

RACE

September 2018 News



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

AUTUMN - DUMPED ON A RAILWAY LINE AND LEFT TO DIE...



This gorgeous girl was found abandoned on a railway line, unwanted and left to die. Elena was made aware of Autumn's plight and she was promptly rescued and soon fed and

safely tucked up for the night in a nice warm bed. She was about three months old at the time of rescue back in early September. Autumn is mixed breed, possibly a Carpathian Shepherd crossed with a smaller dog. A sweet, playful and affectionate... all in all a beautiful little puppy who didn't deserve the start in life dished out to her. Autumn was offered a home in September and will be travelling to her new family in the UK in mid-October.



MIMI

RACE (Romanian Animal Care Europe) was formed in December 2017 by Elena Popa, Sue Allery and Deborah Platt to rehome the many dogs in need of rescue into good and loving homes. We are great believers in responsible rehoming and take every care to ensure we match dog and adopted family successfully. The majority of our dogs are rescued from the streets, public shelters and Government kill shelters by our frontline rescuer, Elena Popa, and taken into care at her family home just outside of Brasov, in the beautiful mountain area of Transylvania. In this way, the dogs are properly socialised and get hands on care by Elena, her husband, Nelu. All RACE dogs and puppies are therefore fully and properly assessed, insofar as we are able, before being rehomed. If we feel that any of our dogs are not suitable for adoption, such as temperament or health related issues, we will not rehome them under any circumstances. They will stay with Elena at her home for the rest of their days. It is for these dogs that you will see our appeals for sponsors. Elena has rescued street dogs for many years, having also worked in public shelters in the past. Sue adopted her very first Romanian dog, Lola, back in early 2016 and their friendship grew from there. Sue has gained another three Romanian rescue dogs since. Deborah is a fellow trustee with Sue within the same equine welfare charity in the UK. Deb is also the creative genius behind our beautiful and informative posts on the RACE Facebook page and the food sponsorship. Together we are the RACE team. Now enough about us ... our monthly Newsletter will be about the superstars of RACE - our amazing, beautiful and very treasured dogs.



Soon safely snuggled up at Elena's - warm, fed and SAFE

A MERCY MISSION - Milo, Benny, Marguerita and Molly

Earlier in September, we were handed four 10 day old puppies that were found dumped alive in a Brasov rubbish container. For us, it raises questions that we find very difficult to even consider. What would have happened to them if they had not been spotted? Why would anyone do such a dreadful thing? What on earth happened to their poor mum is anyone's guess.

We'd just rehomed six puppies (Teddy, Toby, Honey, Betty Boo, Casper and Lola) and ... and

distinctly remember Elena's famous last words ... "no more puppies for a while please ..."! (as cute as they are, they are a LOT of work). Less than 24 hours later ... there she was, handrearing four defenceless puppies who hadn't even opened their eyes by this stage. We are so pleased to say that all the hard work has paid off and the little loves are thriving.



Delivered to Elena in a cardboard box

We just can't believe that this sweet girl has not had a single offer of a home and family of her own! Rosie is the sweetest little girl imaginable - so gentle that she took one of Elena's rescue kittens under her wing. Rosie is healthy, sociable, affectionate and had so much love to give. Why does she keep getting passed over? Rosie was abandoned outside a village shop in the middle of the harsh Romanian winter ... absolutely terrified of human contact at the time, although she soon came around with the love and care she received from Elena and her family. We so want to get our gorgeous little Rosie the forever home that she deserves.



If you are interested in adopting Rosie, please email us at raceromanian@gmail.com to request an Adoption Application form.

NEW BEGINNINGS - MIMI

This little lady's story is tragic. She was owned by a man who we believe looked after her well but unfortunately he passed away. As his wife and family did not want her any longer, this small 6 year old girl, was thrown onto the streets like rubbish. She was so bewildered ... loved and cherished one minute ... and the next thing, she had no home and no one to care for her.

