

NOVEMBER 2019

NEWS LETTER



Back in late October of this year, our attention was drawn to five street dogs who were struggling to survive in a remote village some way from where Elena lives. The lady who informed Elena had been managing to take food to them once a week, the rest of the time they were left to their own devices to forage where they could. Not an ideal situation at all.

Elena was more than willing to take them in but she needed an area away from the other larger, adult dogs initially in order to quarantine the five and also vaccinate, worm, get rid of the fleas and lice that they were covered in. The only problem was that the back kennels and run that she needed for the dogs had become so badly in a state of disrepair following two very harsh

winters where the floods had taken their toll on the area. We HAD to do something as the five dogs were in grave danger of coming to the attention of the dog catchers and ending up at the public shelter. However, there was absolutely no way Elena could house the dogs. As ever, it was a question of money to buy the materials required and to pay the workmen to carry out the works. We had little choice but to put an urgent appeal out on our Facebook page in the hope we could raise the much needed money and get these dogs to safety before the severe Romanian winter really set in or the dread dog catchers bundled them off to the kill shelter.



The Appeal went out at the end of October and within a couple of days we had enough donations to commence the works. We can't thank those kind souls enough who donated towards making this possible; they have helped to save FIVE precious lives. Cody, Ravi, Larissa, Luther and Oana came into our care on 2 November, all nervous, all underweight, but now they have the chance of a wonderful and fruitful life. They all needed neutering, vaccinating, worming, delousing and a quite a lot of work is required to socialise them all before we can rehome them.

ATHOS Just when you think that a person couldn't sink any lower ... another so called "human being" reminds us that they most certainly can — and do. A three to four week old puppy was found abandoned in the freezing cold mountains of Transylvania on 12 November 2019.



He SHOULD have been safely with his mum;

He SHOULDN'T have been left to die, alone, afraid and so very vulnerable.

The area Athos was found in is abounding with wolves, lynx and bears His fate could have been so much more tragic than it already was. Thankfully a friend of Elena's spotted him and he was soon in situ at the Popa home getting the care it is his right to have. We sincerely hope karma very soon repays the vile and heartless monster who dumped this defenceless baby.

In the meantime, Elena has faced the difficult task of ridding Athos of the extremely heavy worm burden he was carrying. There are many times when tiny puppies simply don't survive the migration of these parasites, due to them blocking vital organs during their evacuation.



Merry



MERRY

Merry, a Husky mix, came into our care on 15 November of this year, having been savagely attacked by some larger semi-wild dogs. Just ten weeks old at the time, her left ear was shredded and almost hanging off, as well as some dreadful wounds all over her tiny body. Elena immediately took her to the veterinary hospital at St George. Merry

was in a bad way and, initially, the vet didn't think he'd be able to save Merry's ear, but with sheer skill and determination he managed to sew it back together. One of the deep wounds she had on her

body was just 2cm from her femoral artery ... she could so easily have bled out.

It's coming to up Christmas - the 'season of goodwill' - and as sure as dawn breaks every morning, we know without a shadow of a doubt that many more defenceless animals will be abandoned on the streets in Romania ... we are expecting an onslaught.

If you are interested in adopting from RACE, please complete and submit an Adoption Application form which can be found in our website at www.raceromanian.org. Our Adoption Procedures can also be found in our website; these cover the whole process - step by step - including adoption fees. Please do read these before submitting an application. Adoption fee and home check apply.



Maple

MAPLE

This little beauty had been ruthlessly abandoned in the forest, along with her seven siblings - ALL of whom were killed, either by passing traffic on the mountains or by wild animals that abound in the mountainous region. Thankfully, Maple was saved - maybe if someone had alerted us earlier, the other seven wouldn't have needlessly lost their precious lives. In the meantime, Maple is now safe and being cared for.

