

RACE

Great futures start here ...

Elena was paid a visit from a man on 3 May who handed over a small, black dog aged around five years old. He told her the dog was no longer wanted as it had killed his neighbours chickens. Whether this was true or not we don't know ... what we do know is that this terrified little girl was no longer wanted by her family. We do think there is more to the story as she was in such a state that we think she'd been hit.

A couple of days later, Eva was booked into the vets to be neutered and also to have a hernia operated on. There was a small lump on her head which the vet confirmed was a lymphoma. However, during surgery, the vet found that the dimensions of both kidneys were twice the size they should be ... he left the lymphoma as he didn't want to keep her under anaesthetic any longer than necessary because of her kidneys. He advised a special low protein diet for Eva for the rest of her days. Although a good vet, he is not a specialist ...

So we ran an appeal to raise the monies to get Eva examined by the veterinary hospital that we use for the more complex cases, as we felt further investigation may reveal that more could be done for Eva.

Eva had tests carried out at the specialist veterinary hospital on 12 May 2019 which has thrown a lot more light onto her health issues. The hospital vet is not concerned about her kidneys at all and believes she was simply born with large kidneys. He has confirmed that Eva can have a normal diet as opposed to the renal food the general vet prescribed. Good news indeed. So far as the lymphoma on Eva's head is concerned, he said it's small and should be left alone ... unless it starts to grow bigger. More good news.

PLEASE could you help by making a small donation towards giving Eva her sight back? Payment can be made via PayPal to popabrandusaelena@yahoo.com.

However, Eva has cataracts in both eyes. These can be operated on - but we will need to raise £450 to get the surgery carried out. The specialist has confirmed that the operation will completely restore this dear little souls sight. Eva has got to recover from her neutering and hernia operation still ... in the meantime we are continuing to fundraise for Eva to raise the monies needed. The K2 Veterinary Hospital in Sfântu Gheorghe, Romania is the specialist hospital that successfully treated Chloe's badly broken and badly infected leg back in February 2018 and also treated Mica's appalling burns. We have every faith in them with the treatment of our precious dogs.



EVA

Elena receives numerous calls and messages throughout the day, every day, asking her to take in puppies (mainly) and other dogs. Of course, spaces and resources are limited and RACE, like any rescue, is always overstretched. But we always help if we can. In the whole scheme of things, RACE is small, just Elena and Sue (with the invaluable help of Nelu of course). We had a couple of cases brought to our attention at the start of May being two tiny boy siblings, who we've named Merlin and Marlon; and Lord and Lea, his sister. Being full to bursting, but with a number of our dogs reserved and ready for

travel to the UK on 1 June and 15 June, Elena agreed to

take the four babies on. However, she arranged temporary foster homes for each pair until some space was created once the adopted pups started travel. So here we introduce our four new babies who will be moving into Elena's in a couple of weeks time. Once they are old enough, we shall be looking for the perfect homes for them all.



LORD and LEA



MERLIN and MARLON

LET DOWN AT THE ELEVENTH HOUR

* LOOKING FOR HIS FOREVER HOME *

Gentle, crossbreed Arlo, who was born in December 2018, was reserved by a family back in early April. Home checks were carried out and all the usual processes completed. Lengthy chats took place, videos and photos sent to the family regularly ... transport was booked, paperwork sent off only for the family to spin us yarn after yarn about not being able to return the forms or pay the transportation fees. If someone changes their mind that's fine; we want out dogs to be wanted, applicants to be excited and looking forward to their new family member joining them ... so at the end of the day, despite all the time wasted, we do believe it was in Arlo's best interests that he didn't travel that day. So this gorgeous young lad is still looking for a family of his own. He's medium in size, cat friendly and is an extremely gentle lad. Arlo has been well socialised within Elena's home amongst all the other dogs and cats and is as beautiful inside as well as outside. Could you be the home for him who won't let him down? Arlo and his sibling, Cara, came into our care a few days ago from Dumbravita village. There had initially been three siblings, but sadly one of the pups 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.



ARLO

If you are interested in adopting Arlo, please email us at raceromanian@gmail.com for an Adoption Application form and a copy of our Adoption Procedures. All dogs are fully vaccinated, neutered (where old enough), microchipped and passported.

