

If you would like to visit or volunteer at the RSDR shelter in Bulgaria, please take the time to read the following information carefully in this document.

Please fill out **pages 16 to 20** on this form with your signature, scan and return it to the email address [streetdogrescue@gmail.com](mailto:streetdogrescue@gmail.com) with a **copy of your photo ID** to verify age & identity.

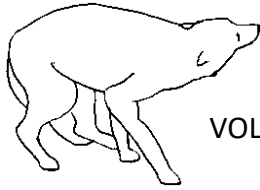
Volunteers must be **over 21 years old**, or **MUST** be accompanied by parent/guardian over 21 years old. No exceptions.

After reviewing the information you provided, our RSDR Co-Ordinator will contact you on what dates you can visit.

Please do not book flights or accommodation until your application has been approved.

Please note that all accommodation, & transport to the town of Rudozem, must be at the responsibility of the Volunteer / Visitor, as well as accommodation, meals & daily transport to and from the RSDR Dog Shelter must be at the responsibility of the Volunteer / Visitor.

Thank you for your interest in becoming a volunteer for RSDR.



RUDOZEM STREET DOG RESCUE  
VOLUNTEERING / VISITING AT RSDR DOG SHELTER

Dear Volunteer / Visitor Applicant

Thank you for your interest in our volunteer program. RSDR welcome volunteers and visitors at the dog shelter, in Rudozem Bulgaria.

Rudozem Street Dog Rescue is a Non-Profit foundation that rescues street dogs in Bulgaria and finds them loving homes. Our mission is to renovate the RSDR building and have a shelter/clinic where we can continue to save dogs, start a neuter / spay program and offer free sterilisation, and integrate education on Animal Welfare to the local community.

RSDR receives no government funding and depends solely on donations and support from the public to continue its life saving work.

### **The situation of Animals in Rudozem**

There are many street dogs and street cats in the area of Rudozem. Many of them are starving and hungry, have horrible skin conditions and are abused by the local community.

Many puppies are born on the streets and are left to survive and in the winter months they usually freeze to death.

The majority of the street dogs are not dangerous. Many of them are terrified of people and would not go near them. Most of the time, if a human went near a street dog, they would most likely run away. The dogs are extremely wary of people, not used to human contact and are scared you are going to hurt them. It takes many weeks and months to gain the trust of these animals.

Animal Welfare is not enforced in Bulgaria and many people are brought up to fear street dogs and treat them like vermin. You will see many people throw stones at the dogs, kick them, beat them with sticks, or even shoot them. It is no wonder the dogs are so scared of mankind. They have not been treated kindly.

Since being a registered foundation in March 2009, attitudes have slowly changed, with people now instead of dumping puppies in the landfill or town centre, they have started dumping puppies outside the house in boxes or bringing them to us instead of shooting them. We are hopeful, the longer we remain in Rudozem, the better off street dogs will be with changing attitudes in people

For more information on how RSDR started, please go to the About Us page on our Website for more information, and on the people that are involved in RSDR.

<http://www.streetdogrescue.com/aboutus.htm>

## **RSDR DOG SHELTER PROCEDURES**

### **Volunteer / Visitor Agreement**

All volunteers or visitors to the shelter must sign a Volunteer / Visitor Agreement form as well as the RSDR Waiver, Release and Indemnification Agreement releasing RSDR from any liability or injury claims. If these forms are not signed you will not be able to enter the premises. Each volunteer must fill out both form separately.

### **Chain of Command**

All Volunteers must adhere to the chain of Command – with fulltime staff at RSDR being in charge. Volunteers must comply with any directions and instructions set out by RSDR staff, be polite, non-abusive and respectful at all times. Failure to comply with these rules, may result in volunteers being asked to leave.

### **Dress Code**

We must insist that you wear full length trousers or jeans and preferably long sleeved tops. This is for your own protection as even little puppy claws can leave nasty scratches down your arms. Wear closed toed shoes with soles that will not slide on the concrete. Dangling jewelry is likely to become snagged and can be a hazard (may also become damaged or broken).

### **Induction**

On arrival, volunteers will be given a brief tour of the shelter. Our daily routine will be explained to you and this gives us a chance to discuss with you areas in which you feel able and comfortable to help out. We will advise you of any dogs that you are not to approach or enter their pens.

### **Renovations**

As the shelter is continually undergoing renovations, you will be asked to follow all directions by staff in regard to safety.

### **Shelter times for Volunteers**

Shelter visiting hours for volunteers / visitors are between **11:00am to 3:00pm daily**. These hours may change depending on circumstances.

As explained below in our dog guideline, our shelter staff have a strict schedule they must adhere to morning & afternoon with cleaning the dog pens. A lot of our dogs can be quite fearful, and will not return to their pens if there are strangers around, so we ask volunteers to come in the above times only whilst our general cleaning routine is taken care of. There will be plenty of jobs for volunteers during the above times that we will need help with.

## **Age**

We ask that all volunteers be at least a minimum of 21 years old and over, or anyone under 21 years old, must be accompanied by an adult parent/guardian 21 years old and over. Please enclose **Photo ID** (passport or Drivers license) with your application.

## **Attitudes to women**

If you are a young female volunteering and plan to travel alone in Bulgaria, we recommend you travel with a friend, due to the cultural differences with attitudes towards younger women.

