

Let the healing begin ...



RACE

March 2019 Newsletter

A TRAGIC TALE ...

Let us firstly explain the sad story ... A lady in a neighbouring village has over 30 rescue dogs at her home. All older dogs whose owners had either passed away, became too ill to care for them ... so pretty tragic reasons behind why this kind hearted soul gave them love and a roof over their heads. Sadly this lovely lady is extremely ill and will be undergoing life threatening surgery this week. If she does survive the operation, there will be no way on this earth that she will ever be in any position to continue caring for her beloved rescues. Her husband works full time and is doing his best by them, but they now have to be left alone in the home all day while he's working long hours in the city. Elena spent some time there on Sunday, 10 March and, despite being full to capacity at the moment, the particular situation the dogs were in called for some special measures. She ended up bringing home three girls in the car who we hope to find adoptive homes for. Another rescue in the area is highlighting the situation with other rescues in the UK to see if each could take one or two and help to find all of the dogs homes.

As we say, they are all older dogs but very well socialised. Fingers crossed that all will be relocated safely. Let's also hope that this amazing lady will have her mind put at rest over the future of her beloved dogs. *(See Page 3 for Update)*

BINGO



TINA



AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION BINGO, TINA and MIKA

Six year old, crossbreed **BINGO** is one of the dogs who came into our care on 10 March. She is cheeky and playful despite her age, and particularly loves to play with people as well as other dogs. Bingo had lived in the streets for a long time before she was taken in by Carmen. Bingo joins her new family on 6 April 2019 in the UK. Five year old, crossbreed **TINA**, is the most affectionate and gentle soul. She is much smaller than her photo would indicate—weighing in at 7kgs. **MIKA** is also six years old, neutered, vaccinated and weighs in at around just 5kgs - she's also much tinier than she appears on the photos. This sweet and cheerful girl had been abandoned at a public shelter before being taken on by the kind lady who has been far too ill to care for any of her precious dogs.

MIKA



If you are interested in offering one of our dear ladies a loving and forever home, please email us at

***raceromanian@gmail.com** to request an Adoption Application form and a copy of our Adoption Procedures. Adoption fee and home check apply. All dogs are fully vaccinated, neutered, microchipped and passported.*

OLLIE



Another sweet lad who had been unceremoniously abandoned in the very same place that Scout had been left; a small mountain town called Buşteni which is located in the Prahova Valley, at the bottom of the Bucegi Mountains. Ollie is such an endearing little soul and so eager to please. We were delighted when the offer of a forever home was offered to him on 31 March 2019. We're just going through all the usual checking processes and hope to be waving our Ollie off to a life of love and safety; something he's obviously been previously denied in his short life.

Our new website should be up and running soon!



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Something beautiful to bring a smile to your faces Katy (now Roxy) arrived with her new family in the early hours of 10 March 2019. A few hours later, after a good sleep and feed, she was reunited with sibling, Amber, who was adopted by friends of Roxy's family two weeks ago.

Oh talk about bring a lump to your throat!!

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:

WILL AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION

Will came into our care with his mum, Lavinia, a three year old Terrier Cross, along with his siblings, Star and Skye. Tragically the puppies were suffering from Parvovirus and, despite treatment, only one survived- Will. We were informed that there had originally been six puppies in the litter, but the man whose home they had been born close to, dug a ditch to keep them out of his garden, resulting in three of the puppies drowning. Will is such a delightful boy and would make an excellent family addition.



If you are interested in offering our sweet lad a safe and loving future in the form of a forever home, please email us at raceromanian@gmail.com for an Adoption Application form and a copy of our Adoption Procedures.

***** All dogs are fully vaccinated, microchipped and passported. Where they are old enough, they are neutered. 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.**

SHEPPY



How cheap is life?! On 28 March, Sheppy was thrown out of a moving car into the road in Elena's village. A Carpathian cross, Sheppy's just four months old. She very quickly tucked into the cooked chicken she was given at Elena's, although on the first night she refused water. Elena ensured that she was hydrated through the evening, not that Sheppy approved, but it was for her own wellbeing. We'll be posting Sheppy's progress on our Facebook page.