MIRUNA

Merry's sister, Miruna, came into our care on Sunday, 17 November 2019. Heartbreakingly, Miruna didn't survive, falling sick after worming. As stated on our front page, puppies sometimes simply don't stand a chance when they are so full of worms. They have to be treated, but the migration can, and all too often does, block the vital organs as they start to make their way out of the pups' body. RIP baby girl. ❤️



Miruna

Donate Needed Items Through Our



Get link from Abbie



Kira

KIRA

Six month old GSD cross Kira was discovered by Elena who came across this dear little soul when she was out on her travels on 29 September 2019. Abandoned on the outskirts of the village, she just couldn't leave this scared pup to fend for herself. Kira was quite shy initially, but she soon changed once she settled into her foster home at Elena's.

An offer of a lovely forever home came up at the beginning of November and, we are delighted to say, that Kira joined her new UK family just recently.



SUCH A NEAR MISS ... SAVED FROM THE PUBLIC (KILL) SHELTER

These beauties are a complete family, Corina being the mum of Sheila, who is, believe it or not, the mum to all the other dogs here, being the offspring of various matings over time with stray dogs in the area they were living in.

Their plight was brought to Elena's attention when it was discovered that the old couple that owned them were going to send them all to the public shelter, at the suggested of a neighbour of theirs. The couple, living in quite a remote village and having little to do with the outside world, had no idea of the dangers of the public shelters and were led to believe they would all be rehomed. They had no idea of how very close all these dogs were to losing their lives ... in the most horrific of circumstances.

Elena made contact with the couple and arranged to go and visit them. When she explained that the public shelter was, they were so shocked that they sat and cried. The true facts were that they had originally had one dog, Corina. They are very poor, uneducated people, not certainly not cruel by any stretch of the imagination. Corina produced Sheila and so it went on ... more and more being born. They didn't have the money to get Corina neutered and the whole situation soon got totally out of control. The man, albeit getting on in years, took up odd jobs in the area so they could afford to feed the dogs.

We couldn't stand by and knowingly let these dogs future hang in the balance ... so we agreed to take them on and find homes for them all, hoping against hope that we could fulfil our promise.

The mammoth task of getting all the dogs neutered, wormed, vaccinated etc. began, as well as assessing each one individually. Thankfully, none of them had suffered any cruelty having only been shown love by the couple, which made our job a whole lot easier in finding them homes.

And, true to our word, we found the most amazing homes for each and every one of them, all having now settled in with the respective families in the UK.



CORINA



SELENA



SHEILA



TARRA



SANDY



RINA



TAIFUN



MUFFIN



HECTOR



BONNIE



ZARA

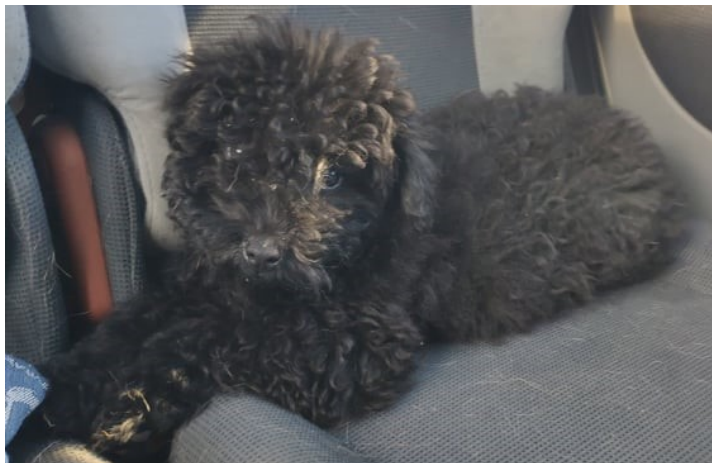


POPPY

If you are looking for a rescue dog or puppy, then please do check out our **FACEBOOK** page, as we regularly update on our precious babies who are looking for their forever homes. ALL dogs are fully assessed before they are offered for adoption.

If you are interested in adopting any of our adopted dogs, 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. Please do read the Adoption Procedures before applying to adopt. These cover the whole process, step by step, including scale of adoption fees. If you have any queries at all about any of our dogs, please contact us via email at raceromanian@gmail.com. We're always happy to assist.

MUKI Muki was living at a sheepfold in the Transylvanian mountains; the shepherd was going to kill him because he "had no use for him". This poor, bedraggled and scared puppy was soon taken to Elena by an animal lover in the area. Muki is such a delightful, gentle little lad who is a real fusspot and adores cuddles!



