



ROMMIE* TALES

*Rommie is an affectionate term for a Romanian Dog

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A year full of miracles

2017 HAS BEEN AN INCREDIBLE YEAR FOR THE CHARITY. FIRST THERE WAS THE MIRACLE OF OUR AMAZING SUPPORTERS AND VOLUNTEERS RAISING £75,000 SO THAT WE COULD BUY HAPPY TAILS, OUR WONDERFUL RESCUE CENTRE IN BISTRITA NASAUD. THIS TIME LAST YEAR WE HAD ONLY RAISED £14,570, BUT THANKS TO YOU WE MADE IT.

Thank you also to all our wonderful adopters who every day show us their miraculous, lifechanging stories of taking dogs from the depths of despair to wonderful forever homes. Dogs like Rudi, the horrifically injured bait dog who is now the apple of his adopters' eye and they couldn't imagine life without him. Read Rudi's rags to riches story on page 2 and there are lots more inspirational stories on our website and blog.

A big thank you to our fundraisers, auction ladies and supporters who continue to amaze us with their dedication and hard work. Without you there would be no 1 Dog at a Time Rescue and these forgotten dogs would have nowhere to go and no one to help them.

Sadly, life is still very tough for Romanian



Crina and Jayne back at Happy Tails after signing the purchase documents to buy it.

dogs with abandoned pets and street dogs experiencing unimaginable cruelty. We're constantly receiving reports of dogs in distress and every day dogs (and puppies) are being thrown over the walls at Happy Tails. We now have an incredible 21 puppies awaiting homes at Happy Tails, but please don't forget the other dogs who also deserve their chance of happiness. There are a few of them on page 7. You can help these dogs by forwarding our newsletter to friends and family just in case someone has a little place in their heart for them.

We may be a small charity, but we have big ambitions to help lots more dogs. Thanks

to you we now own Happy Tails, but that isn't the end of the story. There is so much work to do. If you can help, then please read pages 4 and 5 and get involved so that we can rescue more dogs like Denisa (read her story on page 3). As we helplessly watch all the bad news stories around the world, at last there is somewhere you can really make a difference.

THANK YOU

Crina & Jayne

PS Don't forget to look at our Christmas Doggie Danger List on page 3 to keep your dog safe.

Happy Christmas from everyone at 1 Dog At A Time Rescue

More Miracles and Happy Endings

INSPIRATIONAL RESCUE STORIES

At 1 Dog at a Time Rescue it is all about the dogs; rescuing and caring for them and finding them the best possible home. Dogs like...



"He also loves cuddles (not all the time) and sometimes gives us a kiss (as in a very brief nuzzle; he doesn't lick)."



"Rudi likes looking at the sea from the Hoe and dunking himself in it when we're on the beach."

Rudi the Bait Dog

RUDI, WHO WAS FOUND WITH DEVASTATING INJURIES, MAY HAVE HAD A TERRIBLE START IN LIFE, BUT HIS CHRISTMASSES ALL CAME AT ONCE WHEN HE (AKA PERCY), FOUND HIS WONDERFUL FOREVER HOME.

Blind in one eye and with precious little sight in the other and dragging his broken leg behind him, Rudi was found on the street in a pitiful condition with open wounds all over his body. It was obvious to everyone including our vet that Rudi had been used as a bait dog. As his

wounds started to heal, we put out a call on Facebook for very special adopters who could help him recover from his unspeakable injuries, but the months slipped by and no one came forward. Eventually, many months after he first arrived at Happy Tails, Kelsey and her mum Lou contacted us about adopting him.

"I burst into tears when I first saw him," says Kelsey. "We knew that we had to help him. From the moment he arrived we could see that this poor dog was going to

need all our support and love to get over what he'd been through."

It has been a succession of little steps combined with lots of love from his wonderful adopters, but today Rudi's life couldn't be much better. He's settled, happy and clearly loves his new home. But what about his adopters, how has life been with Rudi and do they have any regrets about helping such a damaged dog?

"We couldn't imagine being without Rudi," continues Kelsey. He's completely changed our lives for the better."

Flo the Superhero and Life Saver



Flo may look like a couch potato, but really she's a superhero in disguise.