## **General Information**

Parking will be pointed out to you on arrival. Smoking is only allowed in designated areas and not in the main buildings where the dog/cat pens are situated.

## **Street Animals / Pets**

Volunteers/Visitors must be aware that we always have the maximum number of animals that we can cope with. As hard as it may be, we ask that volunteers/visitors do not collect street animals on the way to the shelter.

It is also not practical for volunteers/visitors to bring their own animals with them to the shelter. Having so many dogs, we cannot allow time for volunteer/visitors to be using the yard/exercise areas for their own dogs.

## **Dog Guidelines**

Why are shelter dogs different? Dogs in a shelter are not the same as your family pet. Your dog knows his surroundings and is familiar with your moods and what your expectations are. A shelter environment is very different. Many of our dogs have been badly abused and have serious trust issues.

Pushing a fearful dog or a dog that doesn't know you to give a kiss or to receive a hug may be asking for a bite. Your dog at home might accept your behavior, while a strange dog may see your behavior as a challenge.

It is important when working with or around fearful dogs that you always let the dog come to you in its own time. Many people are familiar with the "fight or flight" response which occurs in both humans and animals. If you take away the option of flight and make a scared dog feel trapped and no other option than to fight ie. bite. We do not want biting to become part of any dogs learned behaviour so as far as is possible we avoid making any nervous dog ever feel trapped. Please take this into account and don't chase or corner any of the dogs.

Twice a day, the dogs are fed, let out and pens are cleaned out. Additional cleaning out, walking, grooming, training and everything else has to take place between these times. It is therefore important that we stick to our times and get the routine things done in the least possible time, especially if we have vets visits or building/maintenance jobs to do that day.

Sometimes it can take hours longer if someone isn't used to the routine or dogs won't come in from the yard because people they don't know are stood in front of their pens. Due to this it may be that during these parts of the day you are asked to just spend time with the dogs that are out, while staff let them out and do their pens. Although you may feel that you aren't helping with the physical labour involved, it is good for the dogs to be able to spend time & socialise with other people and allows us to get things done quickly and safely without any accidents of letting dogs out that shouldn't be out together. It then leaves the rest of the day free for other jobs and spending individual time with dogs.

Remember, the role of our volunteers is to keep the animals in our care as stress free as possible and to avoid situations that promote inappropriate behaviour.

With staff and volunteers working together, we can reinforce good behavior that will help our dogs find wonderful homes. Always follow the guidelines of RSDR staff.

- Make sure the dog you are taking for a walk has been approved.
- Please inform the staff if anything of concern occurs during your walk. Especially if it involves a fight, a bite, a scratch, or any unusual behavior.
- All RSDR dogs must be kept on leash at all times when not within the Dog Shelter grounds. Please put your hand through the loop on the leash and keep our dogs on a short leash.
- Choose a dog appropriate for your size and skill level. If the dog is walking you; the dog is too much for you to handle or you are not skilled for this size/type dog. Do not handle a dog that makes you feel uncomfortable or nervous; the dog will know!
- Maintain control of the dog at all times.
- Before you remove a dog from a kennel, make sure that the leash you are about to use is in good repair.
- When removing a dog from a kennel, open the door and have a leash ready to slip over the dog's head and adjust as needed. Keep your voice soft and even.
- Always approach the dogs calmly and encourage them to be CALM and QUIET before you remove them from the kennel.
- Do not allow dogs to jump up for play bite. Ignore unwanted behavior or correct them calmly. Never HIT a dog. Remember, we want them to learn good habits, so that we can find good homes for them.
- Never leave a dog unattended. Whether you are walking, bathing or playing with a dog, you must be with the dog at all times.. Remember, when you take a dog out, you are responsible for that dog until you return it to the kennel.
- Do not let other people, children, or other dogs play with or pet any RSDR dog.
- Please always take poop bags with. Picking up dog poop makes us good neighbors and it's the law.
- If a dog gets away from you, don't chase the dog! Squat down and call the dog's name and the dog should come back to you. If you chase them, they think it's a game and will keep running away.
- Take the dog for a brisk 30 minute walk, or as directed. If your dog seems tired, stop off and sit with the dog for a rest.
- Before re- entering the yard, please wait until a member of staff knows that you are back incase any other dogs are out at the time.

## Cat Guidelines

Cats are not dogs. They respond to stimuli in different ways and have different ways of showing their stress and happiness. Volunteers are critical in helping them to be happy and well adjusted during their stay here. A few tips on general cat behavior and on cat behavior in a shelter environment can be helpful in learning to handle them properly. From the familiar housecat to the 500 pound tiger, felines are social animals. Domestic cats form bonds with their owners, as well as with other cats and species in their household.

Cats have especially expressive body language. Arching the back and puffing up the tail are warning signs: The cat is telling you to stay away! Hissing, flattening ears and backing away are defensive signs. Vocal communications also clues us in to what a cat is thinking. A hissing, growling or spitting cat should not be handled. Purring is generally associated with contentment, but cats often purr when they are stressed. Sick or injured cats also purr.

