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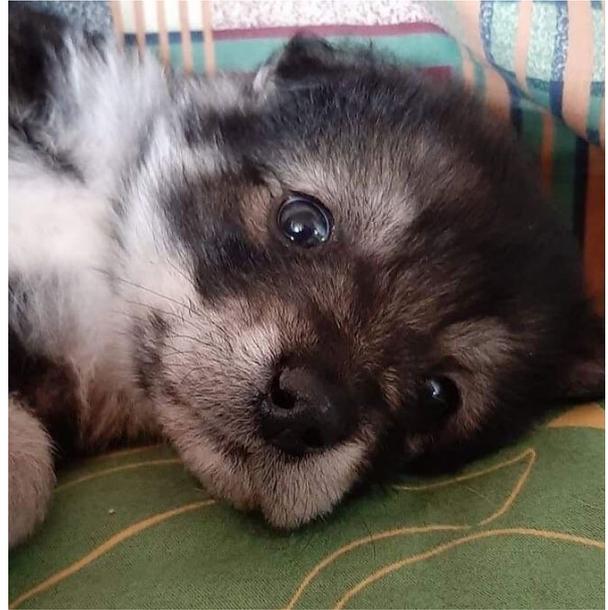


suzi

It will never cease to amaze us at the depths of depravity some so-called 'humanbeings' will sink to... Five month old terrier, Suzi, was discovered on a field in the mountains by a local lady. She was passing the field and saw a bag moving. On investigation she found this dear little pup, scared out of her wits, covered in days worth of her own excreta and urine.

WHY?! It takes someone with the blackest of souls to abandon an animal, but to put an innocent soul through this torture is totally and utterly unforgiveable.

A sad update on pg. 8



ZUZU

Well they certainly don't come much cuter than this little cherub! Zuzu, a Carpathian Shepherd puppy, is just THREE weeks old. Far far too young to be away from her mum. She was found abandoned in the cold, harsh Transylvanian winter, thankfully still alive, although the two siblings with her had already died an appallingly cruel death from the minus zero temperatures. Now safe and warm, she will be cared for by our lovely Elena, until she is eventually old enough to be rehomed.

How could anyone do this to small, defenceless pups?

(click me!)

Psst...

Calling all RACE adoptants!

Did you know we now have a dedicated page **exclusively** for RACE adoptants, where you can write about the progress of your little (or big!) darling and post photos, share information, stuff to make us smile.

You can boast how clever your pooch is (member of doggy MENSA, winner of The X Factor, Crufts Champion, Canine Mastermind...)

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. We look forward to seeing your updates!



tatiana

This darling girl, estimated to be around two years old, was taken to the vets by a concerned animal lover after seeing her appalling injury. Understandably very, very scared, and in pain, she's soon received the appropriate veterinary treatment. Tatiana spent her time recovering at Elena's, but it was clear that she was a wild dog – she would constantly try to bite. It is widely believed that she came from a sheepfold from a neighbouring village.

We can't try to domesticate a wild dog - it isn't fair on her at all and we could never even contemplate rehoming her. So, once recovered and with some meat on her bones, we arranged to have Tatiana neutered and she was soon back with her mum and pals at the sheepfold. Sometimes there's nothing more we are able to do. But for sure, there will be no pups continuously bred to suffer and die now from this pretty lady.



martha

This dear old lady, who we have named Martha, was found abandoned in a nearby village and Elena's services were once again called upon. It was evident that this gorgeous girl has been a breeding machine for many years. She only has a few teeth left at the back which, the vet tells Elena, is more than likely due to having eaten so many bones over the years. Sadly, she also has some mammary tumours which need surgery urgently – and which we simply do not have the funds to pay for. She deserves a chance – especially to live out her autumn years with some care, regular food and comfort.

Could we please ask if you would donate a few pounds towards this very necessary surgery? Our Paypal is popabrandusaelena@yahoo.com. On behalf of Martha, thank you. Update on pg. 7

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but it's best to be prepared in an emergency.

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nice sofa





helped by RACE

Late at night on 2 February 2020, a local Romany gypsy family in Elena's village came to her home with a very sickly little dog. She had birthed a litter two days previously, but they had all died. In the meantime, poor Christina wouldn't eat or drink and was suffering from a high fever. Elena hydrated her and gave her antibiotics overnight, fearing for sure that she would have died during the night. Vets do not have emergency night services in Romania! Elena was so concerned that Christina would get blood poisoning. The following morning, Elena rushed the little lady to the vets who did an emergency hysterectomy. The photo below shows the state of her badly infected uterus. That operation certainly saved the day! Within hours Christina was eating, drinking and looking a whole lot better. She spent a couple of weeks at Elena's making a recovery, and was happy to rejoin her family – now fit and healthy AND without the fear of any more puppies being born.



vulnerability of pups

The puppy litter of Beau, Fairy, Amor, Quincy and Nuca, were seeming to thrive. They were gaining weight well and appeared strong and healthy. Then the dreaded Parvovirus attacked. First was Nuca; Elena was out of her mind with worry... but with Nuca fighting for her life, and Elena by her side administering every treatment possible, this little girl pulled through.

