

The marvelous creature above is the newest permanent addition to the rescue ranch. Sculpted from tons of Belgian black marble, this stylized Dobie was designed and created by Ventura artist Matt Harvey and took nearly a year to complete. It was paid for with private funds, and it is now nestled between the kennels in a small park area of the ranch. As you probably know, we hold open house for adoptions and visitors each Sunday from 10:00 to 4:00, so if you haven't been out to see us lately, stop by to see our new addition. (You can also come by pre-arrangement on a weekday or Saturday.)

On February 26 I was honored to appear as a guest on live cable TV, Channel 56, to talk about Dobermans and rescue in general. I was invited by Gina Ventress-Arons of Pasadena Humane Society, who conducted the show in an interview format, and I shared the show with a representative from the House Rabbit Society. Choosing a Doberman to accompany me on the show was an interesting challenge, since I had to pick someone who would not devour the rabbit guest. I chose a sweet older female Dobie who paid very little attention to

"Dobie Doings"



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anything but me for the entire half hour, and the show turned out to be a very casual, enjoyable event.

We are sorry to inform you that, due to the huge expense of producing and distributing "Dobie Doings," and due to the demand for funds in other areas (see story on page 3 about "Jenette"), our production schedule has been reduced this year from four issues to three. Our efforts to raise funds through garage sales and other methods have been disappointing, and we are in the position of having to cut some corners to save funds. We are interested in any and all fundraising ideas.

Sincerely,
Ardis Braun
Director

Adoption Updates

"Toby," the beautiful young red male Dobie who was nearly killed by other dogs during his stay at the pound, and then rehabilitated at Dobie Rescue, was adopted by the Luis Neve family of Los Angeles. He has gained a lot of weight and is doing great!

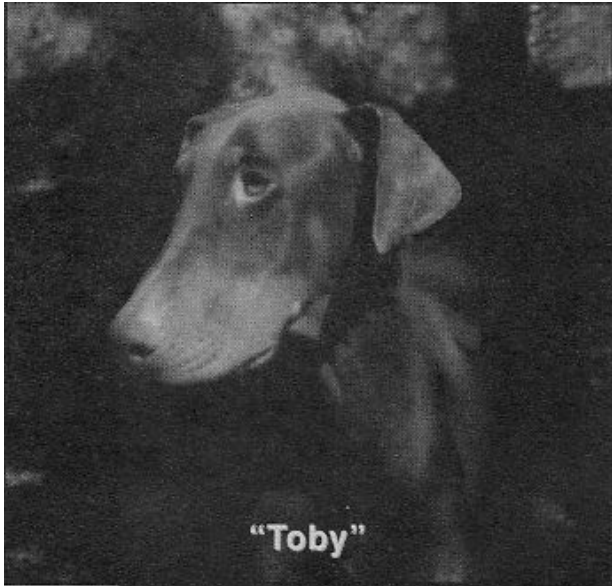
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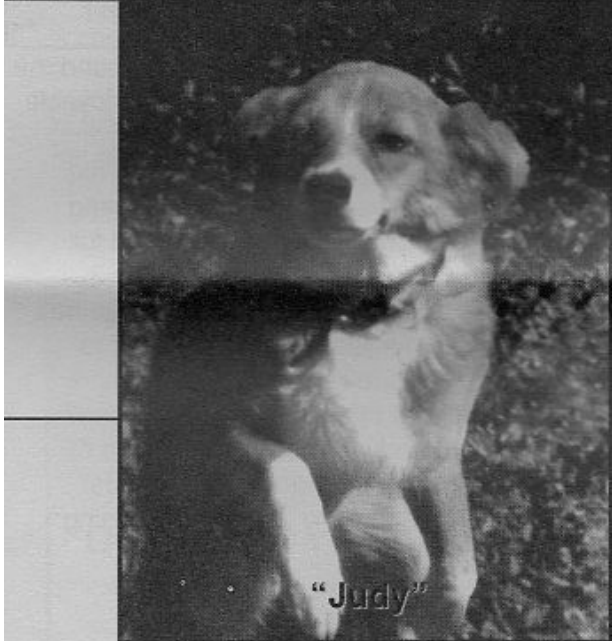
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"Toby"



"Judy"

"Judy", the Sheltie mix puppy who was so frightened of people, was just adopted just as we were going to press by Carol Fischer of Simi Valley with approval from her husband and daughter Tiffany.