MONTHLY FOOD SPONSORSHIP APPEAL

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.

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
popabrandusaelena@yahoo.com

The resilience of some of our dogs never ceases to amaze us ... young Freya joined her new family in the UK on 4 May of this year and no uncertainty, no shyness, no hesitation, just charging around her new home full of joy and playing with all her toys.



FREYA

Teddy spent three and a half years at the Hope Rescue shelter in Bosnia before finally landing a home in the UK earlier this year and all was thought to be going well. Teddy, a crossbreed, is cat friendly. Unfortunately, due to a family illness, Teddy was often left alone for long periods of time, which resulted in him getting very depressed and acting out of character. Another rescue put a plea out for

emergency back up foster which one of our adoptants saw, and subsequently contacted us as the rescue had no foster placements left at that time and it looked like Teddy was having to go back into kennels. Thankfully, we had someone to call on who has fostered for us successfully in the past, and she was only too happy to help. Teddy went on foster to her on 28 April 2019 (Berkshire area), and we are looking for that forever home for this dearest boy. Teddy would suit a family with teenage children and preferably with one other dog in the home. Foster mum Charlotte tells us: *'Ted is, in equal parts, a grumpy old man and energetic playful puppy. He loves other dogs and, if he gets to know people, he loves them too. Ted loves all treats, and bum scratches, but he's not into cuddles and kisses. He likes to have a spot, it was on the couch but we've recently got a second crate and he has taken to being in one. He loves walks and as you can probably tell, water! At the end of the day he's just fab and so loyal!! X'*

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TEDDY

LIFE AFTER ABUSE

They come to us damaged, broken, sick, scared and, understandably have trust issues. Our aim is to heal, win that trust back and see our amazing dogs happily move on to families of their own who will give them the love and care they should have received from the moment they entered this World. Here are some of the RACE rescue dogs that have gone on to enjoy their lives now in the new homes ...



*This is Nell who I've had since January 2019. I was very sceptical about getting a dog and trying to find one to fit in with the rest of the pack (Small animals and kitten), but Nell has been amazing from day one. For my first dog on my own without family has been one of the best things I've done was adopt my gorgeous new best friend. She doesn't leave my side and loves her little "puppies" as I call them. Nell may be a rescue but she sure has rescued me. I love her so much and can't thank RACE enough for letting her join my little zoo. She's mended the lost part of my heart since losing my family dog a few years ago. **Chloe Appleton (May 2019)***

RESCUE: Nell was rescued from the kill shelter when she was two months old, along with the rest of the puppies there. All have been successfully rehomed.

*This is Marley who we adopted him from RACE last May. I fell in love with him straight away and I'm so thankful to have him. I still stare at him and think can't believe this gorgeous boy is mine. Marley is my shadow and best friend who makes me smile everyday. **Sonya Furneaux (21 April 2019)***

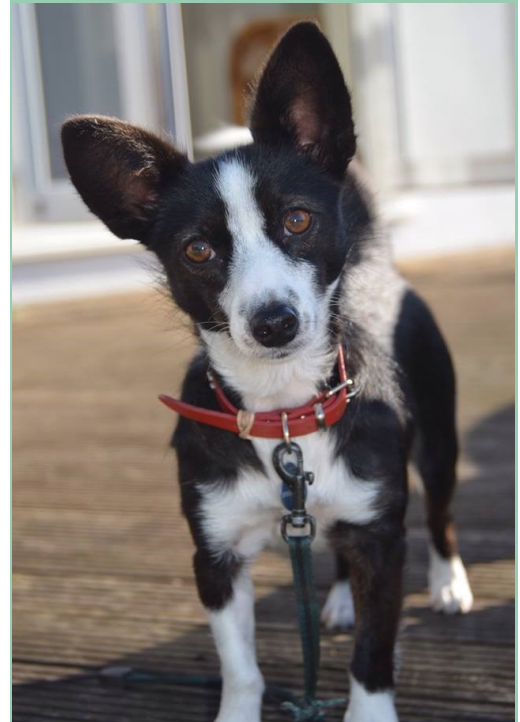
RESCUE: Marley also came from the kill shelter at the same time we removed Nell. He was around the same age (two months old).