When cats first arrive at the shelter, they are often stressed. They are in an unfamiliar, frightening environment. Volunteers can help reassure the cats and put them at ease. Speak softly and keep your voice even. Pet them gently. Move slowly around them. Handle them firmly and with confidence, but carefully. If you are assigned to work with a cat that is exhibiting frightened behavior, leave it alone and report this to the staff. They will give it time to calm down and will work with it later. Once cats have been here a while and have calmed down, they often seek attention. Do not underestimate how important you are, if you spend time grooming and petting cats. Never go home thinking that you didn't do anything important because you "just played with the cats." What you did is very, very important!!

- Reinforce good Behaviors. Don't tolerate things that you might tolerate from your own cats (play biting, etc...)
- Discipline by tone of voice or by placing two fingers on the cat's forehead with a gentle push – no hitting or yelling!
- Keep your volume level low. Don't get excited. Monitor visitors, especially children, for too much noise or activity.
- If a cat escapes from its cage or the observation room, follow it and say "loose cat" as you walk (not run). Others will join you in the catching the escapee.
- Pay attention to the cat's body language. Cats aren't always predictable.
- Take health precautions. Obey signs regarding sick rooms, wash hands often; don't touch your eyes, etc...
- Report observed behavior or health problems, including fur mats, excessively long claws, etc...
- Brushing is good. Ask for help in dematting, if it is serious.
- Wear old clothing. Watch out for earrings and contact lenses.
- Fill water bowls, if empty. It's ok to give a few treats to the cats.
- When visiting the Cat Loft, please enter and leave quickly and be careful not to let any cats escape.
- Never take any cats out of their cages unless first asking.
- Please wash your hands between petting different cats to prevent spreading germs.
- Gently approach cats that are loose in the room and pet them.

## **VISITOR INFORMATION**

The RSDR dog shelter is situated in the Village of Elhovets (Елховец ).

The village of Elhovets (Smolyan District) is located in South-Central Bulgaria and is part of the Rudozem Municipality

Elhovets is approximately a 15-20 min drive from the town of Rudozem

Quick Facts about Elhovets:

<http://www.guide-bulgaria.com/SC/Smolyan/Rudozem/Elhovets>

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## **HOW TO GET TO ELHOVETS**

Please note: That all transport to the village of Elhovets must be at the responsibility of the volunteer to arrange, as well as be at the Volunteers own costing. The information provided below is to be used as a guide only – but can change at any time, so please do your own research.

### **Closest Airport - Plovdiv**

The Closest Airport to Rudozem is in Plovdiv, Bulgaria. (see copy of Map in Attachments).

#### **Website on Plovdiv Airport**

<http://www.plovdivairport.com> (English).

Other information [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plovdiv\\_Airport](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plovdiv_Airport) (English)

The only airline that flies to Plovdiv is from London, Frankfurt or Milan with the Airline Ryan Air. <http://www.ryanair.com/en>

### **Airport – in Capital City - Sofia**

There is also an airport in the Capital Sofia. (see copy of Map in Attachments)

#### **Website on Sofia Airport**

<http://www.sofia-airport.bg/default.aspx> (English)

## TRANSPORT OPTIONS

### CAR RENTALS

ASTRAL TRANSTOURS (+359 882 100 200) - <http://www.astraltranstours.com/en/index.html>

CHOICE RENT A CAR - (+359 ) 8 7878 5665 - <http://www.choice-rent.com>

EUROPCAR - (+359 2) 945 92 66 - <http://www.europcar.bg>

SIXT - (+359 2) 945 92 76 - <http://www.tourist-service.com>

THRIFTY - (+359) 896 800 873 - <http://www.thrifty.bg>

#### **Border Checkpoint -- Before Greece.**

On the way to Rudozem, there are border police that might stop you in regarding your intentions to travelling, and if you are going to cross the Greek border.

The border police checkpoint is near Rudozem and is the last checkpoint before Greece.

If you are stopped, please explain you are going to the "English" Dog Shelter in Rudozem. You can always phone us if you have been stopped, to talk to the police (for a translation).



## BUS TRANSPORT

### From Plovdiv to Rudozem ( Пловдив – Рудозем )

There are three bus stations in Plovdiv, servicing the North, South and East-West directions, with some exceptions.

"Avtogara Yug" (confusingly named South) station	( Автогара "Юг" )
<b>"Avtogara Rhodopi" station</b>	( Автогара "Родопи" )
"Avtogara Sever" (North) station	( Автогара "Север" )

The bus terminus the **"Avtogara Rhodopi"** (Автогара "Родопи") is behind the main railway station and accessible from it through the pedestrian underpass.

This station goes to destinations in the Rhodopes and will go to Rudozem.



Bus Schedule guide <http://guide.plovdiv24.bg/272.html?pid=406> (Bulgarian)

Bus Schedule guide [http://avtogari.info/index\\_en.php](http://avtogari.info/index_en.php) (Bulgarian)

### Times.

06.30, 14.00, 16.00 (please check as times might change) -- approximately 4 hours travel in Bus.

### From Sofia to Rudozem

Sofia Central Bus Website <http://www.centralnaavtogara.bg/index.php> (English version)

SOFIA – RUDOZEM -- COMPANY EMILIYA 98 OOD m t w t f s s 17:00h.

One way ticket: 26.00 Lev (approximate time of travel (check times as they may change)

There is also a bus that goes to Madan (about 40 min drive away) that leaves at 3:00pm. However RSDR will have to pick you up. Donations towards petrol would be appreciated.