Here are a few faces
Waiting for Homes

"Brady" is now nearly one and one-half years old and a very pretty dog. He gets along with other dogs, but needs a special home where he can be patiently trained. Because his first

owner kept him in a cage for his first year, he is not well socialized with people and not very trusting at first. But Brady is a loving dog with his own family, and he is a wonderful watchdog.



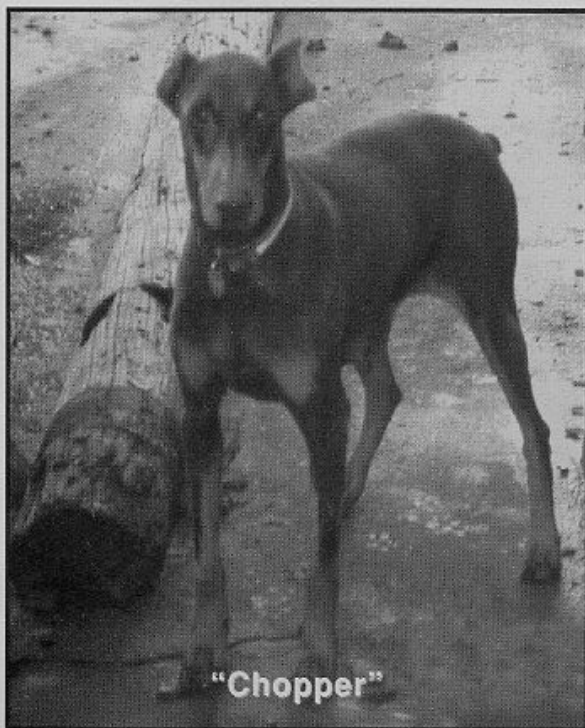
"Brady"

"Fluffy" is a geriatric Pomeranian who only weighs about eight pounds and can fit in anywhere. He gets along with other dogs and is really undemanding. We had his teeth cleaned (and removed most of them); he seems otherwise to be in good health - he just needs somewhere to live out his last few years.



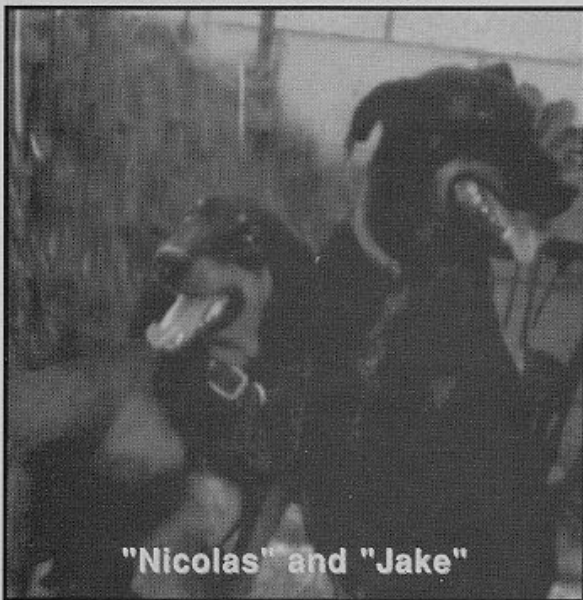
"Fluffy"

Here is "Chopper," a red female Dobie about seven years old with home-cropped ears that were undoubtedly done with scissors. She bears no grudges and is one of the sweetest dogs at Dobie Rescue. Weighing in at only 55 pounds, she fits in with all other dogs and has no bad habits that we are aware of. Do you know anyone who would make her day?



