

RACE

October 2018 News



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

ZAC AND JESSIE



ZAC

As seems to be a common prejudice in this World of ours, black dogs (and cats) are harder to rehome; it's a given fact. We learned of a small black dog that was living behind a petrol station in a Romanian village. That was in grave danger of being hit by passing traffic. Elena went out to collect him on the morning of 13 October of this year, and returned with not ONE dog, but TWO. The unexpected addition was a Pekingese bitch called Jessie. Her owner was moving house and no longer wanted Jessie or her fellow companion, a Pekingese dog. The owner told us that the boy had "gone missing" but, as ever, we were very sceptical ... more than likely thrown out on the streets to fend for himself may be the right conclusion to draw on this tale. It's sad enough that so many dogs end up fending for themselves on the streets in Romania, but for a six year old house pet, the consequences would have been tragic to even contemplate. She wouldn't have had a chance of survival. Needless to say, Jessie is now a RACE dog. Zac, the male dog we were expecting in that day is a complete sweetheart. Watch our Facebook page for rehoming posts for Zac and Jessie.



JESSIE

JUST WHERE IS THE COMPASSION?

On 26 September 2018, word reached Elena, as it usually does, of a dog who had given birth to ten—yes TEN—puppies on 23 September outside a monastery. While we in the UK were still enjoying relatively warm weather and sunshine at this time, the mountainous terrain in Transylvania had other ideas ... there were threats of snow and the temperature had dropped into the minuses. Wasting no time at all, Within half an hour of hearing their plight, Elena rushed off to collect all eleven dogs before hunger or the freezing weather killed them or, unbelievably, before the Monastery destroyed all of the puppies as they were threatening to do. Despite having a houseful of rescue pups at the time, Elena managed to fit them into a safe and warm area at her home. The poor mum, who we called Mara, was ravenous and ate some warm chicken and rice like it was going out of fashion.



MARA



JUST TWO DAYS OLD ...
TEN PRECIOUS LITTLE SOULS

We are just eternally grateful that all the puppies survived; Maya is an excellent mum and cared so well for her brood. Keep a watch out on FB in the near future for rehoming posts of Maya and her large family.

NEW ARRIVAL - LARA

This lovely puppy was found wandering precariously near the local railway station by Elena's son and his friend. She has been named Lara and as you can see, she is adorable. Tragically, this is an all too often sight in Romania where dogs breed endlessly, puppies are disposed of like garbage



**THEY SHOULD BE TREATED WITH THE RESPECT
AND CARE THEY DESERVE AND NOTHING LESS**

ROSIE POSIE

This gorgeous girl has been with RACE for some time now. Rosie was found living on the streets last winter; she was managing to get some food, but it seemed no one wanted to help her. Elena was soon on the case and Rosie was soon safe at the family home. Initially, Rosie was very fearful of people, particularly men, but with proper care and love, she came to learn that not all humans were bad. Over the months, Rosie blossomed, getting on with big dogs, small dogs, cats and even took young kitten under her wing who joined RACE a few months ago. As time went on, we just couldn't understand why nobody responded to our adoption posts for Rosie. We had said time and again, if only people could meet her they'd see what a truly smashing dog she is. To say we were delighted when a perfect home came up for our Rosie is an understatement! Rosie will be joining her new home on 27 October 2018 and, like us, we are sure you will wish her and her new family many long and happy, fun filled years together.



