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#### **Hello friends!**

A very warm welcome to the first edition of our quarterly newsletter, which will be keeping you up to date with news and upcoming events, happy ending tales and dogs needing homes.

#### Who are we and who is Anca?

Anca's rescue group was formed in 2014 and thanks to the ongoing financial help from our loyal and dedicated members, the group continues to grow from strength to strength.

Over 200 dogs so far have found loving homes throughout the UK. But we struggle with the threat of dog catchers waiting for their prey and the many dogs who are abandoned on a daily basis. It really is a constant strain on **Anca Florea**, who can be described as one of the most tireless, hardworking and selfless people we know. Anca is always worrying about whether she can afford to save new dogs. Every new innocent soul rescued means an automatic visit to the vet for tests, vaccinations etc to keep disease from spreading at her shelter, and that means a vet bill even if a dog has no other issues. Please read 'Anca in her own words' ... for an insight into Anca's daily struggle, all for the love of animals.







#### Find us on Facebook!

We have some exciting news items and some lovely progress reports – if you check out our Facebook page, you'll see the updates on our previous rescues, latest developments for those in the pipeline and pics of the latest lost souls to find their way to Anca.



If you are lucky enough to have one of Anca's Angels, please let us have any pics or news of your own. So many of us lost our hearts to each lucky one who made it out.





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#### Anca in her own words...

A selfless lady who has saved hundreds of dogs lives explains how her rescue started!

"I want to tell you our story. Where I live and work is very big with aforest. I know every place in the yard and I always go to look when someone tells me there is a dog or cat in the yard. There is always problems with the dogs and since 2003 I started to sterilize them. It was with a tranquilizer... many of them hide in the forest and they show up after 2 days.

Dogs are smart and sometimes when dog catchers come, they smell right away and they run in the forest. It was like a game to them, unfortunately sometimes a game between life and death! I hope that I could stop them having puppies and protect them... but so many to help.

In 2009 overnight the tragedy came. In one morning, the yard was full of dead dogs - poisoned! I called the police but nothing...

I was close to being fired from work and after few weeks it happened again, even more! Almost 200 dogs, some die in my hands because I didn't know what to do and some of them I saved after I learnt what to do when they eat poiss.

what to do and some of them I saved after I learnt what to do when they eat poison. I asked for help, but no-one did...

Then with all my courage, I decided to risk my job and asked the Director at my work to let me save them and I did it!! I made a small shelter with some help. Not good condition but I started to raise the dogs that were left and then new ones appeared every week, and some cats too.

I had to ask for more help as I was so overwhelmed and I started to find homes for them. People started to complain from work and my job was at risk again. After many searches, I found you and the group was formed. We

had many unhappy cases but many of them with a happy ending.



Everyday comes with a risk from the dogs barking and making noise that another complaint will be made. I saved many dogs and cats. Sometimes I cant believe it but I'm so proud. When I receive photos, I cry. None of this is possible without your help. We fight for the dogs to survive. Words aren't enough to thank you. I wish someday I will meet you and kiss your hand. Your support is our life!









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### The cats are moving in....!

Make room for us say our new arrivals to the resident dogs.... At Anca's there is always space for the kitties. Our group has successfully found homes for 6 cats in the past year. The cats are free to mix with the dogs, making them one big happy family. Lovely kitty cats are all looking for homes. Could you be a potential adopter? Do you know someone who can give them a deserving home?







# A few new faces all looking for a warm comfortable bed and a place to call their forever home: Puppies rescued from a train station...



Please welcome Luminita to our group (who is local to Anca) and they help each other out with their dogs when numbers get too high. Luminita needs our help now as she has 8 pups and 15 adult dogs in total! Luminita doesn't receive any financial assistance and bears all the costs herself. We all can appreciate just how expensive looking after dogs can be, especially when they are ill or injured.

4 pups were recently rescued from living in terrible conditions under a railway track. Tragically 2 were crushed from a train. Thanks to Luminita and her dedication to rescue, they are now living in the safety of her home. This little family have been given anti-distemper serums and vaccines. Costs are mounting up with the pups upkeep as they are growing up fast and eating more food. They will soon need to be neutered/spayed.

All donations can be sent to:- donatetorescue@gmail.com Ref: Luminita I'm sure Luminita will be grateful for any donations, big or small!

These 4 puppies are all available for adoption! For further information, please contact Alley Burgess.





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# An inspirational story of Tarz who was lucky enough to find his forever home at 13yrs old!

Tarz was only 9mths old when rescued by Anca, where he was looked after and always had a full belly. The evil dog catchers caught him and his friends on a few occasions and were taken to the public shelter but thanks to Anca, she always got him back!

Over the years, Tarz became clever and wise and made sure he was never caught again..... Tarz was very independent and as he grew up, all he wanted to do was sleep and eat... Then earlier this year it all changed for Tarz. If Tarz could speak, this is what we think he would say.... (written by Abby Walker Tarz adopter)

"I was so scared the day they took me away from Momma Anca. I thought this is it, they've got me this time... I went to a new strange place with other dogs and people who were really kind, but I was still very wary and sad.

Then a month later, the man said lets go Tarz and bring your passport with you, you're moving to the UK!

They put me in a crate and said you'll be OK boy. I slept for a very long time and was woken up to people talking in a funny accent. I didn't know what they saying... I saw a car and I just jumped in and there was a bed in the back. I looked out the window and thought now where am !??

Next thing, the door opens and they are still speaking but I don't know what they are saying. I went into a building and there were other dogs here. OMG - Sammy is that you...? Yup we are brothers again....and

Bonnie and Buddy are your new sister and brother! They put me on a lead and tried to coax me outside but I was having none of it. I sat down and refused to move as I didn't know what was out there. OK go on then,

I'll risk it for that nice smelly stuff....cheese ummm yummy.

They then put me into a room with a dark kennel and a comfy bed and bowl full of food. I decided to sleep and see what happens next. A few days I was bored of my kennel and wondered what the others were up to so decided to investigate.

5 weeks later... I love life! I soon got to used to long walks but really don't like this lead but my new human parents keep food in their pockets so I follow them! Now I like to trot along with the youngsters when we've taken the old girl home after her little walk. Well Bonnie is 15, I think she is mad as a box of frogs but quite entertaining. I love my walks now and all the smells and new adventures around every corner.

I look to my brothers to see how I should behave but I'm not as agile these days and trying to copy some of Sammy.. I mean Dylan's moves can be challenging. I just want to please everyone as I'm just so happy.











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### Fundraising news

For June we have a raffle running, including some lovely treats for yourself and your dog, for just £2 a ticket. Top prize there is a 5 day break in dog-friendly accommodation in gorgeous Derbyshire, and anyone buying 5 tickets gets a free entry into the bonus draw for a full Tarot reading – this witch only works for rescue dogs, so only in our auctions and raffles can you get her to tell your fortune. Our online auction has some equally lovely things on offer, from posh perfume to quirky socks and pretty much everything in between. Well worth nipping along to browse, and if you don't see anything you fancy, we are always open to donations anyway! If you have anything you'd like to add to the auction, please do – we'd be delighted.

Finally, the financial facts. We all struggle to find spare cash and sometimes it feels as if a few pounds makes no difference, but all of Anca's Angels are proof that small donations from ordinary people like us really do change the world. There are over a hundred happy dogs loving life in the UK because our group changed their world. So thank you from the bottom of their hearts for giving them a chance and please, please, from the bottom of our hearts, keep supporting Anca so we can change the world for more of them.

We have events, we have sponsorships, we have regular donation plans starting at just £1 per month – every penny you can spare really is made to count for something wonderful. **Our Paypal is:- donatetorescue@gmail.com** 

So far this year, we have raised £4,742.55 and spent £4,582.58 on rescuing, treating, preparing and transporting our lucky dogs. That's all come from donors like you, giving what you can spare. We don't have any major commercial help or millionaire members. So please, whilst you're enjoying the happy news, have a think about whether you might be able to find a small regular sum so we can rescue more dogs from what we all know happens otherwise. If you've any news of adopted rescues or fundraising events, or any ideas for newsletter content, let us know - we'd love to hear from you.

We don't have any cash in the bank either. Just as every dog matters to us, so does every supporter and every donation. Without you, it all stops.

#### We need a home!



Papi, 4 months old chi mix, male pup, very small sized



Maya, 4 months old mixed breed, female small sized



Amy, 4 months old mixed breed, female small sized





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### Save Ancas Dogs & Cats Newsletter

### **Upcoming Events and Info!**

#### WEBSITE IN THE MAKING!

Save Anca Florea's Dogs and Cats are launching our very own website soon! We hope this will draw a larger audience and enable our members to exchange information and fundraising events more easily amongst friends and groups. Please make a note of our new website address - www.saveancasdogscats.org



# Animal Helpline is hosting their annual dog show on Saturday 15th July from 11am-4pm

We hope you will join us and your dog(s) for a celebration of the rescue founder, Ros Norman (R.I.P.). Its a fun day for the family and it's an opportunity to meet some of our dogs and show your support to the most amazing rescue, run by an amazing dedicated team.



And finally!....

Big hugs to Tarz, Cori, Tessa, Becca, Gemma, Wendy,
Archie, Dixon, Toby, Chip and Gypsy who found
new families this year!