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The Authors:

The authors of this book are four kids from Romania, who love animals and try to help getting love and understanding for animals – especially those who are homeless and live in the streets.

Antonia Szongott, 11 years old – She is very involved in saving animals and wants to become a vet like her father.

Andreea Andonie, 18 years old – Even if she is a champion swimmer with extraordinary school results, she takes time to look after her pets that are adopted from the streets.

Carmen Andonie, 14 years old – She loves her cats Bagheera and Mittens very much and can tell nice stories about them. She offered them a better life by giving them shelter and love.

Vlad Bucatariu, 12 years old – He is a wonderful student who loves his great, intelligent tomcat and who looks after him with great love. He also provides food for the stray cats in his neighborhood.





Prologue

by Ruxandra Dragolea

The Romanian students who have had the chance to take part in this project are wonderful people who share one very important feature: they love animals, try to save them and offer shelter and food for the poor souls who so desperately need help and protection in this world. This is how they were offered the opportunity to become part of the great project created by Mrs. Christine Goeb-Kümmel, when they put their experiences with their best friends (an amazing variety of pets that you shall find out about in this book) into words that eventually became essays.

I, their English teacher, read these moving, emotional compositions together with Christine Goeb-Kümmel, whose previous book they had all read and been inspired by before. In the pages of the present book, you will find out about the real experiences not only of children who try to do the best they can for animals, but also the situations that stray animals in Romania have to go through, how some of them manage to survive and how they are saved

by special people such as these young, promising authors and especially kind persons:
Carmen and Andreea Andonie, Vlad Bucatariu and
Antonia Szongott.





Stories by Antonia Szongott ...



Antonia's Story of Saved Puppies

by Antonia Szongott

In this summer of 2015 I found dogs and even duck eggs!

My friends found a she-dog and named her Blackie. She barely got used to seeing me because she was afraid of people, as other people had scared her and had been very bad and cruel to her. She tried to bite everyone who came near her because of these bad people.

After a few weeks, she started to trust me and to come over to me, because I would give her food and I would talk to her. Then, SURPRISE! She brought Junior Blitz, her puppy, to me! I was so happy to see them! This puppy, Junior Blitz, was white and black. But unfortunately, a very bad and crazy boy took him away and abandoned him away from me.

I looked for little Junior Blitz but I could not find him. I hope that he escaped from that horrible boy and I really hope to find him alive and well next summer, because I will be looking for him.

Then, that summer, there were more adventures with animals, some of them with a happy end, some

with a sad one, because people are so bad, in my grandparents' village and in other places too. So my friend Bianca and I went to find Blackie at a block of flats where she used to stay. Blackie had two more puppies there, Bella, completely black and beautiful, like her mother, and Bernie, who is white and brown around the eyes. He is so funny! He looks like he has glasses! Seeing that this place was not good for dogs and especially for puppies, we decided to help them and keep them united as a family.

Things were going well, we were giving them food, they were all together, but then a bad girl named Stefania kidnapped Bernie, and his poor mother Blackie cried and howled so much because she could not find him!

In the meantime, Stefania would treat Bernie in a very inappropriate and bad way: she put him in a baby carriage, forced him to sleep out in the cold and forgot to look after him for long periods of time, as if he were an object.

Then Stefania's father brought Bernie to our yard and left him there because he didn't want him anymore! Imagine that Stefania started to tell everyone that we had stolen Bernie from her! But Bernie

was in a very bad condition, he was vomiting, and it was a very good thing that my father was there right then and he treated Bernie with medicine, then he took him to Cluj and made him better, because my father is a vet in Cluj, and he knew what to do.

And now Bernie is happy, living in Germany, where he was adopted by a good family who felt sorry for him and adopted him even if he was small and sick.

