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1.Tutu - in memoriam 05.12.1991 - 01.04.2006. I dedicate this newsletter and all our work for animals for years to Tutu, the most

important member of our family, who passed away at the age of 14 years and 4 months. Suffering cant be expressed in words, the pain will never pass away, but we just try to think of the wonderful moments she gave us during her lifetime. True love surely goes beyond death. I am sure that she is still with us, watching from above.

I would like to dedicate this poem bellow - forwarded by our friend Kiia -for Tuta's memory but also in the memory of your beloved pets who passed away.

*"May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
May the rain fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,
May God hold you in his hands!"*

2. NEUTERING CAMPAIGN - August 2006. Last year in November , during the visit of Ms. Kiia Vasko - Pro Animals Finland www.pafiry.net , she had the idea of organizing a neutering campaign this summer at the beginning of August. As Neutering is a policy of our association, we were delighted about this idea. "Pro Animals" Finland are doing their best, financially and morally, to support us in making this neutering campaign a success. Also, any support of any kind, either in donations of the medicines and different other items needed or in financial donation to allow us buy the rest of the things, is much then welcomed. Please see on our website the list of the items needed.

We are looking for volunteer vets, with experience in neutering and surgeries, but also animal lovers volunteers who are used with the work in a shelter.



3 .THERAPY DOG PROGRAMME

The faith of an animal depends on humans, on the people's education and attitude. Taking into account the fact that in Romania all this are very precarious and the big majority of animals have a sad destiny because of this, we intend to start an educational programme to give emphasis and to make people understand that animals make part of our lives, that we must learn to accept them as sentient beings and give them the respect they deserve.

Animals can have a positive effect on our health and behaviour, can have a lot of benefits if we are enough open-minded to let them close to us.

We are now at the beginning, try to gather as much information as possible about this kind of programmes abroad, about its success and about the benefit that animals can have for children (healthy or with different health problems, with families or living in orphanages)but also for old persons.

As far as we know, it is the first therapy dog programme from Romania.

The biggest problem will be to persuade the directors of orphanages, schools, asylums etc to allow us start this kind of programme, to make them understand the importance that animals have in our lives and to remove the preconceived ideas regarding animals.

So, we would be very grateful of any kind of support you can give us in this programme, from materials, informations, documents, books, to financial support for printing brochures and little books in Romanian, for apparatus, etc.

4 OUR ACTIVITY LATELY (*home, inside the shelter - abandons, adoptions, neuterings, surgeries -,outside the shelter -City Hall continues to kill dogs , building the new shelter III*)

- Home -the second shelter.



Besides our 35 permanent dogs and cats, five new puppies found on the streets, in the last months, are living home with us. Above, you can see just two of them, Vevita and Gibonica. They are like children, playing and playing all day long in the courtyard. Also, we regularly have home dogs whom we take from the shelter after neutering or surgeries, sick or injured, dogs that need 24h/day care and that we keep here for recovery.

- Inside the shelter :

Since our last newsletter , in December 2005, many new things happened. We are appologizing for not being able to send you more often newsletters informing you about our activity, but time is never enough. Besides the animals from home and the almost 400 dogs at the shelter, anyone who has even a slight idea about what involves this, can understand our reasons.

We passed through a terrible winter here, it had snowed a lot and the temperatures were extremely low. Everything was frozen, the ice covered the entire shelter, we had ice even in the kennels and cages. It was the coldest winter we had here from 1986. The work in the shelter was very hard, the water in the bowls was freezing in an instant, we had problems with the electricity supply in the room near where we were keeping puppies, sick and old dogs but also flooding because of the water pipe that broke because of the cold.

Fortunately Summer came finally, the weather is much warmer now and this is very good for the dogs.

New entries: You can see bellow just three of the new dogs from the shelter. Unfortunately, people continue to abandon dogs, especially pregnant females, puppies, old dogs or others when they see that they are sick. They dont assume any responsibility for the welfare of their animals,they rather dump them then go to a vet for a treatment.



There is **Carma**, a blind female that was found on the streets by an animal lover who brought her to us. She is very affectionate and very happy when she feels us around her, when we speak to her. Since she was brought, we have been making her a treatment and now she started to see a little. This is a very good news, and we hope that she will see more someday.

Next is **Bogdan**, who was abandoned near the shelter. He is like a child, always wanting to play. Unfortunately, he has a skin disease - probably this being the reason why he was abandoned - but we are sure that after a treatment and a good care he will recover (he started already to improve)

Last is **Lucky**, who was also abandoned at the shelter probably because of his health problems, her skin disease covered almost entirely his body, having only small parts with hair. But, in several days, during the treatment, his state started to improve, his hair started to grow and he gain a lot of weigh. We will keep you updated on their situation, on our website.

Recoveries: We strongly believe that every dog has the chance to live, "animal protection" meaning to give equal chances to every animal, no matter if he is sick or healthy. We must not neglect one just because he is weaker but do all is possible to fight for his life. Bellow you can see just two of the dogs who recovered from their illness after medical treatment, a good care and lots of love. See more on our website.

Lili - was abandoned at the shelter, very skinny and with a skin disease, having no hair on the back part of her body. After a good care, she completely recovered, her hair grew, she got weight and she plays all day long.



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Mura - we saved Mura from Rovinari city, Gorj county. While "FPCC" mobile clinic was neutering there, they collected her from the streets and wanted to euthanise her because of the Sticker tumour she had. As we had other females with the same problem, treated them and gave them for adoption, we decided to take her to the shelter in Tg-Jiu and start the treatment. During the treatment, we were keeping her in the room near the shelter and, despite her bad state, she adopted all the orphan puppies we had there. She didnt care about her, but about 'her' puppies. After a period of intense care, now, she is completely healthy, gain weight, we neutered her and brought her down in the shelter, hoping to find her an owner.