"Chopper"

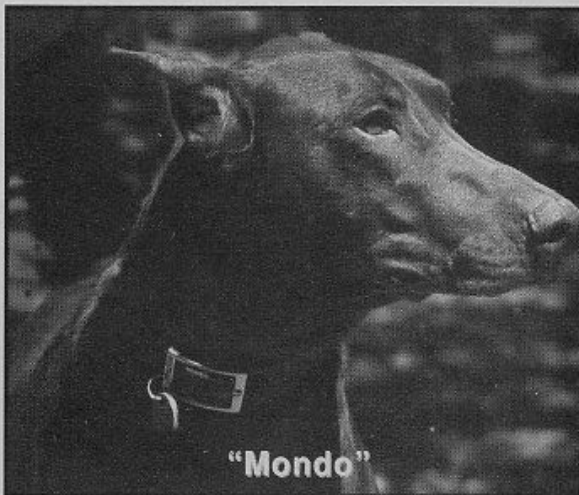
Update on the **"Urgent Plea"** dogs, **"Nicolas"** and **"Jake,"** mentioned in our last issue: the "boys" are now back at the rescue ranch waiting for a new home. "Nicolas.. .the sweet, love-me type, and Jake.. .the funny, happy-to-have-a-home type" are beautiful Dobie mixes who would dearly love to be placed together.



"Nicolas" and "Jake"

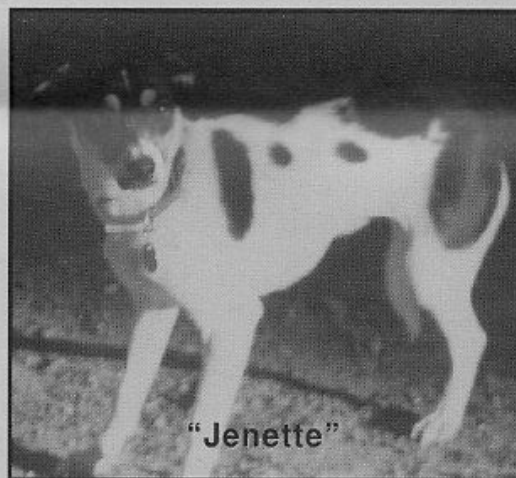
"Mondo" is a long-term resident of Dobie Rescue (about 2 1/2 years). The only thing we can fault him on is disliking other dogs, but he loves kids and attention, and is truly a happy

people-pleaser. Now about 7 years old, he is a handsome red Dobie who so wants his own family...



"Mondo"

MEDICAL MATTERS

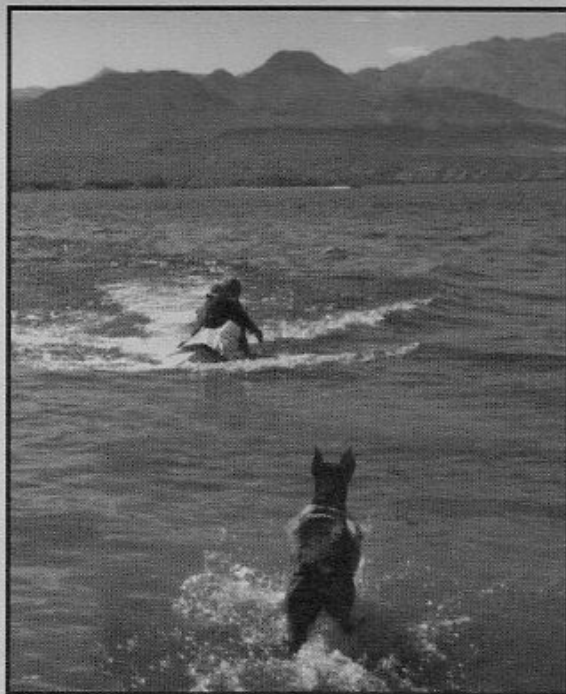
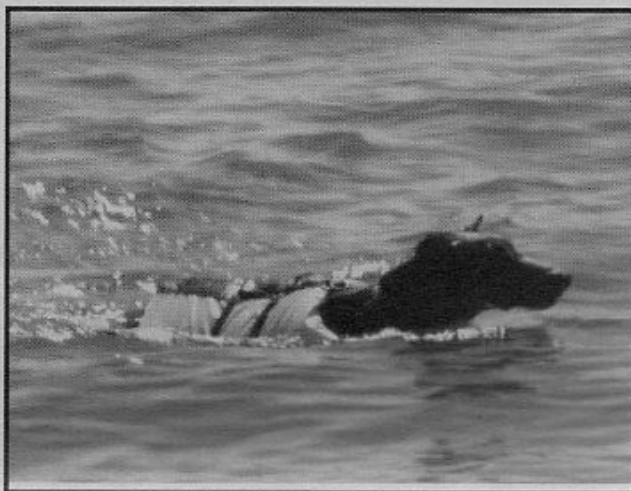


