

A photograph of two puppies being held by a person. The puppy on the left is black, white, and tan, looking towards the camera. The puppy on the right is brown and white, looking down. The person's hands are visible, gently holding the puppies. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

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NEW ARRIVALS

Elsa

Rescued 03 January 2016

A man had found Elsa wandering the streets all alone. It was snowing and the temperatures had dropped below freezing so he brought her to shelter and asked for RSDR's help.



Pink

Rescued 06 January 2016

The shelter lads were in Rudozem and spotted Pink laying in the road. She was very thin, scared and didn't have the strength to run away. They were not sure whether she had been hit by a car but the temperature outside was freezing. She recovered overnight as, in the morning, she was sat at the door waiting for her breakfast. She has transformed into an affectionate girl who loves a fuss.



Mama Cass

Rescued 13 January 2016

Whilst driving home from the shelter, Tony noticed Mama Cass at the roadside. The week before a man brought her to shelter and asked if they could take her, Liam advised him that if she was friendly she might be able to share a pen or live in the staffroom with the pups so he went over to the car to meet her. Unfortunately, she started to attack him so he told the man they were unable to take her and the man drove her away. After work, on their way home, the boys spotted her running about the town in a panic, they tried to catch her but no luck. The next day they set off in search of her with a cage and food but after hours of searching they could not find her. Liam was upset and beating himself up because he knew the little dog was all alone and scared. The man had obviously dumped her. Tony eventually managed to catch her and took her back to the shelter. She let them examine her and it became apparent that she had just given birth. It was starting to get dark but they had to find her babies so they set off with her and parked up at the same spot where Tony had caught her and let her go. Tysan and Luke kept track of her and followed her up into the forest to an old shed where they found five tiny pups. She wasn't happy about being moved again but they had to get her back to the safety of the shelter.



Mama Cass has now relaxed and enjoys her daily walks around the shelter. Unfortunately, three of her pups passed away quite quickly. Her two remaining pups were named Moppy and Doerak but sadly Doerak passed away on the 22 February 2016.

NEW ARRIVALS

Lady

Rescued 21 January 2016

Little Lady was found early one morning, huddled to the side of a wall alone. It was -20 and she was thin, full of fleas and she had scratched herself sore. She was very playful which suggested she was used to human contact. It was later found out that she was thrown out of her home because she was full of fleas.



Barojusa & Sushi

Rescued 21 January 2016

These two were found dumped at the side of a busy road. It was getting dark and the temperature was dropping but luckily the boys were passing and spotted them. They were taken to the shelter where they were treated for fleas & worms, given some warm milk and a nice warm bed to sleep in.



Daika, Brent, Bunty, Leski and Millie

Rescued 25 January 2016

A lady had been feeding these five pups for a month after a street dog had given birth to them near to her shop. Someone came to take them away, either to an isolator or the rubbish tip. The lady managed to stop them being taken and brought them to RSDR as she knew they would be safe and well looked after.



Dexter

Rescued 29 January 2016

Liam's girlfriend Monika found two pups all alone on the busy streets of Plovdiv. Monika managed to find a home for one of the pups and because she works all day needed a home for this little boy. Dexter is settling into shelter life very well and is a very sweet boy.



NEW ARRIVALS

Snowdrop

Rescued 02 February 2016

Tony and Diane were on their way to the shelter when Diane spotted a little white cat that didn't look good. They stopped the car and Diane ran to her. Snowdrop's nose and some of her face were missing. She was very scared and kept running off, but they eventually managed to catch her. She was rushed to the vet and stayed there for a week so she could be on a drip and receive antibiotics. She is now back at the house where she has to be fed through a syringe. The vet seemed to think that the damage is through injury and not cancer. Snowdrop's condition is still serious but despite her injuries she now responds to people and enjoys a fuss.

Because the photos of Snowdrop's injuries are graphic and may upset people, we have decided not to publish a photo of her in the newsletter. If however you do wish see her photos, you can visit her photo album on our website: <http://www.streetdogrescue.com/apps/photos/album?albumid=15959571>

Chance, Bootsie, Clara & Tia

Rescued 04 February 2016

A mother dog and her pups had been dumped at the landfill/rubbish tip. The mother dog was so scared she would run off and hide in the forest every time she was approached so the lads quickly made a makeshift shelter to protect the pups from the cold. It was RSDR's intention to visit them every day, try to catch the mum, and take them all back to the shelter. When they went to check on them one day they had gone missing but managed to find where they were being hidden. Just as they arrived a woman ran off with one of the pups, jumped in her van and drove off. They know who she is, so they intend to check on this pup but the remaining four were taken to the shelter. Unfortunately, it seems the mother dog was chased off as she has not been seen since.



