

# RACE

November 2018 News



*RESCUE is not just a verb ...  
It's a PROMISE*

## THIS THROWAWAY SOCIETY



HETTY

These two bitches came into our care on Saturday, 21 October 2018. Emmie, the sweet little dachshund has been left on a blanket in the early hours of the morning. The lady that found her told Elena that Emmie was absolutely frozen through with the cold and that

she seemed scared to move ... perhaps in the hope that someone would find it in their cold heart to come back for her. The elderly lady took Emmie into the warmth and safety of her home until Elena could collect her later that day. Hetty is believed to be from a Romanian family who had been working in UK and took Hetty back to Romania with them only



EMMIE

to tire of her; she was unceremoniously dumped next to a gypsy site at Brasov. She was in a dreadful state of neglect. Emmie and Hetty joined their respective new families in the UK in mid-November and we wish them both all the happiness in the World.



AISHA and  
NATASHA WITH  
VIORICA

## AISHA & NATASHA

These little darlings arrived at Elena's on 9 November 2018. A litter of eight tiny, defenceless puppies 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, these seven month old girls are healthy and strong. Incidentally, the very same lady used to feed Chloe when she lived on the streets, and was the person who alerted Elena to Chloe's accident resulting in a badly broken leg. Crossbreeds Natasha and Aisha owe their lives to their kind and caring foster mum. Both are very affectionate, sociable and cat friendly. They are now looking for their luck to continue and hope that they can find their forever families to care for them now. If you are interested in adopting Aisha and/or Natasha, please email us at [raceromanian@gmail.com](mailto:raceromanian@gmail.com) requesting an Adoption Application and Adoption Procedures. **Home check and adoption fee apply.**



AISHA



NATASHA

## A VICIOUS CIRCLE



NORA



GRUIA

Elena was out on another rescue on 4 November 2018 involving six puppies in grave danger of being killed by passing traffic or ending up in the local public kill shelter. The three males and three females are now safe .... a lovely couple known to Elena has adopted Bruno, one of the boys and the other five are with Elena at her home. Despite every effort to catch the mum, attempts have been unsuccessful. She is a street dog and would never settle in a family home now ... but if we could get her spayed, it would help to save yet more poor souls being born and ending up in danger ... and we're pretty confident that the bitch would appreciate not having the vicious and continuous cycle of constantly producing puppies and watching them suffer or even die. Their mum did an excellent job feeding them as they are all strong; albeit full of worms and covered in lice., which Elena immediately dealt with. Within an hour of posting the pups' story on our FB page, we had secured Codru a home. Codru is the big. Bold boy, while Gruia is smaller and much more timid.

***The puppies cannot travel to adopted families until they are four months old. In the meantime, we are happy to accept applications and start the adoption procedures for interested families. Please email us at [raceromanian@gmail.com](mailto:raceromanian@gmail.com) if you would like an Adoption Application.***



***Here is the puppies poor mum ... a harsh and unforgiving life on the streets producing puppies in a continuous cycle.***

***Rescuers will continue in their attempts to catch her in order to get her spayed.***



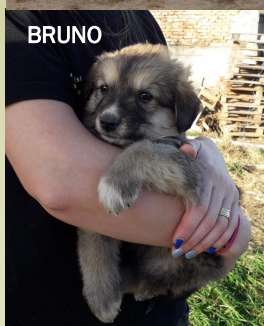
CODRU



HELLEN



ROMA



BRUNO

## DID YOU KNOW ...

That a female dog is able to produce up to three litters in a year with an average litter size of seven puppies? One female and her babies can theoretically create 67,000 puppies in six years. That creates a lot of homeless puppies, especially when less than half of pets are acquired from shelters. In Bucharest 64,000 feral dogs roam the Romanian capital's streets. That's an alarming figure by any estimation, and getting that population under control is a physical and

political challenge. The situation for dogs in Romania is heartbreaking. Many struggle for survival with temperatures reaching as low as -25 in winter. Some freeze to death or become victims of neglect and cruelty. In the largest shelter, there are thousands of dogs, all desperately craving attention and seeking a forever home. But this is just one of many shelters, both private and public and the number of animals needing help unfortunately far outweighs the number of forever homes available.

**PLEASE SUPPORT THE VARIOUS NEUTERING AND SPAYING APPEALS THAT VARIOUS RESCUES POST ... WE ALL WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE, BUT WE ALL NEED YOUR HELP TO HELP THE DOG CRISIS AND TO HELP ALLEVIATE THE UNNECESSARY SUFFERING.**





## AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION



**FIFI** : Fifi is a six month old Poodle cross who came into our care on 11 November 2018. Her owner was working full time and was tired of coming home to a house full of pee and poo! What do people expect?! They had not bothered to get Fifi her vaccinations despite owning her for some months. The full course has now been

started by RACE. We shall also be getting Fifi neutered before she is ready to join a new family. Fifi is a friendly little girl, who gets on well with the cats in Elena's household.