MOST OF OUR STORIES ARE ABOUT US RESCUING DOGS, BUT FLO THE ROMANIAN RESCUE DOG IS DEFINITELY THE HERO OF THIS TALE, AS HER OWNER ANDREA EXPLAINS:

"We were down on the beach recently when we heard a squeaky sound in the mud. We thought it was a bird. Suddenly Flo ran off and wouldn't come back. Sometime later Flo reappeared carrying the lifeless, limp body of a puppy, stopping every so often as if trying to revive it. Flo had only gone and saved that wee scrap of a Jack Russell puppy that had sunk in the mud. Flo you are amazing and if there was a Victoria Cross for dogs then you would be up for it today."

Sadly, there are no photos of Flo's amazing rescue. The Jack Russell puppy's owner and Andrea were just too relieved that the puppy had been saved and was ok, to do anything other than make a huge fuss of Flo. However, Andrea hopes that the puppy's owner, who came from Bath, will soon get in touch with an update.

Denisa, hit by a car and left for dead

THE INSPIRATIONAL STORY OF A LITTLE DOG'S SURVIVAL DESPITE THE ODDS.

Alone in the dark on a cold, wet night, Denisa probably didn't see the car that hit her. They didn't stop. Stray dogs are ten a penny in Romania. They just drove on leaving her unable to move and up to her neck in flood water by the side of the road. She didn't understand what had happened, but the accident had damaged her spine leaving her partially paralysed. Afterwards, all she would hear is the whoosh of passing cars on the wet road with the intermittent bright headlights shining straight into her eyes. Terrified and unable to escape, with the cars looming ever closer and closer, she awaited her inevitable fate.

Thankfully, Crina and Mugar saw Denisa lying by the side of the road and scooped her up. Wrapping her in a warm blanket they rushed her to the vets.

In typical Rommie style, little Denisa is incredibly resilient and tenacious. She won't give up and continues to exceed all expectations as she improves day by

day. Watch her inspirational videos on Facebook as she learns to walk again. She may not have found that special someone yet to adopt her, but she won't give up trying...



Denisa in her little knitted coat waiting for her forever home.



Denisa with the vet having vital lifesaving treatment

[Watch Denisa's inspirational video on Facebook as she learns to walk again](#)

MORE LITTLE MIRACLES



Duffle Bag Pups

The duffle bag pups, who incredibly managed to survive being thrown over the wall of a property belonging to one of our supporters.



Storm Drain Pups

The lady who had been feeding these puppies in a storm drain, reported them to us as their mum had gone missing. With the constant possibility of heavy rain and still no sign of mum, we were lucky to get there in time to save all 6 puppies.

ALL THESE PUPPIES ARE WAITING FOR THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE TO ADOPT THEM, COULD IT BE YOU?

Christmas Doggie Danger List

Jayne Watts, co-founder of 1 Dog at a Time Rescue UK, provides a handy list of dangerous substances for your canine friends to avoid over the festive season. Why not stick it up on the fridge?

- 🐾 Chocolate
- 🐾 Macadamia nuts
- 🐾 Tinsel
- 🐾 Fairy lights
- 🐾 Alcohol
- 🐾 Christmas tree decorations
- 🐾 Cooked bones
- 🐾 Raisins and grapes
- 🐾 Christmas trees
- 🐾 Mistletoe and holly
- 🐾 Ivy
- 🐾 Silica gel
- 🐾 Wrapping paper
- 🐾 Candles
- 🐾 Potpourri
- 🐾 Cigarettes
- 🐾 Christmas pudding
- 🐾 Mince pies
- 🐾 Onions
- 🐾 Garlic
- 🐾 Leeks
- 🐾 Shallots
- 🐾 Chives
- 🐾 Artificial sweeteners
- 🐾 Poinsettias



WISHING YOU AND YOUR DOGS
A HAPPY AND HEALTHY
CHRISTMAS FROM
EVERYONE AT 1 DOG AT
A TIME RESCUE

Help us save more dogs

Inspired support and fundraising ideas to MAKE A DIFFERENCE...

Become a Friend

Help us rescue more dogs like Denisa and Rudi by making a monthly donation to 1 Dog at a Time Rescue. A regular monthly donation could make the difference between life and death for these dogs



£10

a month will sponsor a kennel for a year and help us save more dogs' lives.