"Jenette"

HELP! This new face is **"Jenette,"** probably a Jack Russell Terrier mix, a year or two old. About a month ago, Jenette was taking a dangerous walk along the side of a highway when she decided to dart into traffic. We watched, horrified, as she was struck by a car, spun around several times, and landed limply on the opposite side of the road. Her prognosis looked bad: blood coming from her mouth and rectum, white gums, glazed eyes, unable to walk. Miraculously, she only had one broken bone and survived the ordeal well. She has now had the first step in repairing the fracture, and we urgently need funds to continue her treatment.

Dobermans have the reputation of being couch potatoes, and, given their druthers, you'll generally find them in the warmest, driest, most comfortable spot available. They generally HATE water! If required to have a bath, most of them will stand there stoically, playing the martyr until the bath is over, and you know that they feel this is one of the things they must put up with to humor or please you, their master.

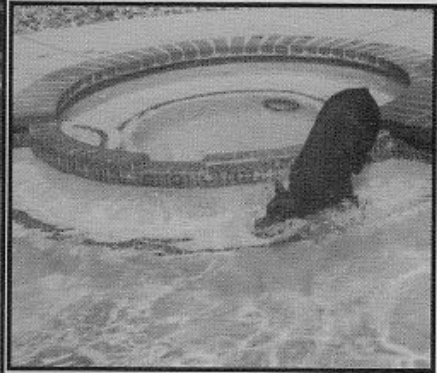
So, knowing this about the typical Dobie, we thought you might get a kick out of this centerfold collection of Dobies who really enjoy water!



Lou Malin of Long Beach says his dog, "**Rip**,...likes the water so much I had to get her a life vest..." and she "...has learned to turn on the lawn sprayer and has sprayed the unsuspecting backyard guest..."



Gary and Heidi Hart of Santa Paula, with "Clyde," "Charlie", and "Bonnie".