When we posted Muki's adoption post, on our Facebook page, we were inundated with applications - all lovely people but we had to narrow it down to the family who best suited this particular little boy's needs. He'll be joining his new family in the next week or so.



VIOLET

This little beauty was living on the streets in the city of Brasov and obviously knew an angel when she saw one ... she spotted Elena who was in the city on an errand and

proceeded to follow her ... you can guess the rest ... Violet is now at Elena's being cared for. She has now been neutered, vaccinated, wormed, passported and microchipped. Crossbreed Violet is around two and a half years old, is small (7/8 kgs) and is the most affectionate and gentle little girl you can imagine.

If you are interested in adopting Violet, please email us at raceromanian@gmail.com with a completed Adoption Application form which is available on our website at www.raceromanian.org where you can also find our Adoption Procedures. Please do read our Adoption Procedures before applying.

All dogs are fully vaccinated, neutered (where old enough), microchipped and passported. Adoption fee and home check apply.

SIX MORE ABANDONED VICTIMS

No sooner had we waved off six of

our dogs off to their new UK families on 19 November, another six puppies took their place with RACE. Just an hour after we had waved off Kira, Zuri, Bella, Tano, Emma and Julia on 19 November, as they went to join the new families in the UK, these six tiny bubs came into our care - these are one of many hundreds who will be callously abandoned over the Christmas period. We held a NAME A PUPPY competition on our Facebook page to help raise some monies towards their wormers and first inoculations. As you can see from this Newsletter, in the build up to Christmas, we are getting inundated with abandoned pups.



They are all going to need wormers, feeding, vaccinations etc., as are all the other pups that have come into us over the past few days. If you would like to make a contribution towards their initial care, please send via Paypal to popabrandusaelena@yahoo.com



Ola



Skye

THE BUSTENI BOYS

And yet more innocents dumped in the mountains and left to fend for themselves. Two more abandoned pups came to us on 18 November from the mountain town of Busteni. Ola and Skye were just four weeks old at the time. And of course their intention was that they would die ... of starvation, the freezing cold of the Transylvanian mountains, wild animals ...

How on earth were these tiny mites supposed to fend for themselves!? The inhumanity of some people never ceases to astound us ... are they born without a heart and soul or do they simply become wicked over time?



Scooby



Baloo



DOLLY, BALOO and SCOOPY

In early October of this year, Dolly and her two pups, Baloo and Scooby, were found wandering aimlessly outside a village not too far from Elena's. Dolly is not that old herself, and to think she'd been through producing at least two huge boys like these. Baloo and Scooby obviously have mountain breed in them somewhere. There may well also have been other pups, but despite a search around the area, no more could be found. They were soon safely back at Elena's and settled in quite quickly. Baloo is quiet and unassuming just like his mum, whereas Scooby is a bit more of a pickle - albeit a gorgeous pickle! All three were offered adoptive homes very quickly and, we are pleased to report, that they are all now with their respective families in the UK.

Dolly



HOW YOU CAN HELP

There are so many ways our supporters can help us to continue helping the dogs in need. Just a little bit from everyone makes a HUGE difference.



Belle

SPONSOR £10 per month towards dog/puppy/cat food

Hold a **COFFEE MORNING**

Organise a **CAKE SALE** at work or amongst your friends and neighbours

Visit our **AMAZON WISHLIST** and donate a gift of food

Knit **BLANKETS** and **DOG COATS**

SHARE the RACE Facebook posts

Become an **EMERGENCY BACK UP FOSTERER**

Make a **DONATION**

Our Paypal is popabrandusaelena@yahoo.com

TAIA AND COSIN



These six week old puppies were found abandoned outside a village sheepfold - with no concern whatsoever as to their safety. They were soon snuggled up at Elena's home getting the care they need. The babies are mountain breeds - we have little



Cosin

black and white and her equally gorgeous brother, Cosin. An adoption application for Cosin came in to us within the first day

of us introducing the pups, although of course he won't be permitted to travel until he is a minimum of four months old. In the meantime, he is fostered at Elena's family home with the other RACE dogs.