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Neuterings: We consider that the only human and efficient way, on long term, to reduce stray dogs overpopulation is neutering. So, as we have been doing from the beginning of our activity, this year too, we have been neutering dogs as well as cats, from the shelter - recently abandoned - or with owners who couldnt afford to pay for the surgery.



Adoptions: Also, you can see bellow some of our adoptions made lately. We do our best to find good and responsible families to our dogs, who - excepting the puppies- are neutered. When there is possible, we go and visit them to check the conditions they are kept in.



Thank you. Despite the fact that, we made numberless appeals for years, about the need we had for the shelter for a small van,- for transporting food, dogs that we were taking from the streets / dogs to the vets' office for surgeries , no one helped. But, this year, in Spring, thanks to the support of two wonderful ladies, Ms Kiia Vasko and Mrs Nicole Fowler, and M. Paraschiv(my boyfriend), achieving a van became a reality. Thank you so much for your support!

- **Building the Pro Animals Shelter III-**

Shortly, we are forced to build our own private shelter as soon as possible. We have the land for it but for more then a year we face the bureacracy typically for Romania. Unfortunately since our last newsletter, we are in the same phase of papers. In all this months, all we succeeded to do was to change the Urbanism Certificate, the P.u.d. plan - with the permits needed -the geotechic study, and meet some architects, building designers to talk about the new shelter. The price they ask for making the project is very high, almost 1000 Euros, but they were telling that this is the cheapest they can do and cant go lower. So, now , in order to go on with our plans we need to raise this amount in order to be able to pay for the building project needed for the Authorisation.

We dont want to build a 'prison camp" where dogs spend all their life in small kennels, having no access outside, we dont want luxurious conditions either , just a shelter where dogs can be safe and happy. A shelter with big courtyards with grass and trees where they can play and run all day long, being free. A transitory home for dogs that can be adopted and a home for the dogs that, because of different health problems - like, Marc, Manuta, Bonty, Aimee etc cant be.....

It is a long and expensive way to reach our dream, a shelter for animals who dont have no one and nothing, just us, but we believe that with work, faith

and hope someday it will become a reality!

- **Outside the shelter.**

Stray dogs' situation. Stray dogs are still being caught, tortured and killed by the municipality's employees, or abandoned in the woods where hunters chase and shot them and in order to demonstrate that they used the bullets they cut the nose, paws and ears of the dogs. It doesn't matter they are puppies or pregnant females, a similar action taking place just recently here. As we had been doing for years, we sent intimations to the Competent Authorities asking them to take measures against those horrible killings and we are now waiting for their answer.

Tg-Jiu "Neuter and Return" contract. After many meetings with the Vice-mayor of Tg-Jiu, after explaining the lack of efficiency of their Catch and Kill programme for years, and after presenting him as examples the 5 "Neuter and Return" contracts that we have closed in Gorj county - that we worked for so much - they seemed willing to accept to implement a "Neuter and Return" programme in Tg-Jiu city. We brought a contract to the City Hall and wait their answer. There is nothing sure for the moment, but if they agree it will be a big accomplishment for us but also a long and hard way to follow. We will keep you updated about this situation.

5. A WORD FOR YOU!

You can read much more information on our website www.proanimals.ro that we recently updated. We are sorry we have no possibility to update it more often, but we are doing all alone this updating as we cannot afford to throw money away for paying someone else to do it. There are much more important expenses to handle for the shelter. Also, I do apologize for not being able to send you more often newsletters, but here time is never enough, work is never ending, it is only me and my mother who are doing all the work - with only one employee at the shelter, because, in big part, of financial reasons.

I am not complaining and neither expect people to understand the problems and difficulties we have to face everyday ----- our regular jobs; taking care of all our animals at home; also of an entire shelter with its own problems (from cleaning, feeding, making medical treatments, making neuterings and surgeries); finding responsible and loving owners; saving dogs from the streets; trying to solve the inhabitants complaints regarding street dogs; helping people who don't have possibilities to feed, treat or neuter their animals; having meetings with the Authorities; going to trials that we have against the mayor of Matasari town - where in 2003 and 2004 stray dogs were chased with shovels and shot - but also against several dog hunters ; obtaining the papers, plans, projects and authorisations needed for building the new shelter; working on maintaining the "Neuter and Return" contracts that we have in 5 towns from Gorj county; organizing the Summer "Neutering Campaign"; organizing the "Therapy Dog" programme etc etc ----- but I am sure that those of you who have at least one-two animals at home and also other things to handle can easily figure out what all this means.

In this newsletter, I wanted to share with you some information about our work lately but also two of our new projects, that hopefully with your support too will be a real success.

What's amongs the harderst things, it's to fight for a cause in a community where people have no respect for animals, where all they care is about themselves, where they simply don't want to understand our work or to help in any way, on the contrary blame us and cause problems everytime they have the opportunity. But despite this, we go on day by day, thinking that nothing is easy to achieve in life and we hope that someday, through hard work and education, people will change their mentality and will accept animals as a part of our lives.

We passed through many hard moments, moments from which sometimes we couldn't see a way out, but all that made us hope again and go on was

the dogs' happiness, their own way of showing our love for us, their eyes full of gratitude and also the devotion of the few and precious animal lovers who stand besides us ,who understand the daily efforts and sacrificies that we make for the animals and assured us of their trust.Thank you from the bottom of our hearts !

*If you consider our work worthy enough, if you trust us and all we have been doing for improving animals' life for 6 years and a half, dont forget that it is also in your power to change things, that at least one animal can have a new chance to live because of you,
You can do so much, with so little!*

Good deed of the day: - forward our newsletter to every animal lover you know! It might be more helpful then you can imagine!

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