Angus, Cyril, Mixu, Zara, Shilpa, Waffle, Norma, Vienna & Bell

Rescued 09 February 2016

A lady had been feeding these nine abandoned pups but there was a chance they could have been removed so she took them to the safety of the shelter.



NEW ARRIVALS

Bono, Bear, Malteser, Martha, Xena & Chaka Rescued 23 February 2016

Diane & Tony noticed a feral dog had given birth near their house. After a few weeks, the pups had become very noisy and they hadn't seen the mother about. As soon as they started wandering, Tony and Diane made the decision to take them back to the house. They were placed in an outside kennel where the gate could be left open in case their mum came looking for them.



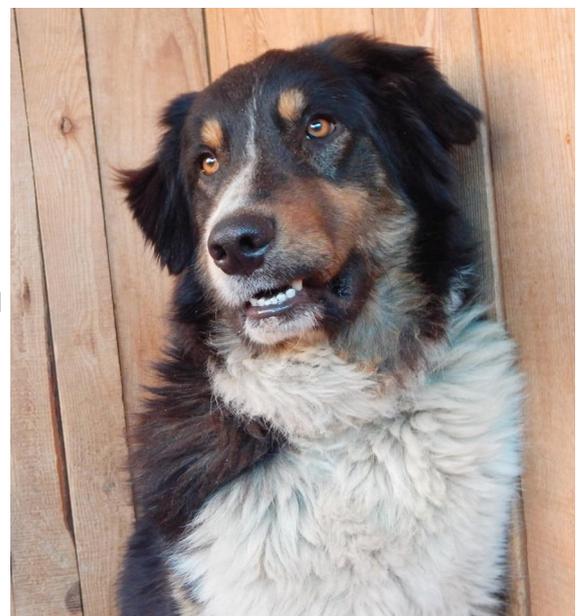
Richelieu, Brina & Ginger Rescued 23 February 2016

These three pups were found at the roadside. The old man that brought them to the shelter advised their mum and been hit and killed by a car.



Barry Rescued 27 February 2016

This large boy was found on the streets of Plodiv with a massive tumour on one of his back legs. He was taken to Provets, the vets we use in Plodiv, where it was agreed that his leg should be amputated. The people who found him had only raised a percentage of his vet bill which is over 700 levs. They needed someone to pay for the remaining and then take him from the vets as there is nowhere else for him to go but back on the streets. RSDR of course agreed to both. He is now at the shelter recovering.



NEWS FROM THE SHELTER

Neli & Twinkle's Vet Bills

Little Neli, who was rescued in December, had successful surgeries on her back broken legs. After more x-rays it became clear her front right shoulder was broken also. Thankfully, She is expected to make a full recovery. Neli is a very special little lady to be so loving after every thing she has been through in her short life.

Twinkle, who was rescued in November 2015 with a badly broken leg, has to have his leg removed. He recovered well from his surgery and shows no signs of slowing down!

We would really appreciate any donations towards Neli & Twinkle's vet bills. If you can help, please visit our fundraising page to make a one-off donation:

www.youcaring.com/rudozem-street-dog-rescue-508936



Tink

Tink had been dipping her back legs slightly when she walked so was taken to the vets. The vets described her condition as 'floating knees'. She had her first operation and is now back at the shelter where she is to have complete rest.



Raphy

At the end of November 2015, an old lady asked RSDR for help. She asked them to take her 5 year old Pekingese because she could not cope with him any more. He was taken to Tony & Diane's house, where he soon settled in. RSDR got him vaccinated, microchipped, castrated and put him up for adoption. A lady from Holland fell in love with Raphy through photos and videos and decided to adopt him. Raphy was supposed to be on the adoption bus in mid Feb but due to unforeseen problems with issuing the Bulgarian export certificates, it was cancelled and re-organised for the week later. During that week, a lady and her family turned up at the shelter asking about Raphy, they had photos on their phones of him. The lady had gone to help her two daughters who had just had babies and left Raphy with a friend. The friend then gave Raphy to us saying she could not cope with him and told the family he had run away. The lady had not stopped looking for him and, by chance, heard he was with us. Although the lady who was going to adopt Raphy is very sad, it is clear from the pics how happy everyone was when they were reunited.



SHELTER RENOVATION APPEAL



This year RSDR want to concentrate on getting as many adoptions as possible so they can make space to do the renovations for the three parts inside the shelter which include: gutting, plastering of walls, floors and building proper separate pens and drainage. Their other goals are for a new perimeter fence, gates and new exercise yard fencing that was damaged in the storm.

We have set up a fundraiser to first go towards the perimeter fence, gates and exercise yards and we have put the first target goal as €10,000.

This goal figure is not accurate as we have no quotations from the Builder at this stage. This could take months as we have to source a new builder, as the one we currently used has now moved town. But if we can start fundraising this year towards our target goals, whilst reducing the animals at the shelter by half, with adoptions, we can then start renovations.

RSDR has currently over 200 animals at the shelter, and to start renovations we need to get the figure of animals down to at least half.

To read more about RSDR Shelter Renovations please go to: www.streetdogrescue.com/shelterrenovations.htm

PLEASE DONATE HERE FOR OUR SHELTER RENOVATIONS: <https://www.youcaring.com/rudozem-street-dog-rescue-508811>

ADOPTION TRIP



Here are the 19 dogs and 14 cats who left us on Friday 19 February 2016 for their forever/foster homes.

Cats: PIXIE NL, BRINDY NL, STIMPY NL, CLEO NL, PARIS NL, TALISA NL, BANDIT NL, MARMITE NL, MOMO NL, CHARLIEE NL, HENRIETTA NL, EMRYSIA BE, CHARLIE NL, SMOKEY NL,

Dogs: PIP NL, MIA NL, PEPPER NL, SAMAS BE, HOBART NL, GIGI NL, BRONTIE NL, MOLLY NL, FRANCINE NL, BOSCO UK, VANYA BE, GAUDI NL, POLLY UK

Fosters: WILSON-Andrew NL, KULA UK, LOLLY NL, TEDI NL, ALFI NL, FLOYD NL

SOCIAL MEDIA



RSDR have recently re-launched their Pinterest & Instagram accounts. You can follow us here:

Pinterest: www.pinterest.com/streetdogrescue

Instagram: www.instagram.com/streetdogrescue

UK TEAM - FOSTER APPEAL

WANTED
EXPERIENCED UK FOSTER CARERS

The collage includes photos of a woman holding two dogs, a dog lying on a couch, a man sitting with a dog, a dog lying on a bed, a woman sitting on the grass with several dogs, and a close-up of a dog's face. A small RSDR logo is visible in the bottom right corner of the collage.

For more information, please visit:
<http://www.streetdogrescue.com/ukfostervolunteer.htm>

We are looking for some experienced foster carers to build up our UK Foster Network.

When you foster a dog, you'll be freeing up space at the shelter so that we can rescue more dogs in desperate need. It also helps improve their chance of finding a new home in the UK.

If you can help, please fill out our Adoption Application Form with your details (but mark on the application 'Foster Carer') To become a foster carer, you will be asked to undergo a phone interview & home check process.

www.streetdogrescue.com/adoption-process-to-uk

Thank you!

NEWS FROM RSDR NETHERLANDS

Annual Beach Walk

Come one, come all! On Sunday 20 March RSRD NL is organising the annual beach walk in Oostvoorne, the Netherlands. Join us on a walk along the beach with us and afterwards warm up inside with a cup of tea or coffee. We will have a photographer at our meeting place to take lovely photos of your dog(s), a presentation about RSDR by our volunteers and of course a raffle with fantastic prizes. Everyone is welcome: with dog, without dog, RSDR or non-RSDR dog. The day is all about having a lovely stroll at the beach along with many furry friends. Happen to be nearby? Want to join us last minute? Send an email to rsdr.nl.team@gmail.com. Now all we have to hope for is a sunny and dry day!



Sparky

Who can forget Sparky?! He came in skinny and covered in fleas like so many other dogs at the shelter, however Sparky had obviously suffered some very severe abuse. After a good flea treatment, a belly full of food and some very much needed TLC, Sparky could meet all the dogs and people in the shelter and boy did he enjoy the attention. Despite everything he was so loving, that it was decided that he could be made available for adoption. Not an easy task some might say. After finding an ideal foster family in the Netherlands, who was familiar with dogs with special needs, Sparky made the long trip to the Netherlands. It did not take long for Sparky to find his forever home, he was adopted within two weeks! Sparky, we wish you and your family many happy years together!



Donations

We would like to thank 'Hulp voor Dieren' for donating enough dog and cat food to fill up a whole van! About 250kg of food will be heading to the shelter coming month.



NEWS FROM RSDR NETHERLANDS

The search for Faolan (Hanneke Wijnhoven)

Friday 26 February, 17:31. I just left a home check with Banner in Tilburg in the South of the Netherlands when I was called. It was Patty who recently adopted Faolan. The first thing I thought was "She won't just call for any little thing, he is gone". And yes, Faolan was frightened by another dog during a walk and managed to slip out of his collar. In utter panic he ran off in the other direction, out of Patty's sight. In the case of a missing dog or cat, NL team member Jenny is our go to person. She directly warns all team members who warn different organisations that can help, they make flyers and spread the word via social media.

Tommy (Faolan's foster dad), Shelly, Olaf and I directly drove North to Arnhem to help Patty and Pascal in the search for Faolan. Initially there were no sights of him and it was already getting dark but we decided to walk around and call for him anyway. We decided it might be best to save our energy for the next day when it was light again. Olaf stayed a while longer but the rest of us decided to head home. When I arrived home, the first messages had come in of sightings of Faolan. 'Where is our Angel' (an organisation which, with the help of volunteers and sniffer dogs, helps find missing dogs) created a Whatsapp group for residents in the area where Faolan went missing was the central point where sightings of Faolan were sent to. With all the information coming in, Olaf and Patty decided to go to last location mentioned and around 1am, Olaf himself saw Faolan. But Faolan was clearly in utter panic and ran away from anyone who came near him. The search team had no choice but to stop.

Early the next morning, sightings of Faolan were still being sent to the special Whatsapp group: He had been spotted several times around the same rural area close to the city where he went missing. Patty, Tommy, Shelly, Olaf and several local volunteers meet up in this rural location to look for him. He was spotted several times but once again, he was in total panic and would steer away from any person coming near him. Only then did I realise that due to his intense panic, he might not even recognise the people he knew so well, especially Tommy. I quickly called Arlette who is able to connect with animals and has previously worked with Faolan to help him relax and ask her if she could help. She has managed to connect with him before and, believe it or not, she could try to connect with him from a distance. Right after our call at around 11am Arlette tried to contact Faolan but due to the panic rush she was not able to connect with him. After just a short while this changed: According to her the panic subsided and she could make it clear that Tommy, Olaf and the others were there to help him. His fear and panic while roaming around the rural farms and fields became motivated determination as you walked closer and closer to town. While connecting with Faolan, more and more sightings were coming in through the Whatsapp group as he started moving from the rural area, back towards the busy town. Our wary Faolan, who gets nervous oh so quickly, was all of a sudden walking towards town! Around 11:45 Arlette stopped with her support and it was up to Faolan now. With every sighting sent through the Whatsapp, the search party came closer and closer to Faolan's possible location and all of a sudden, out of the blue Faolan stepped out in front of Shelly's car. Tommy and Patty jumped out and called him. Without a second of doubt, Faolan ran straight towards Tommy! Quickly, the escape proof harness was put around Faolan and Olaf arrived with our dog Max, one of Faolan's best furry friends.



What a relief! There are so many stories of dogs going missing that do not end well. Faolan was lucky that Patty called directly after he ran off and all the wheels could be set in motion to find him quickly again. Facebook and the Whatsapp group were essential in finding Faolan. Communication seems to be the key to success here: online and possibly telepathically too. And not to forget, trust! For at least three months Tommy worked on building up trust with Faolan with a lot of patience. Without this trust, this story could have ended up differently.

We would like to thank all who were involved in finding Faolan and making sure he could go back to his new forever home!



NEWS FROM RSDR NETHERLANDS

In the Netherlands we have many wonderful foster families who, by opening up their homes, give a dog an even better chance of finding their forever homes. Currently there are still some wonderful dogs available for adoption in foster care. Please do note that these dogs can only be adopted by residents of the Netherlands. So...if you have to live in the land of cheese, tulips and windmills or know someone who does and is looking for their furever friend, don't forget to check out these beauties:



Dipley

Dipley likes to cuddle
But likes quiet time too.

Are you the one to give him both
And make him feel less blue.

www.rsdnederland.nl/d-1/dipley-in-nl



Lewis

Lewis is a playful one,
Outdoors as sweet as honey.
At home not fond of visitors,
Guarding is his hobby, buddy.

www.rsdnederland.nl/l-1/lewis-in-nl



Tilly

Indoors Tilly is a little silly
Outdoors it's all a little scary.
Are you the one to help her learn
that she should be less wary?

www.rsdnederland.nl/t/tilly-in-nl



Banner

Banner is the senior one,
although just seven years old.
A bit selective of who he likes,
But for the ones he loves, heart of gold!

www.rsdnederland.nl/b-1/banner-inn1

P.s Luckily, we are better volunteers than poets!

