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Rudozem street dog rescue

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News summary

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- Meeting with Four Paws Foundation
- Bigdog moves in.
- Samson found
- 5 tiny pups left in a sack at the landfill
- Three of the pups didn't make it
- Another 6 pups dumped then disappeared after a couple of days
- Four more pups dumped at the landfill
- Honey hasn't been seen for weeks
- One of Honey's pups has sadly been killed on the roads.

Meeting with the council

At the beginning of the month, we had a meeting with the town council. To sum it up, they have set out a few conditions, but once we have seen to these, they have promised to provide premises for our clinic/shelter.

One condition is our registration as a charitable foundation. The solicitor is dealing with this and it should take about 4 or 5 weeks as it has to go through the court. Another condition was that we have a contract with a vet who will treat, vaccinate and sterilize the dogs. At the moment, the vet in our town will only neuter males. We have however had a meeting with an international organization who will send a vet to train our vet in the keyhole procedures for Neuter/release in which the recovery time is a lot quicker.

The third condition was rather vague. They want some kind of guarantee, from another shelter regarding our intentions. They suggested I ask one of the notorious isolators. I explained to them that these places aren't shelters but torture camps and that we will have nothing to do with them. They agreed that we could get this "guarantee" from another shelter/organization.



Bigdog moves in.

After living outside our gate for over 6 months, Bigdog decided to take matters into his own hands (or paws). Just before New Year we found him upstairs, in the house, fast asleep.

He is now an expert at climbing the fence, into the garden and sneaking upstairs whenever he feels like it.

Meeting with Four Paws Foundation

We had a very positive meeting with the Four Paws Foundation. They are working with many municipalities throughout Bulgaria, encouraging them to carry out neuter/release and pay more attention to the welfare of street dogs.

They have offered to help with this vague guarantee that the council are asking for. They have also said that once we have the clinic/shelter, they will send a vet to train our town vet in sterilization techniques used for neuter/release. At the end of March, they will try and come to Rudozem to meet with the council and help us to settle any queries with them. They are also prepared to give us any advice we might need along the way and pay us regular visits. It is very reassuring to know that we have their support and that we can turn to them whenever we need advice.



Samson was found in the middle of a road. He had been covered in yoghurt, which had frozen solid on him. He was full of parasites. We took him home, warmed him up and bathed him. After a worrying 1st night, he has continued to get stronger. Another litter of small pups were dumped in a sack at the landfill at the same time. Samson joined this group. Sadly 3 of the others died. Tuffy, Lucky and Samson are now doing well.

Keeping track

There were a couple of days this month, when we were unable to make it to some of the dogs, due to the snow. We had however left food with the guards at the landfill site who kindly agreed to feed them. This month has been an emotional roller coaster with dogs going missing and so many new faces turning up. Honey left her pups several weeks ago. We were hoping that by now we would have found her, but as yet there is no sign. One of her pups was sadly killed on the road. We still feed and check the remaining 3 pups every day.

Three litters of pups have been left at the landfill site this month. The first was the tiny pups who didn't all make it. There was then a litter of 6 older pups who disappeared 2 days later. This week another 4 pups have turned up. Lily and pups have had us worried on more than one occasion, when they have been off exploring. They are all doing well. Other dogs have turned up near to where we live and in the town centre.