually be looking for a suitable home for our brave little girl in the not too distant future. From the emaciated little girl that came to us back on 7 June of this year, Julia is now thriving and her beauty shines through more each day. The photo on the right shows Julia's badly infected tail stump on the day she arrived from the shelter.

**BIG THANKS** to all the lovely people who donated food, toys, collars, leads, coats, towels, beds, cages, blankets, duvets for the RACE doggies just recently. The goodies have been received and are being put to very good use! (Ruby kitten carries out an inspection of the food!)



## A MESSAGE FROM SASSY

*The Aunties call me little Miss Sassy Pants cos I'm Sassy by name and sassy by nature! My mummy was taken in from the streets and given a home by an old lady, but a few weeks later I was born along with seven brothers and sisters. The lady couldn't cope with so many lively, noisy babies, so she asked Aunty Elena if she would take us and find us homes once we were old enough to come away from mum.*



*I'm just eight months old now and I have watched all my brothers and sisters go off to their new families in the UK; but why doesn't anyone want me? I very friendly and affectionate, although a little shy at first until I know people. I have grown up with cats and lots of other dogs and get along fine with them all. I would so love a home where there are slightly older children in the family who could play with me. Being a baby still, I have quite a lot of energy so they could help tire me out! Would YOU love a Sassy in your life? Love and kisses from Sassy x*



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