

RSDR

(Rudozem Street Dog Rescue)

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **UK adoptions** ..Kerry and Kosta have made contact with a vet in Veliko Turnovo who can do the necessary rabies blood testing so that dogs can now be adopted in the UK. Dogs will still have to stay with us for 6 months after the test date before being allowed to enter the UK. Please see the adoption page on the website for more information.
- We are grateful to Dogs today magazine for publishing an article about RSDR in their February issue which is now on sale. Also to D for Dogs for mentioning us in their newsletter.
- We still have many pups that aren't sponsored. If you can help us to feed and care for a dog for 10 euros a month, please go to the sponsor page on our website.
- Thank you to everyone who has helped us by donating, sponsoring or sending much needed items.

NEW YEAR FIREWORKS CAUSE PANIC

Well the New Year literally started with a bang, or several of them. It was a nightmare trying to rush from room to room, then outside to the various pens, trying to reassure dogs that were terrified of the fireworks. At 2 am everything seemed quiet and after checking all the dogs were ok, we thought it safe to go to bed. Less than an hour later the fireworks started again. We got dressed and went to check on all the dogs, only to find that Barney and Shyanne were missing from their pens. Lisa was howling and calling for her sister Shyanne, but there was no sign of her. We searched the garden by torchlight, the edges of the forest and then started to drive around looking for them. There was no sign of them anywhere and we were worried sick. We couldn't understand how Barney could have got out of the garden but had terrible thoughts that with him being blind, he could have gone over the edge of a steep bank.

We returned home and I did another check of the garden and was so relieved to find Barney had wedged himself behind a puppy kennel and a fence. We managed to get him out and Tony carried him back to his pen. Once he was back in his pen and knew his way around, he settled down in his kennel.

There was still no sign of Shyanne. At about 8 am, Lisa started going frantic. None of the other dogs were barking but Lisa was staring in a certain direction towards the forest. About 5 minutes later, a very exhausted Shyanne appeared from the forest. She was limping as she made her way back to the gate. It appeared that she had sprained her back leg and we hoped that with rest, she would soon recover. She is however still limping at times, so we have taken her off the adoption list until we know she is fully recovered.

Both dogs are usually very settled but in absolute panic, Barney had just barged through his gate, snapping the hinges off and Shyanne must have just scrambled and climbed over a high fence that normally she wouldn't have even thought about climbing.



Left. Luke and Barney



Right. Shyanne

FEBRUARY ADOPTIONS

Sixteen of our dogs have been adopted and will be leaving us in February. All will be going to their new homes in Holland. Pet Chauffeurs will collect the dogs from Rudozem on the 10th February and they will arrive in Holland on Sunday the 13th. The dogs that have been adopted are Keegan, Freddy, Seren, Charlie, Sasha, Shera, Odin, Poppy, Emma, Marek, Dee, Pepsi, Damson, Mac, Bunty and Bingo.

JESSIE SPAYED

One of the biggest problems for us in Rudozem is that there is no vets surgery or vet who can spay females. Kerry and Kosta who now have 24 dogs, have made contact with a vet in Veliko Turnovo and this month Jessie was spayed. It was a worry as we weren't sure how capable the vet was and there are many horror stories of females that have been spayed and look like they have been butchered. Some vets will even quote two different prices, one with anaesthetic and one without., which is just barbaric.

Kerry and Kosta stayed with Jessie until she was asleep. The vet weighed her before measuring out the anaesthetic and everything seemed to be very professional. They collected her a couple of hours later and there have been no problems at all. They were told they could either take Jessie back ten days later or remove the stitches themselves. On the tenth day, there was lots of snow so they were unable to go anywhere. Kerry did really well. She had never removed stitches before, but Kosta held Jessie and Kerry removed them.

Jessie was moved into the house after the operation and thoroughly enjoyed sleeping on the bed. She is now back in a pen with Oscar who was missing his best friend.

Pictures: Jessie recovering, the day of her operation.

Kerry removing Jessie's stitches.



Medical Matters.