Next to fall ill was Beau – who was by far the sturdiest pup of the group. Despite Elena doing absolutely everything possible for him, Beau died back in early February. Next poor little victim was Amor... who joined his dear little sibling. Both pups had also been reserved, and had lovely families awaiting their arrival once they were old enough.

Then Fairy and Quincy succumbed to the virus – thankfully they've managed to pull through!

[Full update on pg. 7](#)

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Time to show off your perfect (or not-so-perfect) pup.

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wasn't me

It just never ends...

While we always try to remain as positive as we possibly can, there is so much that goes on behind the scenes that we don't reveal too much of to our supporters. Rescue is hard - make no mistake about it - but when you see a previously abused dog relax, socialise and join their new families, you know without a shadow of a doubt, that you just have to carry on... no matter how devastating it all can be, because in the end it is worth it.

In between everything that we do (rescuing, rehabilitating, rehoming, fundraising, organising adopted dogs travel to their new homes...) there is a whole lot going on constantly. Day-in, day-out, Elena receives never ending phone calls for help for pups/dogs/cats in need - and it really is constant, hour-after-hour, after hour; on top of all the cleaning, nursing, vet trips, feeding, shopping, rescuing, washing for countless dogs and pups.

Over the past couple of weeks alone, Elena has been dealing with:

- **Tatiana**, the eighteen month old Mioritic Shepherd dog, who was found with an appalling injury (for which she has now received surgery and veterinary treatment). Tatiana is semi-wild and scared of humans - as well as appearing to miss being outside and doing her job - we can never even contemplate rehoming her. A real recipe for disaster. So we have to do what's best for her: heal her, feed her up, get her neutered and return her to the sheepfold she came from. It's what she knows and where her mum and pals are. In the meantime, Elena risks being bitten every time she has to do anything with Tatiana
- **Martha**, had surgery on 18 February to remove her mammary tumours. When Elena and Rares returned home, they found that Miss Martha had managed to chew all her sutures out despite wearing a collar to prevent this. It certainly didn't prevent this little madam, and Rares had to rush her back to the vets immediately, where she was hospitalised. She was collected, having had to undergo surgery again to close her up. She is now back home, sporting the biggest surgical collar we have ever seen.
- **Christina**, the little lady from the local gypsies, had her hysterectomy and was making an excellent recovery. She too had to go back to the vet recently... the poor girl has mastitis, for which she is being treated. All this pain after the sadness of losing all her puppies at birth.
- **Amor and Beau** were lost to the dreaded Parvovirus. Both boys had homes to go to in the UK and - despite fighting for their precious lives - both babies lost the battle. These two were the strongest and sturdiest of the litter; there seems to be no rhyme nor reason as to why some pups survive and others don't. One key-factor seems to be when they have the second vaccinations, which of course are necessary, so many fall ill afterwards; probably due to suppressed immune systems given their poor start in life. Some survive, some don't. This is one of the reasons why some rescues don't start looking for adoptive homes until pups are safely through their second vaccine.



- **Fairy** then started vomiting and passing blood – Parvovirus again. She was so very ill – we really thought we were going to lose her. But this girl fought back. Strong and hard. She has come through the other side, but is skin and bones at the moment. She was due to join her new family, but we are rescheduling her transport for a later date when we are confident that she is fit enough to travel to her new mum and dad. Fairy has been for a check over at the vets and they are amazed at how she has survived - thank goodness!
- **Zuzu**, the three week old Carpathian puppy found abandoned in a field, sitting beside her two dead siblings. Zuzu has the most horrific worm burden. She is full of them. The wormers given causes them to migrate, but this can lead to blockages of the vital organs and pups all too often die as a result. She stopped eating and drinking – Elena had to keep hydrating her throughout the day and night. This also applies to pups with Parvo: they must be kept hydrated, which involves barrier nursing so that the virus isn't carried to the other pups in the house. Stressful by anybody's standards. Zuzu was so bad one morning that she was groaning, so straight to the vets where she was given antitoxical injections and an enema to relieve her of the worms that were causing so much pain and havoc in her tiny body. We thank the stars that she is a lot better today and improving all the time. The vet checked her over again more recently, and is pleased with her progress.
- **Suzi**, the precious five month puppy who was tied up in a bag and thrown away, just 5 months old and suffered so much at the hands of humans, died of Parvovirus. We are devastated and so damned angry at what this baby had gone through at the hands of the evil coward who did what they did to her. She was finally safe at Elena's, she had the offer of a lovely home in the UK where she would be cherished, as is any animal's right... but it wasn't to be. As Elena so sadly said, "she went to the sky".

This is just the tip of the iceberg

We try so hard to raise funds through auctions, boot sales, food sponsorship every month, online dog shows...

We try so hard not to keep simply asking our followers for money without at least attempting some ways of raising monies - but we struggle. Constantly. We do like to post happy photos, cute videos, funny posters, but the harsh reality is that life for these dogs in Romania is appalling, the apathy is unbelievable amongst the majority of the population.