£40

a month provides a vaccination, microchip and pet passport for one of our dogs



£100

a month will provide food and warm blankets for the puppies or for 4 adult dogs

To find out more or to start a regular monthly donation get in touch at info@1dogatatimerescue.org



1 Dog at a Time Rescue Transforming dogs' lives like Daisy



Auctions

What would we do without our auction ladies who help to raise vital funds to pay for water and electricity to keep the dogs comfortable and warm at Happy Tails? Heating is particularly expensive at this time of year and is critical when temperatures can drop to minus 30 degrees.

Auction dates for 2018:

19 Jan – 4 Feb

16 March – 1 April

18 May – 3 June

20 July – 5 August

21 Sept – 7 Oct

23 Nov – 2 Dec

Donations

We're always on the look out for donations such as toiletries, ornaments, jewellery, clothes, scarves etc

Are you crafty?

If so, then we'd love to hear from you as homemade items seem to go down particularly well in our auctions. If you can sew, knit or make things, then please get in touch.

If you can help, please email us at info@1dogatatimerescue.org

Fantastic Fundraising



Great ideas for fundraising activities

Hold a super sale



Cake sales, car boot sales and table top sales are always popular

Do something amazing



Jump out of your comfort zone and challenge yourself to raise funds

MORE WAYS TO HELP

SHOP ONLINE



Sign up to easyfundraising and raise money as you shop without it costing you a penny extra.

Visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk for more information and to sign up

2018 CALENDAR



Our 2018 calendars are a great idea for Christmas presents.

To buy your calendar/s contact Roxy on info@1dogatimerescue.org

FESTIVE PHOTOS



Send us your Christmas Rommie photos and they could be next year's Christmas cards earning vital funds for the charity.

Send high resolution files (at least 1mb) to info@1dogatimerescue.org



Could you foster one of our dogs?

DO YOU HAVE TIME AND SPACE IN YOUR HEART AND HOME FOR ONE OF OUR DOGS?

Some of our dogs just aren't cut out for kennels and need time and love to build up their confidence so that they can find just the right forever home.

The ideal fosterer

We're looking for fosterers who are kind, patient and have experience with overseas dogs to teach them how to thrive in a family home. Ideally, you

should be mostly at home and be technology savvy, so that you can provide regular video/photographic feedback of the dogs' progress. Many of our dogs have spent their lives unwanted and unloved and so, most important of all, you should love and understand dogs.

Interested?

Then please contact us on info@1dogatimerescue.org so that we can arrange a home visit to get to know you and your family to match you with just the right dog.

WHAT'S IT LIKE TO FOSTER?

Fosterers are a vital part of what we do. Without them we wouldn't be able to transform the lives of so many dogs. We talked to Pippa, who fostered Alisha, found close to death as an 8 month-old puppy, to get her take on the fostering experience:



Alisha today.



Alisha when we found her

"I always said I would never foster as I am a big softie and didn't think I would be able to say goodbye! But when things didn't go well with the amazing Alisha, and there were no other options apart from putting her back in kennels, I knew what I had to do! It is hard when you have to say goodbye, especially if it is a long foster period. But the rewards are everlasting, you are giving the dog a chance to settle and adjust, you help them get over the traumas they have suffered and watch them flourish. You can then watch them move into their forever home, knowing you have helped them, with your love and care. It is something to be very proud of, and it gives you an amazing feeling of really helping these poor lost souls. All you need to do this, is love, patience and understanding. You won't regret it."

Pippa from Devon

If you are interested in fostering, then please contact us today on info@1dogatimerescue.org

Caring & Sharing

On the next page you'll find details of six dogs available for adoption - most are in the UK either with fosterers or in kennels. They also deserve

a chance of happiness, so please pass on their details to friends or family, or print and display the page at your local pet shop...

These dogs need loving homes. Can you help?



Tommy

7-year old gentle giant, thinks he's a lap dog



Hamish

2-year old very sweet, affectionate little Koala bear look alike



Midnight

5-month old typical bouncy puppy, full of mischief



Denisa

a delight and an inspiration to us all



Billy

4-year old friendly, playful sweetheart



Kenny*

very affectionate Tripod Dog

info@1dogatatimerescue.org

Most of these dogs are currently in the UK either with fosterers or in kennels having been rescued in Romania by 1 Dog at a Time Rescue UK.

* Kenny is at Happy Tails in Romania | Home check and adoption fee required.



Dedicated to rescuing Romanian dogs
and finding them forever homes

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