*If you are interested in offering Fifi a loving, forever home, please email us at [raceromanian@gmail.com](mailto:raceromanian@gmail.com) for an Adoption Application and Adoption Procedures. Adoption fee and home check apply.*

**SINCE RACE FORMED AT THE END OF JANUARY 2018, WE HAVE FOUND FOREVER HOMES FOR OVER 70 DOGS TO DATE.**

During this time, we have also arranged to get some street bitches neutered so that the endless births of sickly puppies is no longer a risk .... if they don't die of Parvo, their chances of survival remain very slim at the best of times with the danger of being hit by traffic, dying of disease or being collected by the feared kill shelters. We know we can't save the World, but we will do what we can, when we can for as long as we can. **BUT REMEMBER ... we need YOUR support to be able to carry on.**



**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS OUR WORK, DONATIONS CAN BE SENT VIA PAYPAL TO [popabrandusaelena@yahoo.com](mailto:popabrandusaelena@yahoo.com)**

## EMERGENCY FOSTERERS REQUIRED

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 infrequently that we have a need for the services of emergency fosterers.

Do you love dogs and have what it takes to offer short term, back up fostering at home? 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 Check applies.



**LARA** was one of the lucky dogs to travel to her new home in the UK on 8 November (along with Odin, Tilly and Angie). We received this gorgeous photo and message on 13 November from her mum, Shannon Lucy Brown: *"Here's little Lara settled in nicely to her new home and family. She's got such a personality and is a loving little girl. Thank you RACE for our little beauty ."*

Our absolute pleasure Shannon, we just love to see them safe, settled and happy.



ODIN and HOLLY

**ODIN** arrived at his new home in the UK on 10 November, having been rehomed to the same family who adopted our Holly some months ago, Odin now has a secure and loving future ahead of him. How cute are this pair?! Their mum, Jemma Dennis says: *"They are both fantastic dogs. Holly doesn't quite realise the size difference when playing but she is starting to. Thank you so much for*

*these wonderful dogs."* Thank YOU Jemma for giving these dear souls a family to love.



Back in February 2018, this little fellow was awaiting his fate at the kill shelter (photo left). Caged with a host of other dogs, poor Louie was viciously attacked by some of those dogs who were so hungry that they were trying to eat the smaller, weaker dogs. Elena got him out of the kill shelter, as well as all the puppies awaiting a death sentence. Fast forward to mid 2018 and Louie was offered a forever home by a lovely lady who had already adopted a RACE dog called Max. Just look how Louie's life has been turned around beyond all expectations - we can only help dogs like Louie if you continue to help us. Who says dreams don't come true! Louie's certainly has. Just look at him now.

## A DREAM COME TRUE



## THE MIORITIC



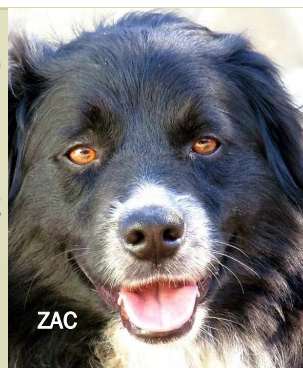
You would be forgiven for mistaking the shaggy looks of the Mioritic Romanian Shepherd Dog for those of an Old English Sheepdog. Indeed, the Romanian Mioritic Shepherd Dog (also known as the Mioritic) shares a similarity of looks and of purpose with the better-known Old English. The Mioritic, little known outside his native Romania, has a reputation for being gentle yet fierce, loving yet suspicious of strangers, and sociable yet protective. A large lumbering dog, the Mioritic has surprising agility when he needs to, for example, if a predator approaches him. By nature he is a guard dog and will act with great fierceness to protect those he knows and loves. Conversely, he is reserved with strangers and apt to regard them with suspicion. For this reason, the Mioritic should be well-socialised as a puppy and obedience trained, so that his ability to bring down a bear or lynx doesn't get misdirected toward a human stranger. Those jaws are capable of taking on a lynx, wolf, or bear and coming off for the better. With a dog whose origin is to guard and protect against fearsome predators, it is perhaps surprising the Mioritic has a reputation for being calm and well-mannered around children. It seems when a Mioritic accepts his human-family as part of his

pack, then he'll stop at nothing to protect them and, in addition is loyal, loving, and gentle. The Mioritic is an intelligent breed that is naturally quite obedient. However, they are not suitable for first time owners, given their strength and protective instinct. Instead, the ideal Mioritic owner should be experienced with dogs and know how to motivate a dog that can be stubborn at times. The key to the mystery of this two opposing characteristics seems to be the Mioritic's naturally protective nature. Once he views you as friend, rather than foe, he'll move heaven and earth to keep you safe. However, if you're a stranger, then he's apt to regard you with suspicion and it's best not to push the dog or the consequences could be dire. As with any dog breed, proper socialisation as a pup is essential. This is especially true for the Mioritic, given his combination of strength, potential for aggression, and suspicion of strangers. A poorly socialised and wary Mioritic is not a dog a stranger would want to meet on a dark night.





## AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION



ZAC

## WHAT'S INVOLVED IN REHOMING A DOG FROM ROMANIA?



To give a very brief overview, all dogs from legitimate rescuers in Romania are transported and rehomed according to DEFRA's regulations, they receive routine blood tests, are fully vaccinated (including rabies) microchipped, neutered (if above 6 months of age) receive flea, tick and worming treatments, and have full passports. You can either adopt direct from Romania, in which case you are obviously going to take on a dog you will not have met prior to adoption, or it is sometimes possible that the dog will already be in the UK in a foster home, making it easier for potential adopters to meet their new dogs in person first. When you see a dog you like, you can reserve that dog and the rescuer will prepare it for travelling, arranging vaccinations, microchips, passports etc. The timescale for this to take place will depend on the age of the dog or puppy you have chosen, and whether or not it needs to be spayed or neutered before travelling. All legitimate rescuers will require you to complete a pre-adoption form and undergo a homecheck to ensure you are suitable for the rescue dog you have chosen. A non refundable adoption fee will then be payable, which goes toward paying for all the preparation treatments, passport and transport to the UK. This fee will vary from rescuer to rescuer depending on each individual dog.

LOTTIE



**LOTTIE** : Three year old Lottie had a home with a lovely lady who had rescued her from the streets as a puppy. Sadly, the lady required hospital treatments and had no one to take care of her beloved Lottie, so she approached RACE for help in finding her precious girl a forever home. Lottie is a real treasure and would make a wonderful addition to any family looking for an affection and cat friendly dog. **Please email us at [raceromanian@gmail.com](mailto:raceromanian@gmail.com) for an Adoption Application if you are interested in offering Lottie a home. Adoption fee and home check apply.**

## A WHOLE NEW LIFE FOR LOULOU

Loulou's adopted mum, Andrea Rigiani, has kindly given us permission to share this beautiful photo taken on 5 November 2018. Lou had been with her new family for just nine days at the time. Given the appalling life this beautiful girl had; we never thought the day would come when she trusted humans.

Thanks to the sterling work of Elena, Nelu and Rares, Loulou soon discovered that there are kind and caring people in this World ..... and of course, mum Andrea, is totally re-enforcing that for Lou. This photo totally melted our hearts. Happy days ahead now Lou.



**DOGS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION ARE REGULARLY FEATURED ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AT "RACE Romanian Animal Care Europe"**

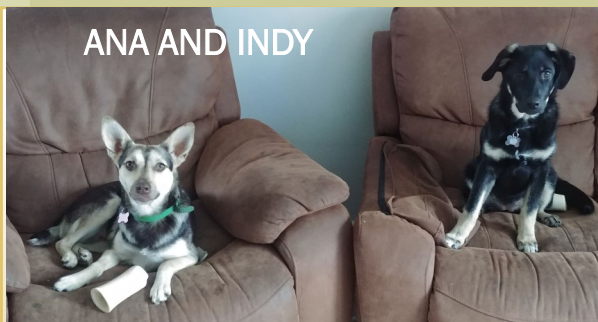
**RIO AND RAOUL** : These tiny boys were found abandoned in a ditch in a village. There were originally three, but sadly one of them died - possibly from Parvovirus, although we are sure the poor soul was carrying the same heavy worm burden that these two have. Elena's son, Rares, had a four hour journey to pick these pups up on 11 November, but soon had them safe in Elena's care. We'll keep you posted on Rio and Raoul's progress. They were around six weeks old at the time of rescue, full of worms, covered in lice and we feared for their very survival that first night. Thank the heavens that our boys made it through that first night. Elena has wormed them and treated their lice infestation and happily reports that they are both eating well. They have now both had their first inoculations - fingers crossed that they will continue to thrive.



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## ANA AND INDY



Ana and Indy were always playmates while at Elena's following their rescue (photo below); so you can imagine we were delighted when they were offered a wonderful home ... together. Just look at how tiny Indy was against Ana.

We received the gorgeous photo above of the girls in mid-November 2018 and as you can see they are almost the same size now. We do love a happy ending here at RACE for our dogs and really appreciate our adoptants keeping us updated on their progress. They may have gone to new homes and families, but we never stop caring about them.