Mimi was soon safely ensconced in Elena's arms and taken back to the family home. It wasn't too long before this good natured girl had the offer of a forever home of her very own. Mimi joins her new family in the UK on 13 October 2018.



LOULOU STILL SEEKING THAT SPECIAL HOME

Loulou is a stunning girl but she is still waiting for that special home. She is a large, affectionate and obedient Romanian Corb Shepherd cross, now about three and a half years old. Loulou was taken from her mum and siblings at two months of age and was then chained up in a yard and used for breeding, living a lonely and miserable existence until she came to us earlier this year. Because she

had never before had the chance to socialise or interact with people, Loulou is shy at first but to that special someone she will be loyal, loving and affectionate. Loulou is a lovely girl but will need a home with no dogs, cats or other small furries and only older children or teenagers. She is neutered, vaccinated, microchipped and ready to travel. Do you think you could offer a home to this stunning girl? Please email us at raceromanian@gmail.com for an Adoption Application if you are interested in offering Loulou a home. Adoption fee and home check apply.



AND A BIG THANK YOU TO RACE SUPPORTER, ELLE SOUTHALL

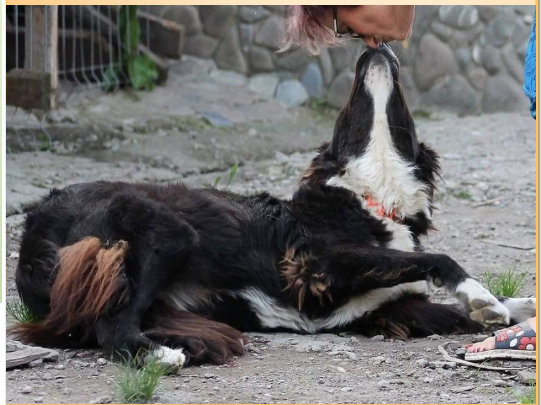
When Loulou came into our care, Elena noticed that she had an infected ear. Despite treatment and long courses of anti-biotics, the infection refused to clear. The vet suggest removal of part of the ear canal which was where the infection was located. Loulou went for the operation back in mid-August 2018, which was a complete success AND she has not lost any hearing as the vet initially suspected she might. BIG THANKS to Elle Southall (who also adopted one of our puppies earlier this year) for

holding a garden sale and donating the proceeds to us of £170. This paid for Lou's surgery. Lou sends special love to Aunty Elle x

BEFORE AND AFTER - LOULOU
Pictures One and Two - After spending the first 3.5 years of her life alone on a chain, Loulou was clearly depressed and unable to socialise...she just didn't know how.



Picture Three - Loulou now, loving, loyal and happy...she now knows how to love.



**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.



DIANA

We had to step in earlier this year and rescue various dogs from a local rescue as they were in such poor condition. Indeed, one of them, Diana, looked worse when she first came into our care than she had when the other rescue had picked her up. Despite appeals by the said shelter for food, donations for neutering and vaccinations, very little of the monies were spent on these dog ... they had an extremely poor diet, inadequate food, and were certainly not

spayed or vaccinated!. Appalling to say the least. With regular food, worming, flea treatment and spaying, Diana soon started to put on weight and her condition improved considerably.

Sadly, no socialisation was done at all by the rescue we took her from; she thus reverted back to a semi wild state and at the present time we can't begin to consider looking for a home for her. "RESCUE" means caring for the dogs, feeding them, getting them the veterinary treatment they need and socialising them. To do anything less is not "rescuing" them; it is placing them in an even more precarious position than they were previously in.

We appreciate it's not always possible, but please do try to pay a visit to the shelters that you support and see their work for yourselves. If you can't do this, then ALWAYS ask to see receipts when you donate monies for veterinary treatments. It's the very least a supporter deserves.





