



DOGS WALK THIS WAY RESCUE

ABOUT YOU ROMANIAN DOG

The Rommie Dog

Rommies are a special breed in a league of their own and need special care and extra precautions. The lucky ones find homes and have a second chance at happiness. Unfortunately, it happens time and again, that the journey to happiness ends in disaster. A new rescue runs off and gets lost, or worse, injured or killed as a result.

Most Rommie rescues were independent street dogs. They learnt to scavenge and beg for food, and when they felt threatened or afraid, would run away (mostly from men). This behaviour is ingrained and hard for them to let go of.

Those who grew up in the private shelter don't know the dangers of the road and have never had to learn to fend for themselves.

A New Life

When your dog comes to you, it will have a long journey behind it, having spent days travelling in a crate. Most dogs will have never been in a vehicle before, except for those that were cruelly caught by dog catchers and transported to a kill shelter. They don't understand what is happening to them. They will be confused.

They don't know, when you get them home that they are safe. They don't know you and love and trust you yet. They do not understand your language.

Your dog may never have been in a home. They have either spent years on the streets or in a small enclosure in a shelter. Everything is new and a potential threat. Your television, vacuum cleaner and all those other noisy appliance. Even the broom may be terrifying. They may not be familiar with collar, harness and leash. They need to be introduced to all these things slowly.

Some rescues take to their new life without a hitch. They hop out of the car, move into your house and feel at home immediately – as if they have always lived there. Others will be fearful

A plea from every Rommie dog:

Please, do not harass us, give us **time** and **patience**, these are the magic words. A covered crate with an open door can work wonders as a 'sanctuary'.

We do not know that it is a journey to a better life that we have found our forever home, our own bed, food and a warm place. We only know that our world has been turned upside down. We must first find out that we can trust you, that we are safe with you.

We ask that you help us and take good care of us, take us out on a leash, secure us twice on the collar and the harness. We can back out of a collar and/or harness so please use both with a double lead and slip lead. Yes, even if you did not think it's possible we can make it – we're clever, the ones that survived.

Please strap us in the car, never open the door without making sure you that you really have us on a leash if you cannot always use a cage. Leave no doors or windows open in your home - we can escape to the streets in a second! Inspect your garden fence - we find every hole and we jump much higher than you believe.

Please don't take this the wrong way, we do not want to run away from our new home - but from excitement, fear or fright, it may just happen that we want to go on the run ...

PLEASE take good care of us !!!