Marvin one of the young pups, gave us a scare when he stopped eating and was appearing very weak and listless. We brought him back inside and he was so weak that he couldn't even stand up. Some time later, he was sick and brought up a plum stalk. It must have fallen from the tree and he had tried eating it. After being sick, he started to eat and get stronger.

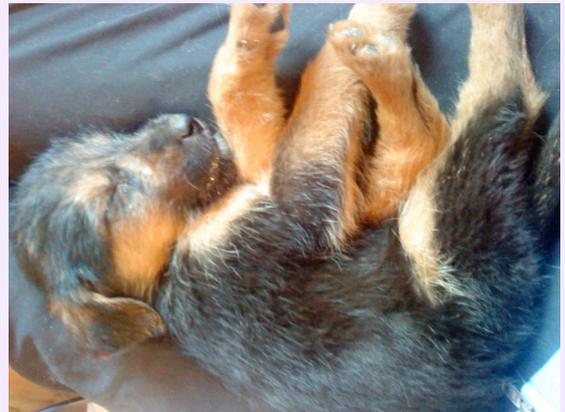
Gaby, another of the tiny pups, had to be brought inside whilst she was being treated for an eye infection. Within a couple of days it had cleared up.

Kerry was very worried about Roma when he appeared to have an infection and was passing blood. At the time, they were totally blocked in with the snow and unable to get to a vet. Fortunately she had antibiotics and was able to start him on them as soon as she noticed he wasn't well. After several days on antibiotics and a diet of chicken and rice, he made a full recovery.

It has been a busy month for vaccinations. Twenty puppies and dogs have been microchipped and vaccinated at Rudozem and four dogs at the VT branch. Jessie and Oscar will be going for their rabies blood testing just as soon as the roads are clear and Kerry and Kosta are able to get to vets.

We have ordered vaccines and microchips for more puppies that are now old enough to be vaccinated. If anyone would like to donate for this, they can be donated for on the webshop.

If anyone has any antibiotics that they don't need, we would be very grateful for them. There are times in the Winter when it is impossible to get out or for a vet to get to us. There have been many times such as these when the antibiotics sent to us have been lifesavers for a sick animal.



Above: Marvin was so weak that we thought we were going to lose him.

Below: Marvin, recovered and enjoying the extra attention.



C A T H I T B Y A C A R

A couple of weeks ago, Luke saw a cat hit by a car. He phoned us straight away and Tony went and got Luke and the cat. The poor cat's injuries were just so serious that he didn't live for very long. The only consolation was that he was warm and dry when he passed away instead of being left on the cold wet roads.



Sadly, this poor cat didn't survive.

CRUFTS 2011

Marc Abraham, TV Vet, has invited RSDR to share a stand at Crufts, on Friday the 11th March. We are very grateful to Marc as this gives us chance to raise awareness and appeal for support and funds.

If anyone is going to Crufts, RSDR will be at stand 59 in Hall 1.

If anyone would like to volunteer to help and promote at the RSDR stand, on the day, please contact Julie Lewis at streetdogrescueuk@yahoo.co.uk

UPDATE ON THE SHELTER/CLINIC

We have put in the application for a change of use of the building to a shelter/clinic. It will take a month for the consent to come through. We need this before an architect will look at the building to see what structural repairs need to be done and the plans for renovation. We need the architect's plans before a builder can give us a quote. They need to know quantities of materials which will be in the architect's report.

The work has to be carried out by a registered builder who would be fully insured.

Until all the plans and paper work are in order, we can't get quotes for any of the work including the fencing. It will then be broken down into stages with a quote for each stage.

A friend has been out to the building and will be giving us a quote for CCTV to protect against theft whilst building work is going on. Although we don't have any figures for costs yet we do need to raise funds as it will take a lot of money, work and time before we can finally use the building for its much needed purpose.



The building which will become our shelter/clinic.

Please vote for Rudozem Street Dog Rescue to win 150 pounds. If we do win, we will be splitting the money with Animal Rescue Kos who did the same for us. Voting ends on the 31st January.

<http://easyfundraising.org.uk/blog/cause-of-the-month-january-2011-the-shortlist>

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<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/rsdr/>