MICA

AGAINST THE ODDS:

Many of our longer term followers will have seen our posts on Facebook about Mica. A tiny dog who came into our care with the most horrific burns to her back. Upon further investigation, Elena discovered that Mica was in pup and, as a result, her owner threw her out on the streets! The poor dog didn't understand what was going on and tried to get back into the home; unbelievably, her callous owner threw boiling oil over her back in an attempt to shoo her away! She was in absolute agony as you can imagine. On top of this, Mica was also in pup.

Elena got her straight to the specialist vet that she uses to get Mica urgent treatment, religiously traipsing back and forth to the vet every other day for the dressings to be changed and the injury inspected. This went on for weeks. Interestingly, the vets used a special honey infused dressing which eventually healed the wounds. To protect the area, Elena used to put a small vest over Mica as the area was so very tender. Her gorgeous puppy, Lola, was born on DATE, and was quite a sickly puppy, carrying a heavy worm burden that has passed on from Mica. With the usual care and attention given to all the RACE rescues by Elena, Lola was cleared of the worms and went on to become a healthy, strong puppy. You can only imagine our immense delight when our beautiful girls were offered a wonderful home in the UK... together!



MICA'S HORRIFIC BURNS



LOLA

LADY: As you will see from this photo, this beautiful dog is underweight, in poor condition and she also has very bad legs. We believe this to be the reason Lady was thrown onto the streets, following a life on a chain being used repeatedly for breeding. She was no longer of use to



LADY LIVING ON THE STREETS

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AH, THERE'S NOTHING QUITE LIKE A NELU
CUDDLE

treatment and nurturing back to health, including a specialist diet to help her leg problems. This will be expensive and, again, we had to appeal to our supporters for help. Thankfully, one of our long term advocates offered to sponsor Lady for the next year which will help to pay for the special food supplements that she needs. Kind, affectionate, loving Lady was been seen by our vet this week and he has said she is 10 years old or more. She also has a permanent problem with her back legs, which doesn't appear to be painful but obviously makes walking unsteady for her. However, her general health and strength should continue to improve now she is receiving good food, great care and of course, lots of love. Now we are aware of Lady's age and health, Elena has decided that she will spend the rest of her days as a RACE dog living with her and Nelu....and Lady loves them both already.

LIZZY

ONE OF THE "LUCKIER" ONES

This is our lovely new girl Lizzy before she was captured by the dog catchers. She was then living on the streets and was being fed by a kind local lady before being thrown into the public kill shelter. We wish we could save them all from there.



YET MORE ABANDONED PUPPIES

These precious little souls are lucky to be here, as they and their two 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 an illness shortly after rescue. On someone contacting her about them, Elena drove for miles that day to collect the puppies from a village quite some way from where she lives. Sadly, villagers had been well aware of the puppies' plight, but yet no one person lifted a finger to help these defenceless babies. Her sibling, Indy, has been adopted by a lovely family in the UK, along with our Ana. Ella is still, therefore, look for a home. Ella is about three 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 addition to any family.



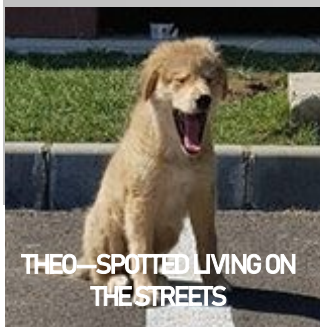
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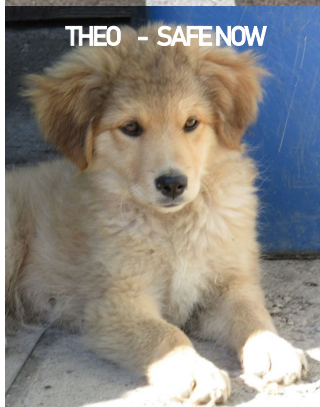
ELLA

Thankfully, we were eventually able to get her released. Lizzy is now safe as a RACE dog. We shall eventually be looking for a forever home for Lizzy.