## ACCOMMODATION

(Please do not book any accommodation until RSDR has confirmed you are able to volunteer/visit and dates available for volunteering/visiting)

### Rudozem

If you have your own car rental we recommend booking in the town Rudozem. Most of the apartments are not self catering and do not have tea/coffee making facilities, but you are close to the bank and shops in the town centre. Prices start anywhere from 30-40 levs per person per night. Please check websites for pricing.

RSDR recommend the following motels to book in Rudozem

Rubis, Orfey and Viktorio

- Rubis - <http://www.hotelrubis.com> (use google translate)  
(You can also book The Rubis in english at <http://booking.com/df4ef38cfc74b2> )
- Orfey - <http://www.complex-orfey.com>  
(You can book in english at <http://www.hoteli.bg/eng/hoteli/hotel-kompleks-orfey-rudozem-769>)
- Viktorio <http://www.victorio-bg.eu/indexxotel.htm>  
(You can book in english at <http://www.rooms.bg/en/family-hotels-rudozem-semeen-hotel-viktorio.html> )

### Elhovets

There are only 3 places that have rooms available in Elhovets. If you do not have your own car rental, we recommend you book one of the places close to the shelter, however there are not as many shops.

- New motel - House Family Complex Andi (use google translate) -- (this is the motel RSDR recommend as closest to the shelter in Elhovets about a 5-10min walk.)  
<http://www.complex-andi.likesyou.org>  
(booking for reservation mainly by phone or by email iza\_nay93@abv.bg  
They do not speak English, so RSDR can reserve this for you, so please let us know.  
If you do not have your own transport, we would recommend booking this motel.)
- Valero Guest Rooms (5-15min walk) (book in english at <http://booking.com/c3f1d268c491b0a4> )
- Swimming Pool that has rooms available (only available in summer - you would have to check). [http://bgstay.com/en-o-6460-family\\_hotel\\_kompleks\\_bahami](http://bgstay.com/en-o-6460-family_hotel_kompleks_bahami)  
The outdoor swimming pool is only open during the summer but there is a bar/restaurant. (5-15 minute walk to RSDR Dog Shelter). Please note: the swimming pool is more isolated, and is not close to other shops or banks.

If you are unable to book accommodation yourself, RSDR can book for you but please give 3-4 weeks in advance for bookings.

## DAILY TRANSPORT

Daily transport from the place of accommodation to the Dog shelter must be also the responsibility of the volunteer.

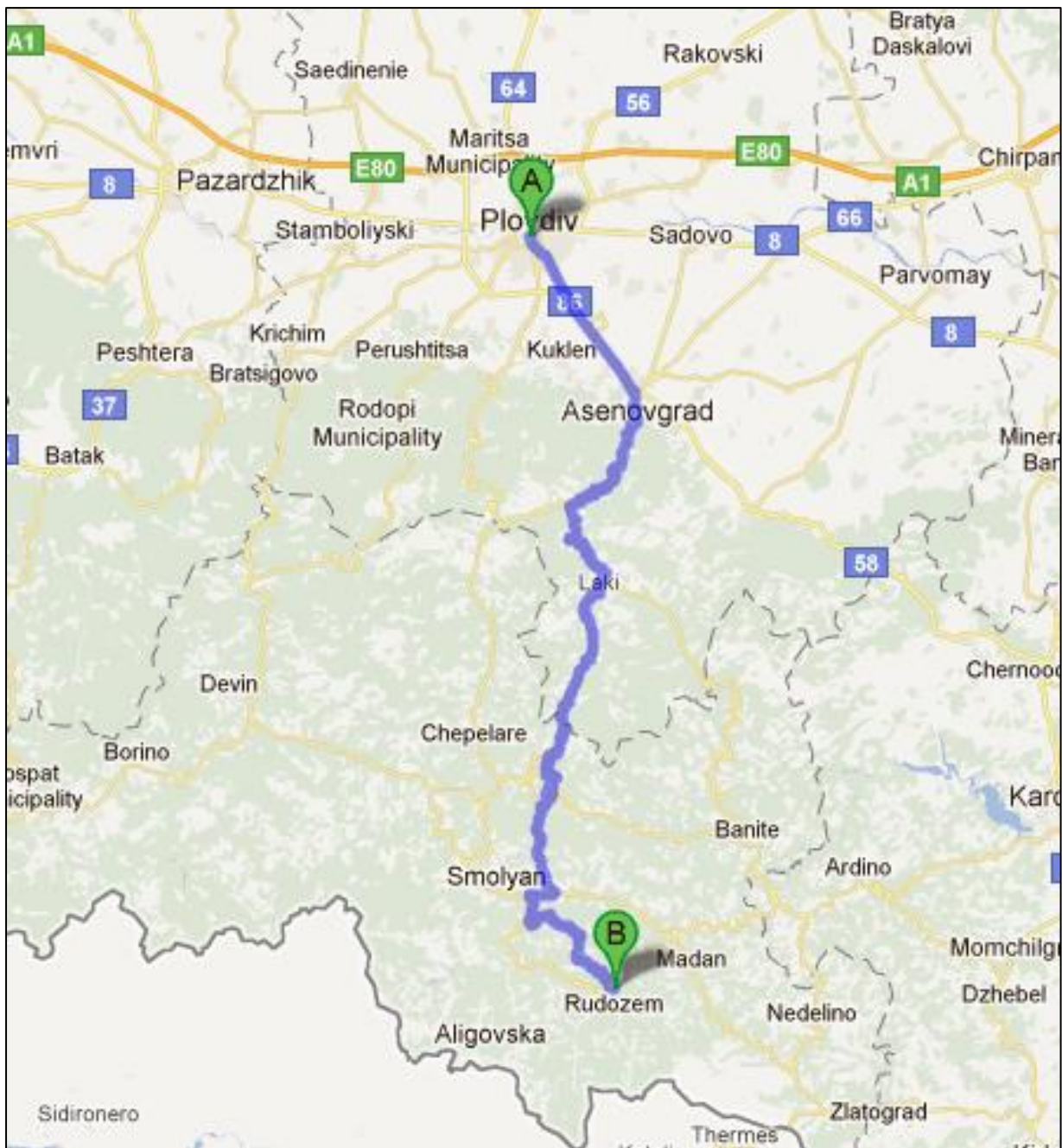
### Options of travel:

- Hire car rental (obtained in Plovdiv or Sofia) - **recommended**
- Taxi - There are unfortunately no taxis in Rudozem. There might be one that comes to Rudozem every now and then but it isn't very often.
- Bus: (Rudozem ( Рудозем) to Elhovets (Елховец )

If you do not have your own transport, and decide to book a motel in the town Rudozem, and not near the shelter, you will have to catch a bus back and forth each day. We don't know the times of the bus or how much it is. Diane said there are no bus time tables like they do with bigger towns. There is mainly just a guy in a transit with seats going to and from the villages. If you decide this option, we will get one of the shelter boys to stop them when they are on transit to check on times and costs.

**MAPS (from google maps)**

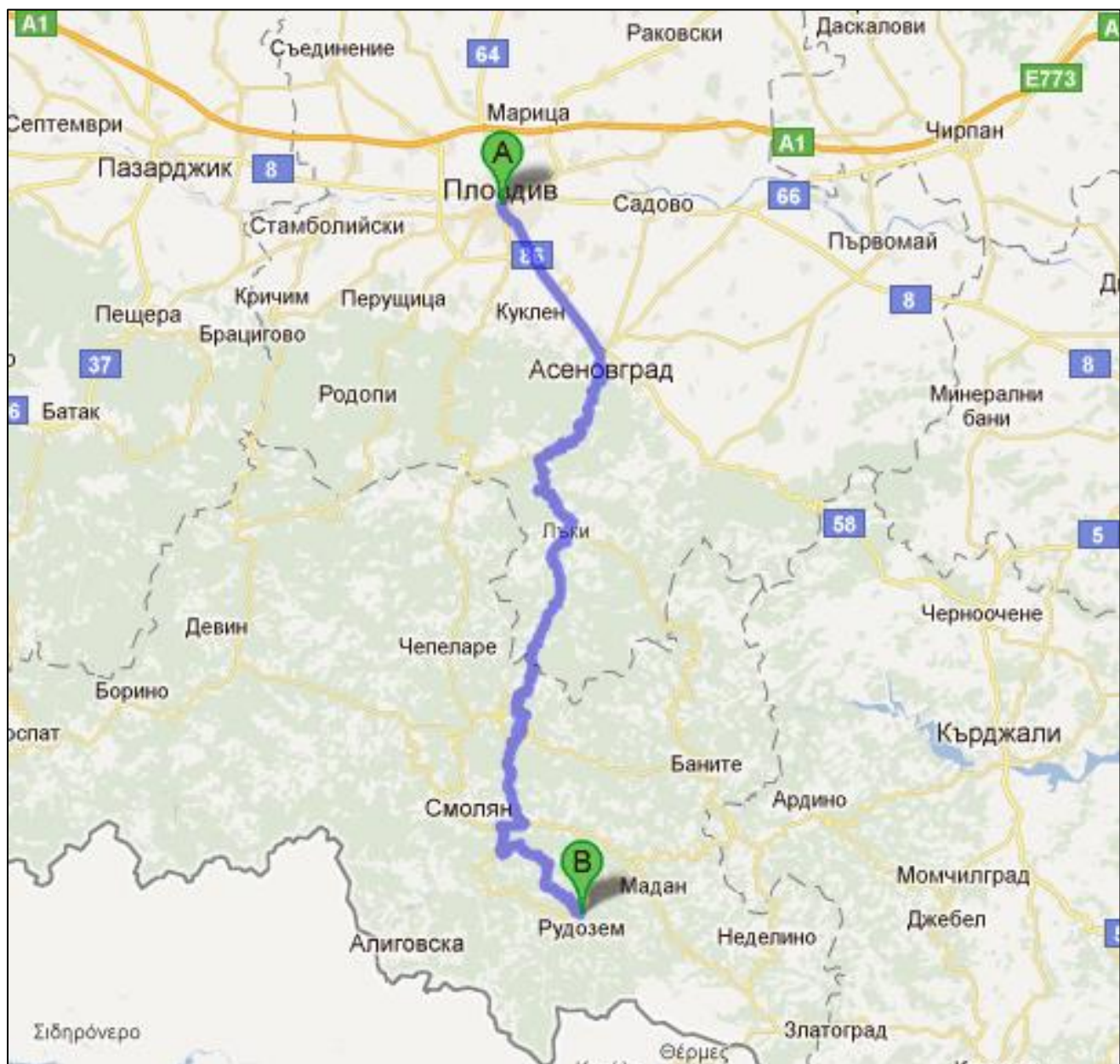
Plovdiv to Rudozem (English)