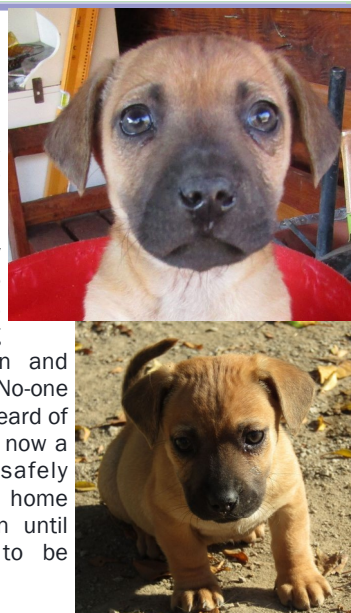
THE ULTIMATE BETRAYAL

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. Elena was soon on the case and Maya was picked up the following morning and taken back home. This little lady really did worry the life out of Elena; during the first 36 hours, Maya wouldn't eat, drink, pee, poo and was

pinning so badly for her old home. 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. However, further investigation revealed that the wife simply no longer wanted her. And here she was, yearning to be back with them when they didn't give a hoot about her. 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 things were no better ... and Elena had had a sleepless night worrying about her. However, when Nelu came home from work, Maya suddenly wanted to sit with him and eat! Result. She loved Nelu and it seems Nelu loved Maya too Elena tells us they happily trundled off to bed together for cuddles, leaving her sitting 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 is up to date on all now and we shall eventually be looking for a forever home for our precious Maya.

NEW ARRIVAL POPPY

This dear little six week old puppy was abandoned on the streets in a Romanian village back in early October 2018. She wandered the streets for a few days being tormented by children and struggling to survive. No-one took her in but Elena heard of her plight, so Poppy is now a RACE dog and safely ensconced at Elena's home where she will remain until she is old enough to be offered for adoption.



AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION - ELLA

This dear little girl is lucky to be here, as she and her three sisters were abandoned as tiny puppies next to a busy road and left to die. One was sadly killed by a car and another died from illness shortly after rescue. Now sweet Ella needs a lovely home of her own. Ella is about four months old, mixed breed and will be medium size when grown. She is calm, friendly, affectionate and smart...she gives her paw already. Ella gets on well with other dogs and cats, and will make a great family member. Please email us at raceromanian@gmail.com for an Adoption

Application if you are interested in offering Ella a home. Adoption fee and home check apply.

RACE formed at the end of January 2018 and we rehomed our very first dog on 9 February. Since that time we have found forever homes for 67 dogs (as at 13 Oct including Lou, Rosie and Angie). 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.

Or why not hold a Coffee Morning for RACE? A Car Boot Sale? A Garage Sale?

OUR SPROGS ARE SPROUTING!

We told you about the four pups who had been discarded in a garbage bin at just nine days old in our September News Sheet ...



Elena successfully hand reared them (and we had absolutely no doubts at all that she would be anything but successful!) and just look at them now.

WATCH OUT ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR THEIR REHOMING POSTS!

AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION LIZZY

Gorgeous Lizzy was living on the streets and being fed by a kind local lady before being seized by the dog catchers and thrown into the public kill shelter. A friend of RACE was able to get her released, so she is now safe with Elena and looking for a wonderful new home. Lizzy is about four years old, mixed breed and medium sized. She gets on well with other dogs and is also good with cats. Lizzy is kind, gentle, calm and obedient...a lovely dog who would make a great

companion. Please email us at raceromanian@gmail.com for an Adoption Application if you are interested in offering Lizzy a home. Adoption fee and home check apply

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT OUR RACE AUCTIONS TO HELP SUPPORT THE RESCUE DOGS 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.



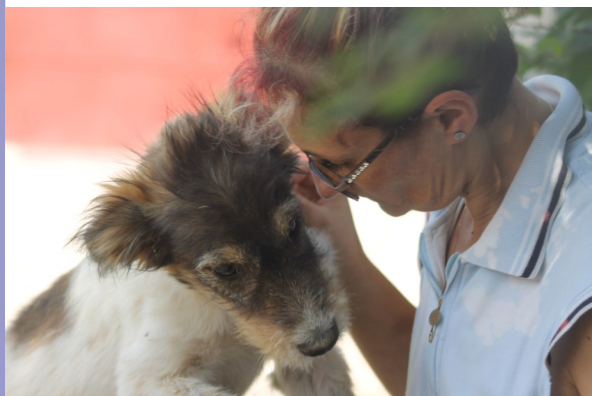
PLEASE REMEMBER, NOTHING TOO LARGE OR HEAVY AS WE HAVE TO CONSIDER POSTAGE COSTS!