ENZO and SASHA

Two more abandoned puppies joined the fold on the night of 25 March. Aged approximately 4-6 weeks old, these precious souls were soon safely with Elena.

One of each - boy and girl whom we have named Enzo and Sasha. Sadly the constant appeals for help are swamping RACE; no less than 22 other puppies and their mums needed help and refuge on that very same day... we just haven't got the space, funds or manpower to accept every request that comes our way.

It's never ending ... the constant breeding, constant abandonment, constant suffering, constant swimming against the tide. So many puppies are born and so many puppies die from disease, road accidents, starvation ... despite efforts to help them. Sometimes help simply comes too late.





CARA and ARLO

Arlo and Cara came into our care in mid-March 2019 from Dumbravita village. There had initially been three puppies, but sadly one of the siblings was hit by a passing car and killed. Their poor mum had mammary tumours which have since been surgically removed and she is now recovering at the home of her original rescuer. The little pair are four months old at the moment and, although initially a little shy, they both

now love playing with the other puppies here. If you could give Arlo or Cara a caring, forever home, please email us at raceromanian@gmail.com for an Adoption Application form and a copy of our Adoption Procedures.

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FRANZIE: We welcomed another lad into the fold on 17 March 2019 in the form of Franzie. Franzie was in the most shocking state of neglect on arrival at Elena's. Duly bathed, brushed, nails clipped, ears cleaned, vaccinated ... Franzie was soon looking a whole lot happier once settled in with a full tum and made more comfortable. We had initially been told by some of the villagers that Franzie was an old dog, around nine or ten 10 years old, but our vet has disputed that entirely and said he is much younger, more like three years old. He is such a gentle little dog who just wants to be loved and please everyone. We shall be looking for a forever home for our lad so keep your eyes peeled on our Facebook page.

YUKI



YUKI and LOLA

Yuki and Lola were found in the middle of a road by a friend of Elena's late at night on 19 March 2019. Both puppies, estimated to be around two months old at the time, were soon safely in her car and delivered to the safety of Elena's home. Initially a little timid, they soon got the message from the other RACE puppies in situ that here you are allowed to play, be noisy and, all in all, act like a puppy. However, as is the wont with a lot of puppies born on the streets, they were both full of worms ... sadly, Lola's internal organs became

blocked with the migrating worms, it becoming too much for her tiny, frail body to cope with and she passed away. Yuki was initially also quite poorly, but managed to fight back and is now, thankfully, making a good recovery.

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 tums 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.

Our Paypal is
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THE DANGERS OF WORMS IN PUPPIES

After you or your vet administers worming medications to your pup, he may experience vomiting, lack of appetite, and gastrointestinal upset. While some medications dissolve the worms in his system, others paralyze them. As these paralyzed worms detach from your pup's internal tissues, you may find them in your dog's stool or vomit. Usually, side effects are minimal with wormers from intestinal parasites. However, a dog being treated for heartworms is at risk of suffering from a condition known as pulmonary thromboembolism. This potentially fatal condition occurs when the worms that are killed off by the anthelmintics cause a blockage of a pup's arteries.

LOLA



FLOSSIE AND FREYA

We'd learned of a dog and her three puppies that needed help in mid-February, but were told that another rescue was dealing with them. On Sunday, 3 March, Elena received a message to say that the mum and puppies were still in the same situation in a field in a nearby village; no one had bothered to come to their aid. While Elena was as busy as ever seeing to the needs of the RACE rescue puppies and dogs, Nelu and Sue set off to collect the little family. On arrival, there was a family from the village

already there who had claimed the boy puppy - someone else had already taken the other boy. Despite appealing to their better nature to let us take all the pups, they were adamant that they were keeping the little boy; they didn't seem bad people at all and we really had little choice but to just take mum and the little girl. Flossie, the mum, was not that old herself and was so grateful to receive kindness and love—probably for the first time in her life. Freya, the little girl, was around 6-7 weeks old when rescued; absolutely full of worms for which she was treated.



We had a lovely photo update on 10 March of Haiduc, one of Mara's ten puppies, who joined his forever home on 26 January 2019. We can't believe how grown up he's looking - and still as handsome as ever! Big hugs and loves baby boy. Thanks Bee and Elaine for sharing these - you've done him proud.