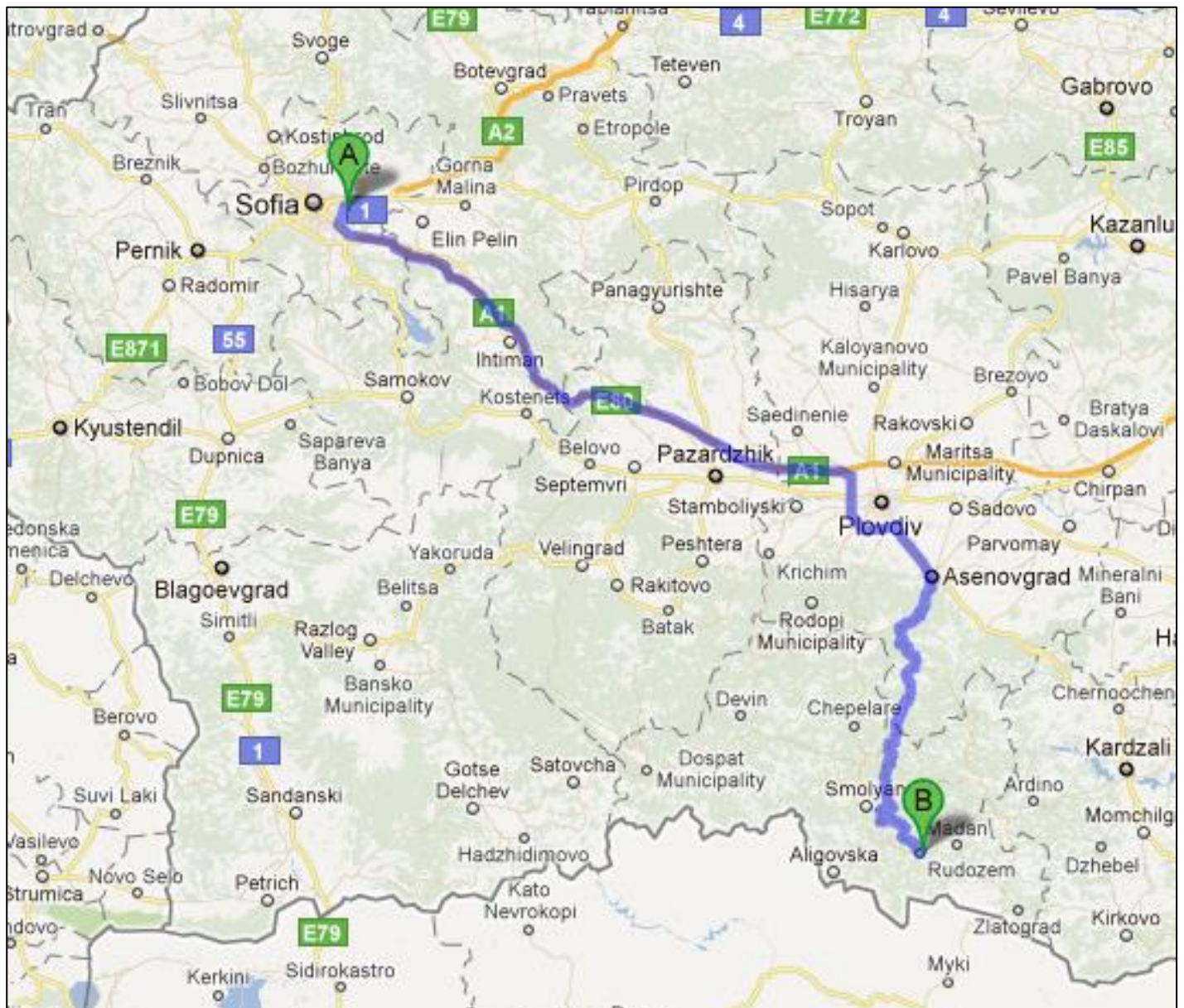
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Plovdiv to Rudozem (in Bulgarian)