LOU LOU



We had almost given up hope that Loulou would ever be offered a forever home. Not that there is anything wrong with our girl, but she had experienced such an awful life on a chain from when she was a tiny pup, Lou had never been given the chance to socialise. She needed an experienced home and one that would have the time and patience to spend with her. We were delighted on 11 October when we received a call from one of our adoptants, Andrea—mum of Bobby from RACE. She had always followed Lou's posts on our Facebook page and felt she was just right for her. We couldn't have wished for a better candidate for Loulou - if anyone was right for her, then Andrea most certainly was. Lou will be joining Andrea and her family on 27 October. Now is the beginning of a new, happy life for this gorgeous girl.

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



If you are interested in offering a home to one of our precious dogs, please drop us an email at raceromanian@gmail.com for further information and to request an Adoption Application form. All dogs are fully assessed before rehoming, vaccinated, wormed, microchipped, passported and neutered before travel.

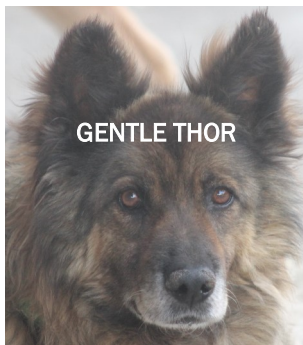
THE RACE PERMANENT RESIDENTS...

Some of the dogs that find their way into our care are simply not adoptable. They may have socialisation or behavioural issues, which doesn't mean to say they don't have a good quality of life. The horrors that many of these dogs experience are unimaginable to most people; so what happens to those that have found their way into RACE's care that come under this category? They stay with Elena at her home where they become part of the family. Seeing is believing at how well these dogs fare at the family home. Elena has a huge courtyard and garden with various outbuildings and, although a struggle at times, none of the dogs are caged up in pens but free to play with each other and doze in peace and tranquility. Some of these dogs have been so traumatised - some courtesy of a some local "rescue" shelters who have, unfortunately, done a lot more damage than good.

AXY
The undisputed "boss"!



GENTLE THOR



DAISY and DIANA



We have Diana and Daisy, sisters who, as puppies, ended up in a shelter but had no socialisation, training, proper handling; as a result they went semi wild. Lady who is a veteran and has health issues needing special care will remain with Elena, plus there are also a host of cats who found their way to Elena as emergencies; all of whom are neutered, vaccinated and lead the life of Riley (Ozzi, Garfield, Cinnamon, Felix, Misha and Maya).

BETTY



Despite all good intentions and the best will in the World, there are times when an adoption does not work out quite as planned. Betty was rescued by Elena from a public shelter. Little did any of us know at the time, but when we had been handed two small puppies for rehoming (who thankfully went off to a fantastic family in the UK as a pair); but we weren't informed that mum was still stuck in the shelter! Betty was soon with Elena and adapted so well sociable, friendly, loved playing, children, cats ... the whole caboodle. We were over the moon when a really lovely family offered this little lady a home with them. Unfortunately, despite every best effort on the part of her new mum, Betty would not settle at all ... she was fearful, anti-social, shy and would not accept the family's young daughter under any circumstances. Realising that this could not go on for everyone's sake, one of our adoptants kindly agreed to take Betty on long term foster with a view to finding her a forever home. The fosterer did extremely well with Betty but the main problem, we all felt, was that Betty needed to be taken out and socialised regularly. RACE's Sue Allery has four Romanian rescues who go everywhere with her; she is fortunate in that she can take them to work with her where they have lots of room to play and different people to meet. So ... Betty joined Sue's family earlier on this month and we are hoping that Betty will soon pick up the relaxed atmosphere of the Allery dogs and begin to learn that not all strangers are bad and want to hurt her. In time, we can then start to look for a suitable home for our little Coppercurls! And a HUGE THANK YOU to Susi Trinder for caring for this little lady so very well for us.

AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION - TILLY

We told you about Tilly in our September Newsletter. They are all very fortunate indeed to be alive. Seven tiny puppies were dumped in a carrier bag and left to die. Some children released them but left them to their fate wandering the streets. Only three were later found by a local person, an appeal was made and Elena took them in. Tilly, along with Odin and Oreo, are the three survivors. This gorgeous girl is now looking for a lovely home where her good care will carry on. Tilly is about three months old, mixed breed and will be medium size when grown. She is a affectionate, playful and friendly, and will be a lovely member of any suitable family. Please email us at raceromanian@gmail.com for an Adoption Application if you are interested in offering Tilly a home. Adoption fee and home check apply.



**CHECK OUR
FACEBOOK PAGE FOR
DAILY UPDATES AND
NEWS ON THE RACE
DOGS**



LOOKING BACK

We feel like RACE has been running for a lot longer than February 2018. So much has happened since that time ... especially our rehoming which has far exceeded our initial expectations. Two of the very first puppies we rehomed in early February were Millie and Monica.

They had been left in an abandoned house as tiny puppies, cold, alone, frightened and hungry just before Christmas 2017. Above are the girls the night they arrived at Elena's house. Once they were up to weight and in good health (and indeed old enough!) we advertised for forever homes for the girls. Excellent families were found for each of them in the UK. Just eight months later ... look at how these Millie and Monica (now called Shiva) have blossomed in their respective new homes. For all the sadness and heartbreak rescuers witness, it's endings like this that never cease to bring a smile to our faces.

Compassion

learn it,
teach it,
share it!

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

occasionally that we have a need for the services of 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. Home Check applies.



MILLIE



MONICA (SHIVA)

PUPPY KILLERS

We all know how vulnerable puppies are; even more so the ones dumped on the streets or born to the many street dogs in Romania. Many die of Parvovirus, but did you know many also die from heavy worm infestation? The reason? Intestinal worms live in the digestive tract. They burrow and create small holes throughout the digestive system. A puppy doesn't have a strong immune system yet and this is very dangerous. There can be bleeding inside. The worms consume nutrients meant for the growing pup. Bits of undigested food can leave the digestive tract through the holes where the worms have burrowed, putting toxic material into the pup's abdomen. You'll often see a big swollen belly on a pup with worms. De-worming the pup with a heavy infestation of worms can also kill the pup. It must be done with caution and with Veterinary supervision. When the dewormer kills a heavy infestation, the pup can be left with 100's of open wounds in its digestive system. The pup's system will go into overdrive to rid the body of the dead worms which can create a deadly "die off" effect. Sadly, there are times when this happens with puppies that come into our care; and believe us when we say that it's not for want of trying to help them survive ... tragically sometimes it's just too little, too late.



BELLE

Rescued by RACE from a "Rescue Shelter" from which we have removed more dogs than we've had hot dinners

.... The photo top left shows Belle in April 2018. Emaciated, flea ridden, full of worms, filthy matted coat AND someone was actually sponsoring this dog believing the said "rescue" was actually caring for Belle! Belle was among seven dogs that we removed that day; all were in a dreadful state, a couple would never have lasted the week had we not got them out. Given flea treatment, wormed, vaccinated, spayed and FED

PROPERLY all of the dogs started to regain their strength. Belle was adopted by a fabulous family in the UK in late May 2018 and just look at the difference in her now (October 2018) at photo bottom left. We can't emphasise enough—always check where your hard earned money is being spent when donating to rescues.

Photos: Above Left: Belle in her UK family home / Right: The day we removed Belle from the "rescue shelter"



THANK YOU SO MUCH EVERYONE FOR YOUR KIND SUPPORT FROM THE RACE TEAM
Elena, Sue, Deborah and Nelu