*So here's my best bud Scooby (original name Henry). We got him back in January 2019. He is one of the most sweet natured dogs I've ever met and always runs up to give kisses when he sees you (even if you've just popped to the shop for five minutes!). He's only eight months old but his size can trick you. Scooby's great with my two kids, especially my two year old who's obsessed with him. We originally adopted him because we wanted a family dog, but I've got a sidekick out of it too as he's always by my side whatever I'm doing during the day. He's a big floof and I'm so glad I came across the RACE page; his photo just spoke to me. Adopting Scooby was the best decision we ever made. **Kirstyann Sneddon (11 April 2019)***

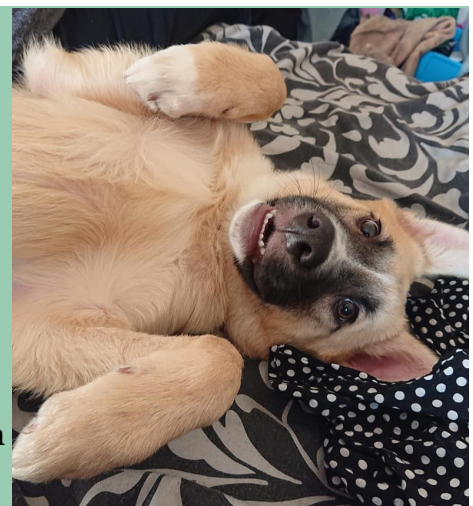
RESCUE: Scooby was rescued by RACE when he was three days old, along with his mum and nine siblings. Locals were threatening to drown all the puppies.

Hers's my gorgeous girl "Dolly" We adopted her last October, and what a pleasure she's been. She is such a happy dog and so loving, she has settled well into our family life. Thank you Elena for bringing Dolly and her baby to your home to give them and all the others you rescue a chance for a great life.



RESCUE: Dolly and her pup, Cookie, were stuck on heavy chains and living outside during the severe winter weather in Transylvania; had they not been removed by RACE, they wouldn't have survived for much longer.

If you are looking to adopt a puppy/dog, please check out our Facebook page which is regularly updated



SAMMY

We had a wonderful update on Sammy back in mid-May. This is the little chap that was returned to us by the adopters as they said he was biting them and showing aggressive behaviour. We don't understand at all why this happened as he'd been absolutely fine with everyone he met at Elena's before adoption. Sammy subsequently went on foster to a lady who is a behaviourist. Fast forward ... he's settled down well, Annie adores him and he is staying put with her, he loves everyone he meets and never puts a paw



wrong. So good to see this darling boy so safe and happy. The photo on the right shows Sammy at rescue—he had been thrown away in a field, tied up in a plaster bag. Thankfully someone saw the car drive away and went to investigate ... finding a completely terrified, bedraggled, flea ridden little dog ... dearest little SAMMY.

IRINA

* AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION *

Crossbreed, Irina, was born in December 2018, and was 'rescued' by the same person who had taken in Bobo, Finn, Sofia, Anji, Mina, Haiduc and Lotru. Other than sticking poor Bobo on a chain in her yard and cramming all the pups into one cage together - also in her yard in the freezing cold - very little was actually done to help any of these pups. RACE took them all from her - all were covered in lice and full of worms which were soon treated by Elena. Irina is so affectionate and playful, a beautiful bundle of

**MURA**

fun and energy - she will be medium sized when fully grown. Like all the RACE pups, she is used to being around cats and takes very little notice of them other than to invite them to play at times. Could you give this gentle little girl a loving family of her own? Born in February 2019 Mura was found abandoned in a field; a tiny, scared puppy in the harsh Romanian winter. Mura was amongst a number of puppies that came into our care towards the end of March. Mura is such an affectionate girl and adores cuddles. Our sweet girl is now hoping that some kind family will take her into their hearts and offer her a home. So ... if your arms need something to occupy them ... what are you waiting for!

If you are interested in adopting Irina or Mura, please email us at raceromanian@gmail.com with a completed Adoption Application form.