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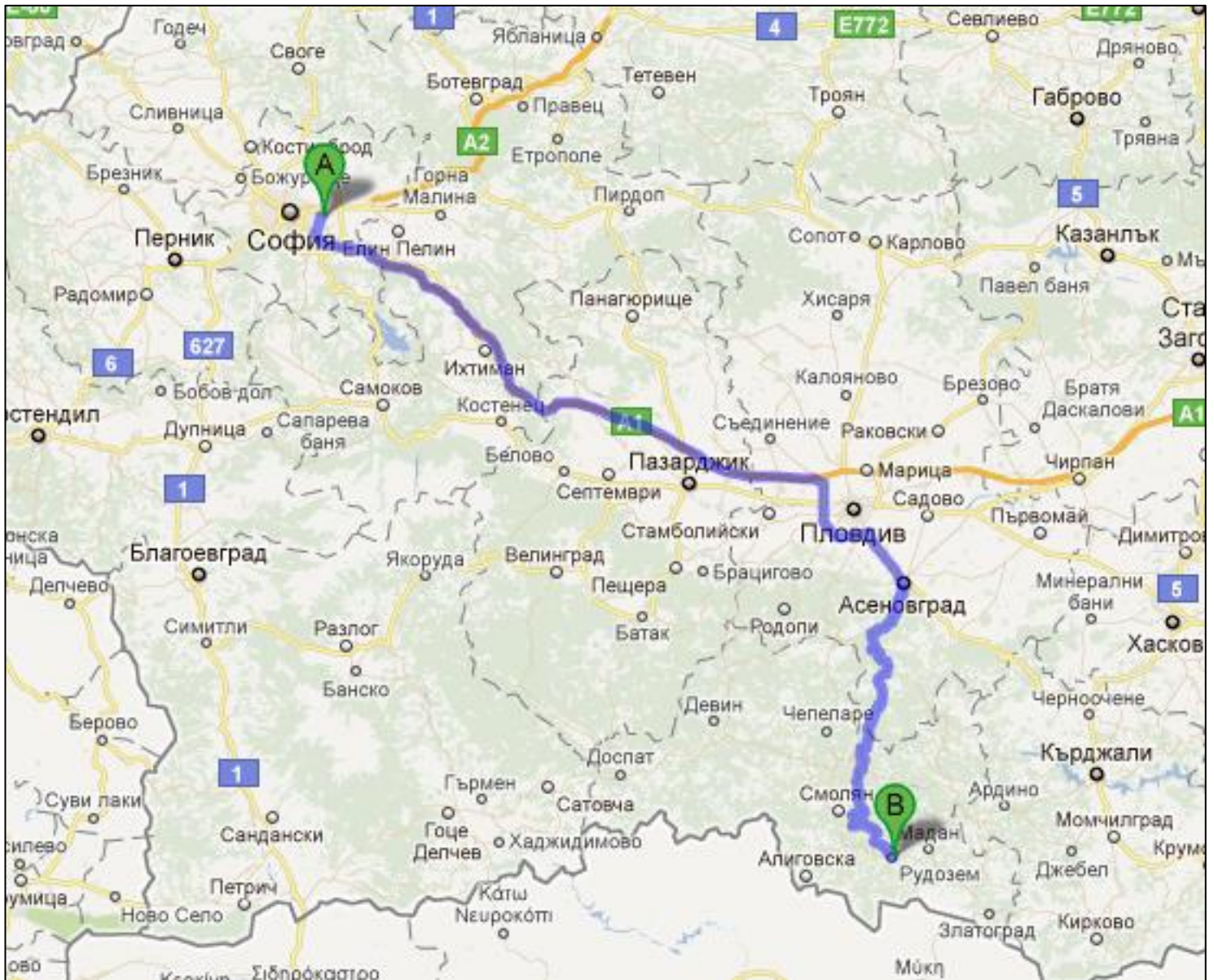
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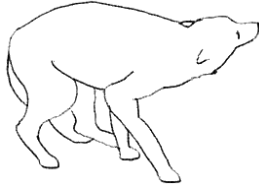




## MAPS

### Sofia to Rudozem (Bulgarian)





**Rudozem Street Dog Rescue**

Registered Foundation No: 175647065

Website: [www.streetdogrescue.com](http://www.streetdogrescue.com)

Email: [streetdogrescue@gmail.com](mailto:streetdogrescue@gmail.com)

**Rudozem Street Dog Rescue Volunteer / Visitor Agreement**

In signing this agreement, I understand and agree to the following:

I will treat all animals, people, and property I come in contact with at Rudozem Street Dog Rescue with respect and conduct myself with courtesy at all times.

I will come appropriately dressed, wearing close-toed shoes, pants, and clothing appropriate for my position. If I am wearing shorts or open toed shoes I may be asked to leave due to safety risks. For safety reasons, we ask that volunteers/visitors cover or refrain from wearing visible body piercings or accept responsibility if they are caught or cause injury.

I agree to be supervised by the shelter staff. I give permission to Rudozem Street Dog Rescue to use photographs or video footage of my volunteer activities.

Volunteering at Rudozem Street Dog Rescue is at-will. Active volunteer status at RSDR may be terminated for any reason, with or without cause or notice, at any time by either parties- the volunteer or RSDR.

Volunteer Signature

Date

Print name

Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 21 years)

Date

Print Parent/Guardian name

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Dates would like to visit or Volunteer:	
First Name:	
Last Name:	
Age:	
Street Address:	
City/Town:	
State/County:	
Post Code/Zip Code:	
Country:	
Phone (home):	
Phone (work):	
Mobile Number:	
Alternative Phone:	
Email Address (required):	



**EMERGENCY CONTACT:** (Must be a person not travelling with you).

Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Email Address:	

**PERSONAL REFERENCES (No more than 1 family member)**

Name:	
Relationship:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Email Address:	

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**MEDICAL INFORMATION**

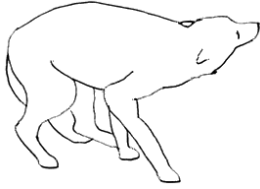
Medical/Health Conditions	
Allergies	
Medications	
Do you have any medical conditions or physical limitations that may prevent you from certain activities?	