If you are interested in offering a home to one of our precious dogs, please drop us an email at [raceromanian@gmail.com](mailto:raceromanian@gmail.com) for further information and to request an Adoption Application form.

All dogs are fully vaccinated, wormed, microchipped, passported and neutered before travel. Home check and adoption fee apply.



## SAMMY AT THE TIME OF RESCUE

## SAMMY'S SAD JOURNEY

All of our rescue dogs come to us from the most appalling situations, but today we will tell you the story of a dear little soul we have called Sammy - a sweet, gentle and beautiful year old boy who has experienced the most unimaginable horrors.

Back in late March of this year, Sammy had been cruelly tied up in a carrier bag and thrown onto some waste ground in the village. A local couple found him and contacted Elena to ask her to help the poor creature. Sammy was absolutely terrified after being subjected to such brutality. He was deeply traumatised, as well as being in an appalling state, with dirty matted fur, lice, fleas, and understandably was very much on the defensive. He spent the first night at the family home under a bench snarling and growling at anyone who ventured anywhere near him. The best thing to do in these cases, we find, is to ignore them ... don't pressurise them, don't approach them, just stay calm and let them see that you are not going to hurt them; let them come to you, not the other way around. It's a method that always does the trick. By the following morning, Elena had completely won his trust. The task of getting him bathed and the dreadful knots out of his coat began - as well as treating the flea and lice infestation. He was in such a mess and was one of the saddest sights ever.

Sammy was eventually neutered and he became the most affectionate, playful and friendly dog you could wish for. An

absolute joy. During the five months or so that Sammy was in Elena's care, he was an absolute delight - sweet-natured, energetic, sociable - although he did "spin" after his own tail at times which, if ignored, he stopped. We were delighted for Sammy when he was offered a home by a family in the UK who were extremely eager to have him. We told them about the spinning and the way in which to deal with it and happily waved Sammy off to the UK at the beginning of September 2018. However, not long into the adoption, the family contacted us to tell us that they were experiencing serious aggression problems with Sammy, resulting in him biting a couple of the family members. We were shocked; other than the first night with Elena when he was in a state of total shock and wouldn't let anyone near him, this was not the Sammy we knew at all. We realised that something must have seriously troubled him since arriving in the UK to have caused such a drastic change to this gentle boy's behaviour. Various methods were suggested, but unfortunately the family had to admit defeat and Sammy was returned into our care. Thankfully they disregarded the advice of a vet who wanted to put him to sleep!

Sammy was fostered for three weeks in order to assess him, and also to give us an opportunity to find the best solution for this lovely lad. The heavens were fighting Sammy's corner for sure and at last luck was on his side; he was fortunate enough to be offered a home by an experienced animal psychologist who we knew could bring back the gentle, beautiful Sammy that had left Romania on the 30 August to travel to the UK.

Since joining his new home in early November, Sammy had not shown a single sign of aggression or even attempted to bite anyone at all. His owner tells us that he's the sweetest boy ever, who enjoys playing with the other dogs in the family. She adores him and the feeling is mutual. He is back to the Sammy we knew and loved in Romania and now has the wonderful life ahead we dreamed of for him; a life where he is finally safe and treasured in a home that fully understands how to deal properly with dogs that have suffered from traumatic experiences. And to quote the words of this amazing lady ..... *"People always make the same mistake - they bombard them - it's always best to leave them alone and let them come to you when they're ready. Less is more. Let them build trust slowly."*

## THANK YOU SO MUCH EVERYONE FOR YOUR KIND SUPPORT

*Elena, Sue and Nelu*



We all know what a pleasure it is to welcome a new dog into our homes and to give them a fantastic life. However, please bear in mind that a dog isn't aware of your good intentions and is likely to feel overwhelmed by too much attention from unfamiliar faces. Please follow rescuer's advice for your new arrival and you will have a happy life with your new addition to the family. Sammy came so very close to losing his precious life because he was totally misunderstood by a professional - a vet!



ENJOYING LIFE AT ELENA'S



Drum roll ... spotlights ... curtains up ... officially introducing Mara's precious little bundles of joy - Haiduc, Henry, Danny, Frodo, Luca, Rex, Luna, Elle and Renee. At the end of October, the pups started being slowly weaned onto solids and have been eating their way through the food like baby elephants! Elena currently estimates a food bill of around £100 per month to fill the tums of these delightful bundles of joy and will increase as they grow. Your contributions really go a very long way to helping us to properly care for the pups.

**Donations can be sent via Paypal to  
[popabrandusaelena@yahoo.com](mailto:popabrandusaelena@yahoo.com) and should  
be marked "PUPPY FOOD".**

## GENTLE SAMMY WITH SOME PUPPIES