Taia



It's all so very easy to fall in love with an adorably cute canine furball, but so many people take on a puppy without thinking it through in depth. The rescuer is responsible for giving him access to explore his surroundings around other dogs. However, the moment the puppy goes home with you, you now bear the responsibility of the critical part of the socialisation period. Puppies WILL chew, they WILL destroy items laying around the house, they WILL have toileting accidents ... no rescue can provide house trained, lead trained, non-chewing puppies/young dogs. If you don't have the time to invest in a new young, furry family member, then please don't take one on. It is hard work, very hard work, and unless you are prepared to put your all into ensuring a puppy's ongoing education, perhaps it's not for you. If you would like a copy of our Guidelines for Adoption a Dog from Abroad, please email us at raceromanian@gmail.com, and we will be more than happy to supply you with a copy BEFORE you take the next step in applying for a dog. Get the facts first before you jump headlong into an adoption that you are not prepared to invest the time in working on.



PUPPY SOCIALISATION - ARE YOU READY?



Poppy



Poppy, a JRT cross, had been dumped outside an apartment building and was, thankfully, spotted by one of the residents who immediately contacted Elena. She was just two months old at the time. Totally infested with lice and carrying a very heavy worm burden, Elena soon set about treating Poppy to get rid of them. Within an hour of putting Poppy's story on our Facebook

page, an adoption application came whizzing through on email to offer this delightful lovebug a forever home. The wheels were put in motion and home checks carried out which confirmed what a smashing family Poppy will have. Pups are unable to travel until they are at least four months old, fully vaccinated and have a clean bill of health, so this tiny girl won't be travelling for another couple of weeks. It'll seem like a long wait to her eager family, but they'll have a lifetime of fun and love with Poppy to look forward to.



CALLING ALL RACE ADOPTANTS



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 MENSEA, winner of The X Factor, Crufts Champion, etc.) Just go to the page (RACE Romanian Animal Care Europe Adopters Forum) ask to join the group ... and hey presto ... you're all set to go.



As RACE has got busier over the past year, we desperately needed some help ... and were fortunate enough to get Sophia Sargeant (right) on board as our web designer. We think you'll agree that she's made a terrific job of it too! Sophia's mum, Andrea Rigiani, has adopted four RACE dogs from us - a true failed fosterer who fell in love with everyone of them! So Bobby, Darius, Loulou and Cora now live with the most amazing family. And just recently joining us as our fundraising manager is Abbie Leigh Proudman (left). Abbie and her partner adopted Bobo and Yuki from RACE - the pups have certainly landed on their paws there!

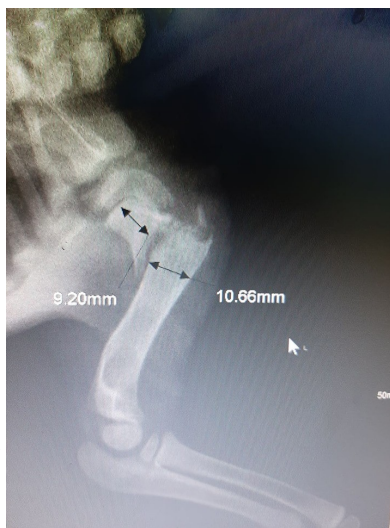


Katy

This precious little soul, two and a half month old Katy, was handed over to Elena on 8 November. Katy was brought to Elena by one of the local villagers as the pup had been attacked by one of the larger dogs in the area and, of course, they didn't want to pay out for vet bills. How cheap is life to some people. Basically she was simply a live toy for the lady's small daughter!



Sadly, there was a severe break to one of Katy's front legs and Elena immediately took her to the Veterinary Hospital in St George, where the pup was admitted for surgery. The woman has been told, in no uncertain terms, that she will NOT be getting Katy back. We'll keep you updated on Katy's progress on our Facebook page.



Can I crash on your couch for awhile?



EMERGENCY BACK UP FOSTERERS REQUIRED

Thankfully, it's a very rare occurrence where we have needed emergency foster back up cover, but we do like to be prepared for all eventualities. We are currently looking for experienced people to join our register "just in case" their services are needed. Home check and reference applies in all cases.

Please email us at raceromanian@gmail.com if you can offer your help to a dog in need.