Volunteer / Visitor Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Are you (21 and under)? If under the age of 21, you must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Name of Parent or Guardian	
Have you enclosed your Photo ID with this application? (you will be required to email copy of ID with your application to <a href="mailto:streetdogrescue@gmail.com">streetdogrescue@gmail.com</a> )	
Do you have a Drivers License?	
Do you have any current or previous volunteer experience?	
Do you have any skills, training or hobbies that might be helpful to the RSDR Dog Shelter? (computer, landscaping, building, photography, grooming)	
Briefly describe your history of pet ownership or previous experience with animals.	
Please list what area of volunteering you are interested in. If experience is required please explain where and when your experience was gained.	
Do you understand that dogs/cats may be unpredictable and RSDR cannot guarantee that a dog/cat may not become aggressive?	YES NO
Do you have experience/training in any of the following dog/cat related areas of work? Tick all that apply.	Breeding _____ Grooming _____ Kennel Assistant _____ Animal Rescue _____ Training _____ Vet Tech _____ Pet Store _____ Other _____
Do you have other experience/skills that would help you in dog/cat caretaking?	
Please list dog clubs or rescue organization memberships, past and present, if any.	
Please describe why you are interested in volunteering with RSDR?	

**NOTE: Volunteering will depend on dates available to visit at the shelter. Email [streetdogrescue@gmail.com](mailto:streetdogrescue@gmail.com)**

Volunteer / Visitor Signature \_\_\_\_\_



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**RSDR Waiver, Release, and Indemnification Agreement**

This agreement is entered into with Rudozem Street Dog Rescue jointly by the undersigned

\_\_\_\_\_ (print your name), in order to permit the Volunteer to participate in the Volunteer program. This Agreement is for the benefit of RSDR and each of its staff members, employees, officers, directors, agents, and representatives (known individually as an “Indemnities” and collectively as “Indemnities”). Volunteers/Visitors have been advised that the activity of working with the shelter animals is hazardous and involves contact with animals that are unpredictable. As such, RSDR cannot be held liable for injuries or accidents that may occur as a result of working with the animals. Volunteers/Visitors understand that the following are some, but not all, of the risks associated with

- Working with shelter animals:
- Bites or scratches from dogs, cats, rabbits, rodents, and birds
- Being knocked down or pulled excessively by a dog
- Injuries relating to wrist/hand/fingers from a dog leash
- Slips/trips/falls resulting from wet floors/kennels or equipment
- Hitting heads on objects such as cage doors/kennel walls/hose boxes, etc.
- Water or cleaners sprayed in eyes
- Injuries resulting from cage doors, equipment, etc.
- Flea/tick bites or ring worm infestation
- Internal or external parasites
- Zoonotic illnesses (human illness contracted from animals)
- Animal illness exposure to animals at home
- Injuries related to lifting animals, food, litter, or equipment
- Injuries caused from grooming equipment-such as clipper blades, shears, driers
- Exposure to cleaners, latex gloves, bleach, parasite control products
- Exposure to or incidents relating to the public (outbursts, inappropriate contact)
- Exposure to or incidents relating to the volunteers (outbursts, inappropriate contact)
- Loss of personal property
- Any type of damage to car while parked on grounds
- Damage to clothing from animals, cages, chemicals, etc.

Volunteers/Visitors are aware that injuries, loss of or damage to personal property, and death may occur as a result of Volunteer’s participation at the shelter. Volunteers/Visitors agree that RSDR and Indemnities shall not be held responsible or liable for any personal injury or other injury, including death; damage, loss, or expense to Volunteer or his/her property, whether or not such injury, death, damage, loss, or expense is caused by

Volunteer / Visitor Signature \_\_\_\_\_

negligence of RSDR, any Indemnities, or a third party. Volunteers/Visitors and their heirs, executors, and administrators agree to hold harmless each Indemnities against any and all manner of legal actions, such as suits, debts, claims, or liability of any kind incurred while the Volunteer participates at the shelter. Volunteers/Visitors fully, completely, and unconditionally waive and release each Indemnities from all rights, liabilities, duties, claims, charges, demands, actions, damages, costs, attorney fees, or expenses of any kind that Volunteers may have now or in the future against RSDR or any Indemnities relating to participation at the shelter.

Volunteers/Visitors represent and warrant that he/she is physically and mentally fit to safely work with animals and public at the shelter. Should an accident or other medical emergency occur while participating at the shelter or while Volunteer/Visitor is en route to or from RSDR Shelter-sponsored events and RSDR staff members are unable to timely reach Emergency Contacts for medical authorizations, then Volunteer hereby gives consent for RSDR staff members to authorize medical treatment. Volunteer/Visitor represents and warrants that Volunteer/Visitor has current medical insurance coverage and agrees to be responsible for any and all billings and debts incurred with respect to such medical treatment or services. Volunteers/Visitors represent and warrant that each of them has the authority to enter into this agreement. If any provision of this Agreement is found to be unenforceable in any way, it shall be enforced to the maximum extent possible and all other provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

Name of Volunteer / Visitor:

Residential Address:

Phone Numbers:

Emergency Contact / Number:

Medical Information:

Name of Insurer / Policy Number

Insurer's Phone Number:

Volunteer/Visitor Signature:

Date:

Accompanying Parent/Guardian Signature if volunteer is under 21 years old:

Name of Parent/Guardian:

Residential Address:

Phone Numbers:

Emergency Contact / Number:

Medical Information:

Name of Insurer / Policy Number

Insurer's Phone Number:

Parent / Guardian Signature:

Date: