



Wonderland Shelter, Targoviste, Romania is a short distance, but a world away, from the state's public animal shelter in one of Romania's most popular tourist destinations. For years, the public shelter operated by an inhumane regime held only starvation, cruelty and brutality for the city's stray dogs. A small team of Romanians, British and Germans work to rescue hundreds of dogs from brutal deaths. By September 2015, every stray dog had been rescued from languishing in the public shelter.

A series of successes

Since 2013 a lot has been achieved:

- installed a new, modern veterinary facility
- rescued, spayed, and brought back to health over 2000 dogs
- adopted almost 1240 dogs into new loving adoptive homes in Germany and the UK
- lobbied the Romanian government (and now the EU Parliament) for standardised legally enforced animal welfare in public shelters
- rescued remaining strays from the horrific public animal shelter - but Romania's "catch and kill" programme is still in operation.



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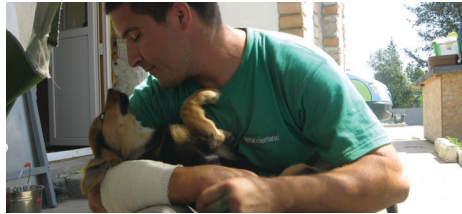
Hope realised

Wonderland began in the imagination of Cristina Paun, a young woman from Targoviste who understood that compassion not cruelty was the means to make a real difference. Dog catchers in the employ of a corrupt local council were paid for each dog they delivered to the public animal shelter where the animals literally suffered “hell on earth” with routine beatings and torment from the staff that were meant to care for them. Determined that she would create a safe haven for stray dogs in Targoviste, Cristina used her own money to care for as many dogs as she could. She even moved home to a heavily forested area to keep her foster dogs safe.



A little help from friends

December 2013 presented Cristina with her greatest challenge as the public animal shelter announced plans to kill all the dogs it kept at that time. 140 needed urgent rescue. Not all the dogs were rescued, but the intake meant the public animal shelter relented in its intention to kill all remaining strays. Then, in 2014, UK registered charity Bid to Save a Stray's supporters partnered with a team of caring individuals to build a new and better rescue facility for Targoviste stray dogs called Wonderland.



Determination & a brighter future

This is only the beginning for Wonderland. With the help of our largely volunteer team, Cristina (herself unpaid) continues to feed, care for and rescue Targoviste's strays. The next steps are:

- a responsible dog ownership education programme
- a veterinary team to handle the challenges and build on the successes of Wonderland
- finding loving adoptive homes for the strays currently in Wonderland's care
- finding committed sponsors to support the dogs until they find an adoptive home.

There are currently 703 dogs receiving and needing sustained care in the shelter which offers two housing blocks, kennels and outdoor runs.

Financial maintenance & care

Wonderland is supported by individual donations. The charity is in its fledgling stage, operating with the support of volunteers. More than ever, we need good friends. Our running costs average £4,000 per month while our average income is £2,500. However, we can't give up on the dogs which depend on us for care, food, safety – and most of all hope. Allowing the dogs to return to the brutality of Romania's public animal shelters is not an option for us.

WE NEED YOUR HELP. Please **SPONSOR, ADOPT** or **DONATE** today:

Sponsorship starts at £30 per month – just £1 per day, less than the cost of a cup of coffee. If this is not within your budget, part sponsorship is available. You'll know that your sponsored dog is receiving veterinary treatment including regular vaccinations to keep it healthy.

Adopting a dog from Targoviste and offering it a forever home in the UK is entirely possible. Contact us and we'll help you give a loving affectionate former stray a new future.

All we ask from our friends is whatever they feel they can give: £1 or £100 means you care about the welfare of Targoviste strays. If you can't support us financially, share our story with friends, family and colleagues. Let your social network know about Wonderland, about the plight of strays and Romania, about the need for real animal welfare in this new EU member state. We are always looking for volunteers.

Learn more & become our friend

Now that you know our story, please take a look at what we do and see our beautiful rescues at www.bidtosaveastray.com. Connect with us on FaceBook, Twitter or e-mail us using our online form. We would love to hear from you.

Thank you from all of us!

Roz, Cristina, Dawn, Nicola, Melanie & Jackie