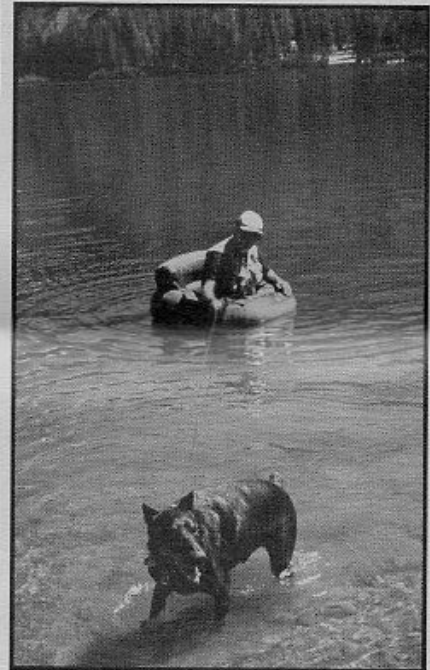


"Clyde" Hart, about to take the plunge

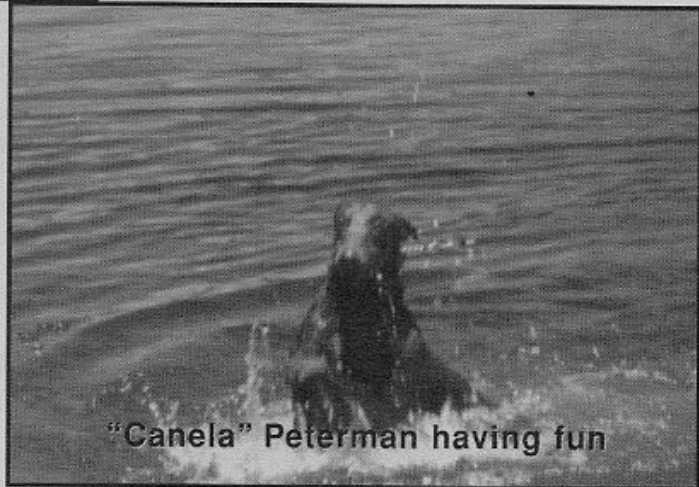


"Canela" and "Rex" Peterman of Los Angeles frolicking at Mammoth Lake

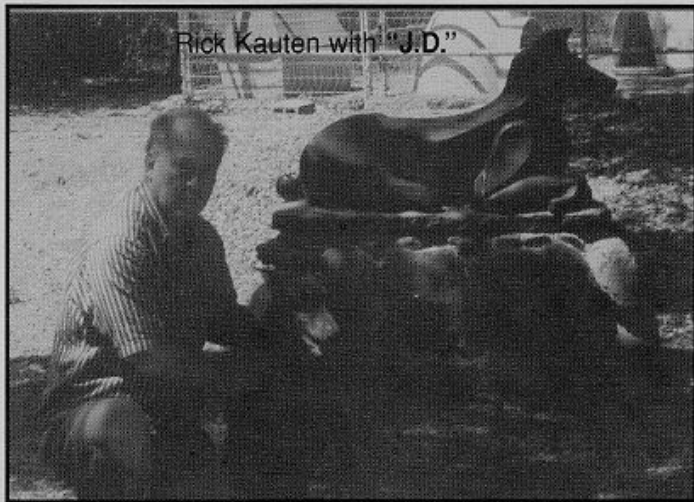
"Rex" Peterman fishing with Dad at Mammoth Lake



"Duke" Ahmed of San Diego



"Canela" Peterman having fun



Rick Kauten of Panorama City adopted a beautiful red male Doberman from us on March 27, 1994, whom he named "J. D." J. D. was somewhere into middle age when Rick adopted him, and he had the good fortune to enjoy this "gentleman Doberman" for a little over 2 years, until July 3, 1996. They were great companions, Rick and J. D., so when J. D. was diagnosed with cancer and cardiomyopathy, Rick decided to do everything humanly possible to prolong his friend's life, regardless of expense. Cardiomyopathy, the

enlarged heart disease so common in Dobermans, is not curable, or even treatable in any significant way, but Rick opted to try to buy J. D. a few months by attacking the cancer that had invaded his dog's body. Tests, specialists, and finally a trip to U. C. Davis' famed school of veterinary medicine were the measures Rick pursued to save J. D. Sadly, J. D. succumbed to his ailments very soon after all.

In memory of J. D., Rick made a sizeable donation to Doberman Pinscher Rescue, with the request that a plaque be created and displayed on the Doberman sculpture shown above and on the cover. Following is the inscription he wrote .

Friends, Fun and Farewells

Fate brought us together a few years ago:
Two stubborn Germans would test the patience of Job.

In the first minutes you took over the couch,
Jumped claim on my bed, chased the cat, wrecked the house.

After nine months you finally gave me your ball;
By the time it was over we both gave it our all.

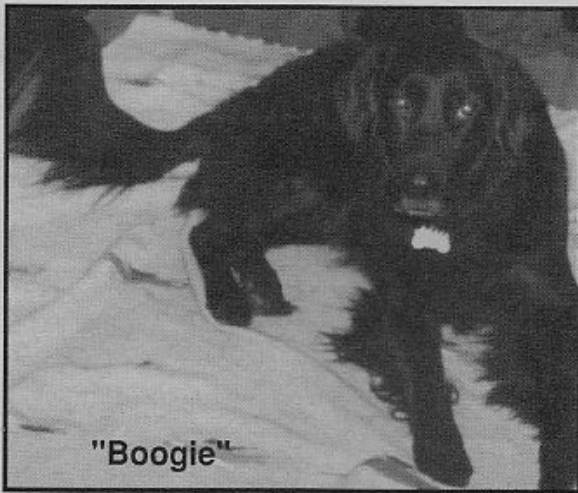
You flirted with death many times toward the end
But never a whimper or yelp from you, friend.