We are still seeking forever homes for Haiduc's siblings, LUNA, LUCA, RENEE and ELLE. If you are looking for the perfect family dog then please look no further. These siblings are truly amazing and would be a wonderful addition to the family. Email us at raceromanian@gmail.com for further information on our adoption process. Adoption fee and home check apply.

UPDATE ON CARMEN'S DOGS ...

As well as the £150 raised through the Appeal, other kind people sent directly to Paypal to help.



BELLA, BISCUIT and MURA

The story of Yuki and Lola are told on the previous page; but Elena then discovered a few days after these girls came into RACE's care, that three other pups were found abandoned in the same areas as Yuki and Lola; they even looked alike.

It transpires that they are all siblings. Whoever dumped them so callously also split them up. Two pups on the road, two in another place and one alone on a field. The callous behaviour of some people never cease to dismay and anger us. The pups joined us on 1 April. We shall be actively seeking forever homes for these sweethearts in the next few weeks on our Facebook page.



We have one very happy lady who is now home and recovering from her operation. Elena and other volunteers have been cleaning, shopping, making dog beds, painting etc. to help Carmen to care for her beautiful rescue dogs. They were certainly glad to get their mum home! Another donor paid for a washing machine and vacuum cleaner to make life slightly easier for this lovely lady. Thank you everyone who rallied round to help. Sometimes there really are angels that walk this earth - Carmen is definitely one of them. Get well soon you beautiful, gorgeous lady.

Carmen made a short video to send her thanks to everyone who helped her and the dogs over such a difficult time. You can find this on 27 March 2019 posts on our Facebook page.



DEAR BOBO IS LOOKING FOR A LOVING FAMILY TO ADOPT HIM

Bobo is just a year old and weights in at just 7kgs, This poor mite had spent his short life on the streets, where people were throwing stones at him, one of which resulted in an injury just before Christmas.



His "rescuer" at the time (from whom we removed Bobo on 24 February 2019) simply chained him up in her yard! Bobo is a submissive little lad who has obviously been hurt by humans and, indeed, other more dominant dogs. He would make an ideal pet for a family with older children, and although seemingly ok with the cats at RACE, we couldn't, in all honesty, say that he is cat friendly. As a result we would prefer him to be in a cat free home to be on the safe side. If you would like to be the family to change Bobo's life for the better by offering him a forever home full of the love and care he deserves, please email us at raceromanian@gmail.com for an Adoption Application form and a copy of our Adoption Procedures. **Adoption Fee and Home Check Apply.**



Do you remember us telling you about Dino, the blind dog who was abandoned earlier in the year?

OUR EARLIER POST ON FACEBOOK: *"Dear Dino was brutally abandoned by his owner over the Christmas period. Bad enough to be dumped out in the freezing elements to fend for yourself when you are TOTALLY BLIND but 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 today when she took Renee. The vet believes Dino to be around 15 years old. He has had blood taken 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."*



Well Dino's settled down well to life at Elena's and sleeps in the house at night. Scout had appointed himself Dino's personal assistant and we were wondering how our old boy would get on when Scout joined his new family in the UK recently. However ... our darling boy has decided that he likes to hang around with the puppies ... here he is with Lotru, Libby and Finn. He's even smiling!



Nell was just a tiny puppy when we rescued her from the kill shelter, along with many other dogs, back in February 2018. She was adopted in the Autumn of last year, but her owner's circumstances changed dramatically and she was struggling to give Nell the time she needed. Nell subsequently went to a foster home who took the most wonderful care of our girl while we looked for her forever home. Enter Chloe Appleton - from her application we had a strong feeling that she and Nell would be a perfect match ... and we were right! Nell joined Chloe a few months ago and things have gone really well. We received this update on 2 April:



"Nell has really come out her shell and has adopted all the small furries as her puppies. She now can be off the lead and is getting so much better with meeting strangers! No more accidents in the house too she's learnt to ask to go out in the garden now. And she also likes to annoy the cat and he likes to annoy her so they're best of friends. Already have done so much with her and so many more memories to make! I love my best pal."

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND SUPPORT

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



Elena, Sue and Nelu