Please try and support our fundraising efforts. Please try to make a small regular donation – it does make a huge difference. Share our posts and please understand why we are so very fussy about where we rehome our dogs. They've suffered enough before coming into our care and our priority is, and will always be, ensuring that we find the right homes for them, the right families for them and expect them to be part of that family – not merely a pet.

They may have been unloved and unwanted before coming to RACE, but rest assured that, to us, they are the most precious beings in this World.

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bruno

Bruno, an eight week old Carpathian X puppy, joined us recently. He had been abandoned on the streets with his sister and was taken in by a private shelter. Sadly, the little girl died soon after being admitted; full of lice and worms and goodness knows what else. Worried for Bruno, the shelter asked Elena if RACE could help as Elena is better equipped to deal with such young puppies. Bruno was totally infested with parasites, and taken to the vets to help clear his worm burden. Elena has had to carry on doing this at home with him. She says his tummy is rock hard with them and so the treatment continues. We just hope he will pull through.



missy and sirius

Missy and Sirius, five month Collie mixes, were found abandoned on the streets in the town of Sinaia, Transylvania. Somebody initially took them both in... Then decided they didn't want them after all. They have been very poorly for the past week – all because of parasitic worms! They are still passing tons of them, but at least they're being eradicated. Both are with Elena, looking for their forever homes.

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Ways you can help

Because we can't do it without you!

race auctions If you have any unwanted items you would like to donate towards our Auctions, please email us at raceromanian@gmail.com where we can give you the an address to send them to. We have to keep items light/small.

fundraisers A coffee morning, raffle, sponsored event, table top sale ... there are so many ways to help. If everyone raised just a little, it would really add up to a lot!

Thank you to everyone who bid in our recent Auction which managed to raise £150 towards the care of our rescue dogs and cats.



mariana

The beautiful Carpathian X girl we introduced you to the other day on facebook is very poorly indeed and has been hospitalised. The vet believes she has possibly ingested poison and things are not looking too good for her at the moment. But, as ever, if there is anything at all that we can do to get this girl well, we will do it.



imi & tia

The two tiny munchkins are extremely poorly and not eating or drinking; Elena is having to syringe feed them and hydrate them regularly. Initial thoughts was Parvovirus... but finally they have diagnosed a heavy worm burden. Worming babies when they are so full of worms can be deadly, but what other choice is there? The migration can clog the vital organs as they migrate and the result is a dead puppy.



babi

The veteran Peke X that also came to us the other day after being abandoned outside a sheepfold in Elena's village. Tests revealed that her liver function wasn't what it should be, but the vet said it's quite common in old dogs. They feared she had cardiac issues and well as tumours in her lungs, but we was prepared to do everything for her so that she could live her autumn years, pain free. Unfortunately she didn't make it... Rest in peace, Babi.

We can't help

these babies without you!

We are dreading to think what the final vet bill will be – with consultations, hospitalisation for Martha and Mariana, Babi's radiology and blood tests, treatment for all the other babies... All we do know is that they MUST have the treatment they need and we MUST raise the funds to pay for it all. Please can we appeal to your kind hearts and love you have for these rescue dogs and ask if you could make a donation towards the veterinary costs... ANYTHING will help.

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todd

breed: corgi x

dob: august 2018

gender: male

size: small

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This dear little soul, who we have named Todd, was taken in by Elena as he had been abandoned... but for all that, he is so very friendly and affectionate. Around eighteen months old and a Corgi x, this little lad will soon be looking for his forever home. We have that feeling that he won't be waiting for too long.

£10.00 1 month food sponsorship

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larissa

breed: crossbreeds
dob: december 203
gender: female
cat friendly: yes
temperament: a darling
size: medium

Larissa – along with Cody, Luther, Oana and Ravi – had been born on a field and managed to somehow survive. They were brought to Elena’s attention, and she took the five in some months ago. They all have good temperaments, but were not too used to socialising, so Elena has spent the last three/four months getting them used to being handled, cuddled and trusting people. Success! Beautiful Larissa and her siblings have come on in leaps and bounds and are now more than ready to look for their forever homes.

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adina

breed: teckle mix
dob: february 2018
gender: female
cat friendly: yes
temperament: sociable
size: small

Adina had produced a litter of puppies, all died at birth and all far too large for such a small dog. Adina became very ill, very quickly and was immediately rushed to Elena’s home for help. Elena immediately rushed Adina to the vet where she was operated on; there was a huge risk of sepsis setting in. Thankfully, this beautiful little lady has made a recovery – thanks to the vets and Elena’s excellent care and nursing. Adina would never have survived had Elena not taken her on. We are now looking for a home for Adina so that she can spend the rest of her days with a forever family who will take proper care of her.

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ravi

breed: crossbreed

dob: december 203

gender: male

cat friendly: yes

temperament: sociable

and affectionate

size: medium

Ravi – along with Cody, Luther, Oana and Larissa – had been born on a field and managed to somehow survive. They were brought to Elena’s attention, and she took the five in some months ago. They all have good temperaments, but were not too used to socialising, so Elena has spent the last three/four months getting them used to being handled, cuddled and trusting people. Success! Ravi, who is the smallest of the three, and his siblings have come on in leaps and bounds and are now more than ready to look for their forever homes. Ravi was born without a tail.

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