KHALEESI



Khaleesi's story regularly makes the rounds around the world. We did not expect the sudden surge at the beginning of this year when RSDR's Facebook page went from 80 000 to 130 000 likes within just a few days and the humble RSDR the Netherlands page went from under 2000 likes to more than 3000 likes! Khaleesi and RSDR were also featured in several newspapers in different countries including the Netherlands, the UK and Belgium!

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/british-couple-give-up-home-7403627>

<https://www.thedodo.com/khaleesi-rsdr-bulgaria-transformation-1567182842.html>

<http://www.metronieuws.nl/nieuws/koffiepauze/2016/01/ontroerend-hoe-een-doodzieke-hond-een-thuis-kreeg>

Hopefully all this attention will help RSDR with raising funds for repairs in the shelter and of course lead to even more happy adoptions!

Would you like to help in some way?

Adopt!

Cannot adopt?

Foster!

Cannot foster?

Donate!

Cannot donate?

Like and share the Facebook pages!

Everyone can help in some way, big or small. What will you do?

GIFTS FOR THE DOGS & CATS



A big thank you to everyone who sent us gifts in January & February.

If you would like to send us a care package of much needed items to help our animals. Have a look at our "Wish List" for the items we need. Please email: streetdogrescue@gmail.com for address direct to Bulgaria or collection point in the UK.

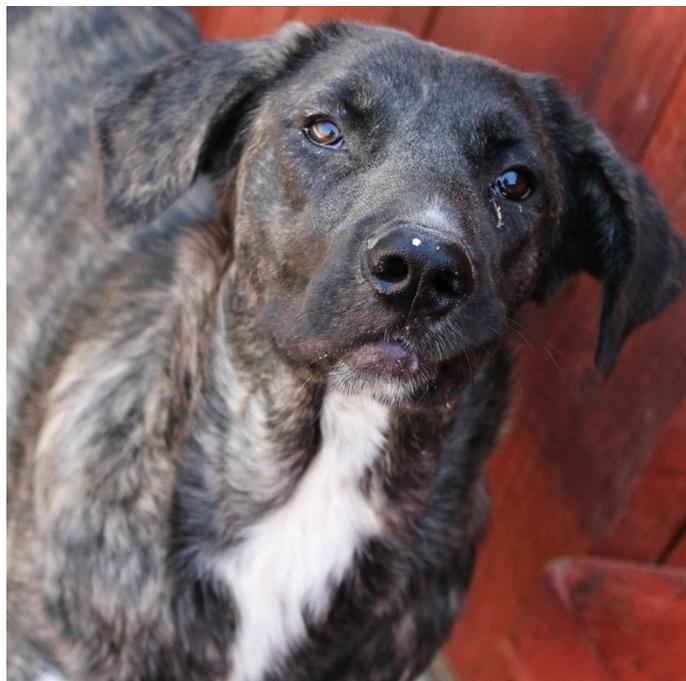
Some items needed, include: Advocate or Stronghold pipettes (for small and medium dogs); any tick / flea pipettes mainly for small and medium dogs; multi worming treatments, especially palatable wormers; antibiotics; toys and treats; blankets and towels.

RSDR also have a Wish List on [Amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk). If you have an Amazon account, login to Amazon UK, and press on the Wish List on our Donate page on our website. Any of the items purchased on the RSDR Wish List, by yourself, will be sent automatically to RSDR.

Follow this link to go to our Amazon - RSDR Wish List:
<http://www.streetdogrescue.com/donatehelp.htm>

FEBRUARY'S DOG OF THE MONTH

TIKA



On the 21st April 2012, a couple turned up at the shelter in the evening asking if we could take a dog. We explained that we were sorry but had no room and no spare pens. At 9pm a car was outside repeatedly blasting its horn. Tony went out to see who it was and it was the same people who just left the dog and drove off without saying a word. Tika had a collar on which was much too tight.

She is a lovely natured girl and very friendly with people and other dogs.

Tika is approximately three-years-old, spayed, vaccinated and microchipped.

If you think you could offer her the forever home she so deserves, please complete an adoption application on our website: www.streetdogrescue.com/adopt



MARCH'S DOG OF THE MONTH BAZ



Baz was found by Luke on the 12th July 2012. It was late evening and Baz was all alone. He was a friendly pup and so happy that someone was giving him attention that he stayed with Luke. Luke took him home that night and he is now at the shelter. He lives quite happily with dogs and pups both older and younger than himself. He has a lovely nature and enjoys a cuddle.

Baz is now approximately four-years-old, neutered, vaccinated and microchipped.

If you think you could offer him the forever home he so deserves, please complete an adoption application on our website: www.streetdogrescue.com/adopt