You had courage and heart, and an alpha dog mind;
A real champion companion, and a buddy of mine.

You were a dignified dog in both living and dying,
And in Doberman style you walked out trying.

Good boy, J. D. That's a good boy.

P. S. Please give us a call if you would like to follow Rick's example and create a memorial to a particular dog.



The adorable pooch pictured above is **"Boogie,"** who allied himself with Candace Lawrence and Tom Kelch of Long Beach by first ingratiating himself with these animal-lovers as a foster dog. His stay was to be temporary, while a permanent home was found. Problem was, when potentially permanent homes were found, he did such horrible things (e.g. jumping through a plate glass window) that he was inevitably returned to Candace and Tom for misbehaving. Boogie's now been there for years and no one even pretends this is a "foster home" any longer.

The reason Boogie is alive today in the first place is due to his striking similarity to **"Becky,"** one of the most wonderful dogs, Doberman or non-Doberman, ever to grace the planet. Becky,

through a series of events too complicated to describe here, became my (Ardis Braun's) personal companion in the late 1980's, and proved herself to be an individual of great heart and wonderful qualities.

Naturally, because Becky set such a fabulous example, every time I saw a dog in an animal shelter who resembled Becky, I always had to give pause and wonder if this could be another dog of Becky's character, which of course led to the rescue of a number of dogs of her type (probably Border Collie-Labrador or related breeds). Most of these rescues have been placed in wonderful new homes over the years, but we still have a few individuals from two to six years old in the rescue program waiting for homes. Call us if you have any interest in a dog of this breeding.



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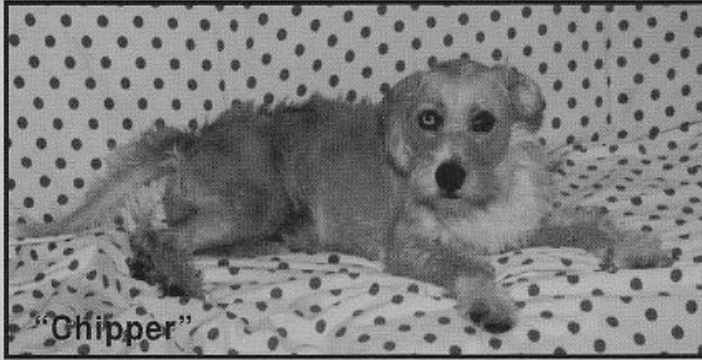
In June, 1996, Randi Revard of Oxnard adopted a mixed Terrier from Dobie Rescue. (She calls him her "Australian Wirehaired Beagle.")

Every month or two, we get

an update on "Chipper's" progress.

Her most recent letter of February 3 made a particularly poignant point we thought deserved to be quoted here:

"...I realized that I hadn't been as good of a companion to my dogs as they had been to me. Sadly, I had to learn this through a painful loss, but it's a lesson learned. I now know that I'm as good of a companion to my dogs as they are to me, and I now have a great deal more patience than I ever possessed in my entire life. It's not hard to be a good companion to your dog,



and it's as fulfilling as any number of accomplishments. I don't believe I've ever been a bad dog owner, or that I was never a good companion, but I've learned that I could be so much better at both, and we're all happier for it. I'm

not the first to say, or admit, that we humans can learn a lot from animals. A simple task of giving back as much as they've given, in the form of unconditional love.

From my experience, if there was only one thought-provoking thing I could say to anyone thinking about getting a dog, whether it be a puppy or an adult, their first dog or their tenth, I think it would be, 'are you prepared to be as good of a companion to that dog, as that dog will be to you?'"

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