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For some inexplicable reason, there are some dogs who never get a single enquiry from applicants. We have absolutely no idea why ... they are all affectionate, sociable, beautiful, cat friendly, people friendly, healthy

They so desperately want forever homes too and to be part of a family.

All of our dogs are fully assessed so that we obtain the best match possible. desperately needing forever homes. Please take a look at the dogs

available for adoption on our Facebook page - that perfect pal is sitting here waiting for you!



PLEASE WILL SOMEONE CHOOSE ME ...?

ADOPTING FROM RACE, IN A NUTSHELL ...

Once your Adoption Application form is completed and returned to us, we will open a Messenger chat with our frontline rescuer and foster carer, Elena Popa, in Romania. This gives the applicant every opportunity to ask questions about the dog they are hoping may soon become part of their family. At the same time, Elena will ask questions about the applicant's expectation of the dog. We aim to get things right from the start and this is an important factor. Elena will always provide photographs and videos of the dog in question so that they can see them interacting with each other, as well as with people and, indeed, the rescue cats at the family home. All being well from the chat and both sides are satisfied that this is indeed the dog that is suitable for the applicant's family, we request a Home Check. We use two outside agencies to carry out home checks. Once we receive the home check report back, we will again liaise with the applicant to arrange a travel date to the UK, we will send out an Adoption Agreement and request for adoption fee to start the preparation for travel. Our transporter delivers dogs to the new UK homes every fortnight; leaving Romania on the Thursday and entering the UK on the Saturday.





CHICO



SASSY

* LOOKING FOR THEIR FOREVER HOMES *

Now six months old, Sassy and Chico, both Pincher crossbreeds, are still waiting earnestly for someone to offer them a home each. These adorable pups have waved off their siblings to their new homes, but wonder why they haven't got their own families. They are from a litter of eight puppies born to a dog that an old lady took in from the streets. The lady simply couldn't afford or look after all the puppies (she had already saved the mum) ... hence the reason they came into our care. Both pups are very well socialised, affectionate, adore cuddles, are good with all shapes and sizes of other dogs AND are cat friendly! What more could anyone ask for!?

If you are interested in adopting cheeky Chico and/or Miss Sassypants, please email us at raceromanian@gmail.com with a completed Adoption Application form. This can be downloaded, along with our Adoption Procedures, from our website at www.raceromanian.org. All dogs are fully vaccinated, neutered (where old enough), microchipped and passported. Adoption fee and home check apply.

CALLING ALL RACE ADOPTANTS



Group by RACE Romanian Animal Care Europe

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Europe Adopters Forum >

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, ask to join the group ... and hey presto ... you're all set to go.

DOUBLE DEW CLAWS ?!

We've had a few adopters of dogs mentioning that their RACE dog has double dew claws and is this anything to worry about. The simple answer is no. It is quite common to see these in the mountain breeds. Correctly, a dog has one dew claw on each front paw. Some breeds get dew claws on hind paws as well, and of these, some will get two dews on some/all feet. Front dewclaws get a lot of use and are the equivalent of our thumbs. They are normally strong and fully functioning toes. Hind dews are normally just flaps of gristle with double dewclaws being a mild genetic anomaly. If they're not causing your dog any problems, leave well alone but you should regularly check your dog's dew claws, single or double, and have them regularly cut.



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.



We got Misha (was Roma) back in December 2018 shortly after we lost our lovely Jess who we'd had for 14 years. Misha is adorable, goofy, loving and stubborn at times; however she's always got a big waggy tail, she loves people and dogs of all breeds and sizes. Misha loves puppy training and being with her friends (she's got more than me!).

Earlier this year, we thought another addition to our family was needed and seeing Haiduc was still looking for a home, my husband said "He's the one." In his photos he gave us the impression of a little dog with no purpose and we wanted to change that. We couldn't be happier that he's now our boy although it's time consuming training two puppies and making sure they both get attention, but with five adults in the house that isn't a problem. So both go puppy training and Murphy (was Haiduc) is making friends too. Misha and Murphy are total opposites, but adore each other - just as we adore them.



MISHA and MURPHY

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR
KIND SUPPORT*



*The dogs, cats and
puppies send their love*