INTRODUCING THEO



THEO—SPOTTED LIVING ON THE STREETS



THEO - SAFE NOW

Elena keeps a sharp eye on sites that publish posts about dogs and puppies who have been abandoned on the streets. One such puppy was young Theo, aged around four months old at the time. This lovely boy was found abandoned on the streets, struggling to survive and in considerable danger on the roads. Sadly, with so many dogs needing help from rescue shelters, many of them are not too keen on taking in puppies due to the amount of work involved. Elena immediately responded to the appeal and had Theo in her care the very next morning on 18 September 2018. Theo is sweet, friendly and adorable. Elena was made aware of his plight and he is now safe with her, where he will stay and be cared for until he is adopted.

AND THE VERY NEXT DAY ... OREO, ODIN AND TILLY ARRIVED

Seven puppies, aged between 3 and 4 weeks old, were dumped in a carrier bag, unwanted and left to die. Some children released the puppies to play with them but the puppies were then left helplessly wandering the streets when the youngsters had finished their "game" with these babies. Three survived and were found by a local, who then appealed for help and Elena responded. They are now safe at her home. The smallest is Oreo, who is younger than the others and not from the same litter...he is cute and tiny. The girl, Tilly, and the other boy, Odin, are siblings...they are older and bigger than Oreo, but just as gorgeous. Here are our lucky trio - as you can see, our Tilly is VERY ladylike ... NOT! Come to think of it ... young Master Oreo isn't much better!



ODIN



TIILLY



TINY OREO!

DONT 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!

FOXY, CASPER AND BONNIE

Beautiful Foxy was abandoned in a field on the outskirts of a forest near Bucharest, pregnant and alone. The vet estimated her to be around eleven months old at the time ... just a puppy herself. Foxy gave birth to three puppies, a girl and two boys, but one little boy disappeared, presumably died. They were then rescued by a kind young man who brought them to Elena. Foxy was a fantastic mum and all three are now with families in the UK where they are getting the love and respect they deserve.



SOPHIE AND JESS: Pretty Jess had been abandoned by the roadside in a busy tourist area in Transylvania. She lived rough on the streets for some months, eventually giving birth to two puppies. One of the local residents took in the boy puppy, leaving Jess and her other puppy, Sophie. As soon as Elena heard the news, she went out to pick them both up. Both very friendly and affectionate dogs, they were soon offered homes in the UK when Sophie was old enough. Two more precious lives safe.



SOPHIE

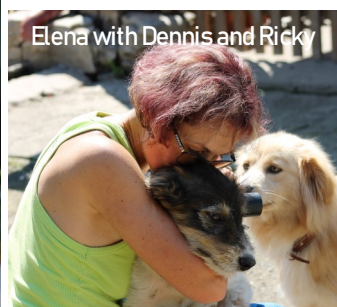


JESS



DENNIS

DENNIS: This extraordinarily handsome chap is Dennis. Dennis was rescued by a lady in Brasov as a puppy and spent a year in a foster home with a vet while the lady sought a home for him. During that whole year, this lovely lady paid board and lodgings for Dennis. As she lived in a high rise flat, she was unable to offer him a home - temporary or permanent. At the beginning of August, he came into RACE's care. Seeing that gorgeous face, you can see why he was an instant hit with all the girls! Dennis has a wonderful temperament, and is very affectionate and sociable. He went to his forever home in mid-September 2018.



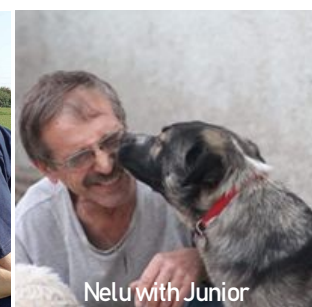
Elena with Dennis and Ricky



Sue with Teddy



Deb with Chloe



Nelu with Junior

THANK YOU SO MUCH EVERYONE FOR YOUR KIND SUPPORT FROM THE RACE TEAM

