



# Rudozem Street Dog Rescue

Help us to help them!



Rudozem Street Dog Rescue is a non-profit foundation that rescues street dogs in Bulgaria and finds them loving homes.

### How RSDR started

In August 2007, an English family, Diane and Tony Rowles and their 4 children, 4 dogs and 2 cats moved to Rudozem in Bulgaria from the United Kingdom. The family was shocked by the locals' abuse towards street dogs in Bulgaria. Dogs are spat on, kicked, shot or have stones thrown at them. The family started to feed the dogs on the streets out of their own money.

In September 2007, their youngest son Luke befriended a street dog named Ranger. Ranger became the family's first rescue dog when a man tried to shoot him. In following months other street dogs went home to the Rowles family. With the continuing number of street dogs needing to be fed on the streets, it was getting harder not to do something, so in August 2008, Rudozem Street Dog Rescue was formed, and officially became a registered foundation in March 2009.

Adoptions to other countries were then organised to help find homes for the dogs rescued.



### Adoption Team now in the UK

An Adoption team has now been established in the United Kingdom.

As of the 1st January 2012, new DEFRA laws changed UK entry requirements for persons travelling with pets to the UK, and are now in line with the rest of Europe. Dogs or cats now only require the initial rabies vaccination, then 21 days after the vaccination, can travel to the United Kingdom.

Our new UK adoption team will help with organising adoptions in the UK, home checks and offering ongoing support to adoptants.

### Odin's story

Odin was in a bad way when he first came to RSDR in August 2010. He was full of parasites, very thin and had suffered a lot of hair loss due to a severe skin problem. With treatment and love he soon recovered and his coat grew back. Odin went to Holland in February 2011 to be fostered by Reina, one of our team members. Reina and her family enjoyed Odin so much that they fell in love with him and adopted him themselves!



“Although we never intended to be rescuing street dogs when we moved to Bulgaria, we couldn't ignore their plight. Now that we have started, it is a lifetime commitment. There are times when it is heartbreaking but we could never leave what we have started otherwise there would be no one to care about and fight for these dogs.”

Diane Rowles, Founder



Blossom, Feb 2011

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Lots of work to be done on the new shelter



Both inside...



...and out

### Renovations for Shelter / Clinic

Since early 2009 RSDR has been trying to raise enough funds to purchase land to build a dog shelter / clinic. In December 2010 we were able to purchase this building which is now the RSDR shelter and home to over a hundred dogs and cats.

A lot of renovations need to be carried out at the shelter. In the winter of 2011 the roof nearly collapsed under the weight of the snow. In 2012 we raised the funds for a new roof. We still have no electricity or heating in the main building and no hot water at all. Windows and walls need repairing and we desperately need an isolation area for new dogs that may carry infections. Part of the building has an open front which makes it very cold in Winter. We need to renovate and bring the shelter up to EU standards, otherwise we are constantly under threat of closure by the authorities. For the dogs and cats that we have rescued from the streets, this is their home and we cannot let that happen.

It might take years to achieve but our aim is to renovate the shelter and have a clinic where animals can be sterilised therefore reducing the numbers born to a life of hell on the streets.

### Help us to help them

Every little bit helps, small or large. More details about all of these options can be found on our website at [www.streetdogrescue.com](http://www.streetdogrescue.com) or you can always email us directly at [streetdogrescue@gmail.com](mailto:streetdogrescue@gmail.com)

### Adopt

Check out our website and see all our dogs and cats looking for a loving home and contact our adoption team.

### Sponsor

If you would like to help with the feeding costs of our dogs, you can sponsor a dog for 10 Euros a month.

### Donate

You can donate money online or via your bank. We welcome general donations but also offer you the choice to select a particular fund appeal to allocate your donation to, such as renovations for the new shelter.

### Send

You can send a care package with things that we need urgently to help the dogs: flea / worm treatments, bedding, toys, collars, leashes, etc.

### Volunteer

Join RSDR or donate some of your time or skills for an event or help out with other fundraising initiatives. Once the shelter building has been made structurally sound, volunteers will be welcome to come and help out there.

### Talk

Tell everyone about RSDR! Via emails, on blogs, websites and in conversations. Join our Facebook group pass it on to all your friends and invite the whole family!



Tiny Tim spreads the word about RSDR



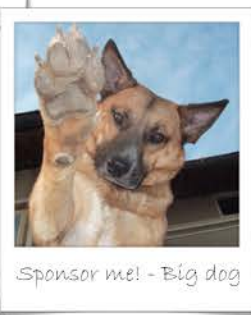
Another care package, gratefully received



Adopt a dog and give it a new life



Lend a hand volunteer!



Sponsor me! - Big dog



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