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## "Dobie Doings"



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**A**nother summer is behind us. Adoptions were fairly slow during the summer, which is typical, but we believe our new web site is generating some good adoptions, even from out of state! Many more people are now aware that there is an alternative to buying a puppy from a breeder or pet store; they can actually adopt a great dog who meets their needs for a fraction of the cost and with an established reliable personality.

Would you like to help us advertise Dobie Rescue? We have a supply of license plate frames displaying our web site address, [www.dobierescue.org](http://www.dobierescue.org), and our telephone number. They are made of black plastic with white letters. If you would be interested in obtaining one or more, simply fill in the applicable section on the donation form and mail it to us with your check or credit card number. We're asking \$10 each including shipping to cover our costs.

Attention, Ventura County residents: a lovely lady and fellow Doberman owner, Gloria Koszowski, is trying to get the city of Oxnard to establish a dog park on 5th Street opposite the airport. If you would also like to see this happen, call Gloria at (805) 983-8802 and offer your support. You can also write to Oxnard mayor Manuel Lopez at 300 West Third Street, Oxnard, CA 93030, informing him of your support for this excellent idea.

Our centerfold this issue is of some of our long-term, senior, or special needs dogs who desperately need homes and are usually overlooked

because they're not as young and gorgeous as the ones admired by all. Please try to help us find a home for just one!

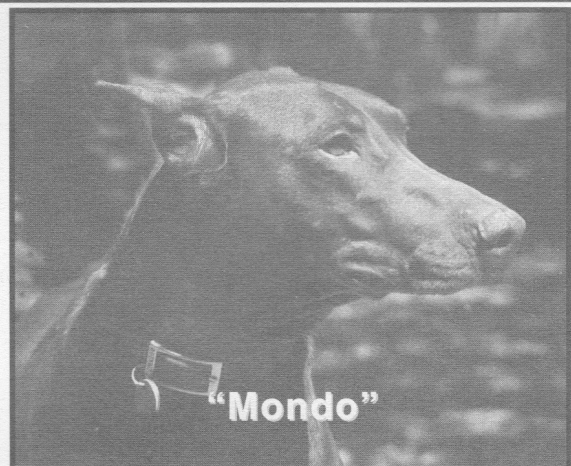
Sincerely,

*Ardis Munck*

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Director

PS - Dobie Rescue was in the media again! The L.A. Weekly newspaper ran a marvelous article on us September 2 (which is viewable on the Internet), and then KFI Radio called on September 6th and did a live telephone interview with us that evening. It always feels good to be able to get a little of our message out there.

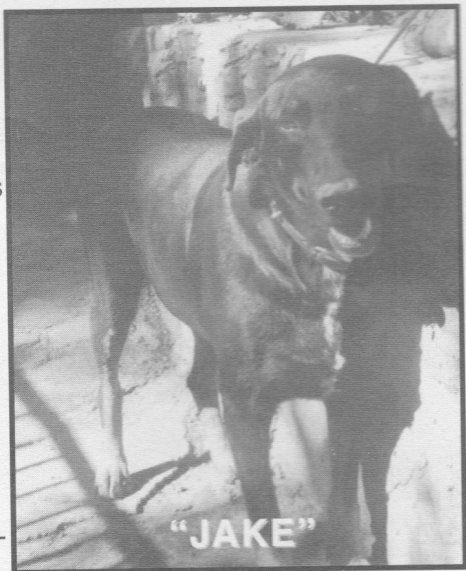
### FAREWELL TO MONDO



Our dear friend and ranch mascot, "Mondo", departed for the Great Doggie Heaven in the Sky on July 28. He had an old fracture which had begun to pain him, and he also began to have an ominous wheeze several months ago. He had a wonderful time as mascot, escorting dogs and people alike around the ranch property, snooping into everything, and only very occasionally objecting to one or another bossy male Doberman. We'll always remember a few funny occasions with Mondo, like the morning we could not find him anywhere. There were several places he would usually be, but he was not in any of them, and a search of the fenced part of the ranch property produced not a sign of Mondo. We worried that he had somehow followed a car out the gate undetected and that it had closed behind him, sealing him off in coyote territory with no way to get back in. Finally the kennel worker went to retrieve something from his car, realizing that he had forgotten to close the door the night before when unloading groceries, and there was Mondo: sprawled across the back seat, as comfortable as he could be! On another occasion he startled us as he got up out of our fire pit, where wood is sometimes burned for a barbeque, completely covered with ashes. He was a great dog with a big, kind heart, and we'll miss him badly.

We appointed "Jake," pictured below, as the new ranch mascot. He is not quite a Doberman, but he is every bit a gentleman. Jake was originally found living under a house years ago by a volunteer.

She fed him for several days and finally brought him to us when it was clear he was homeless. He was a joy from the beginning, social enough to live with any other dog and gentle with children. We placed him with a lady who already had a Dobie mix of ours who needed a companion.

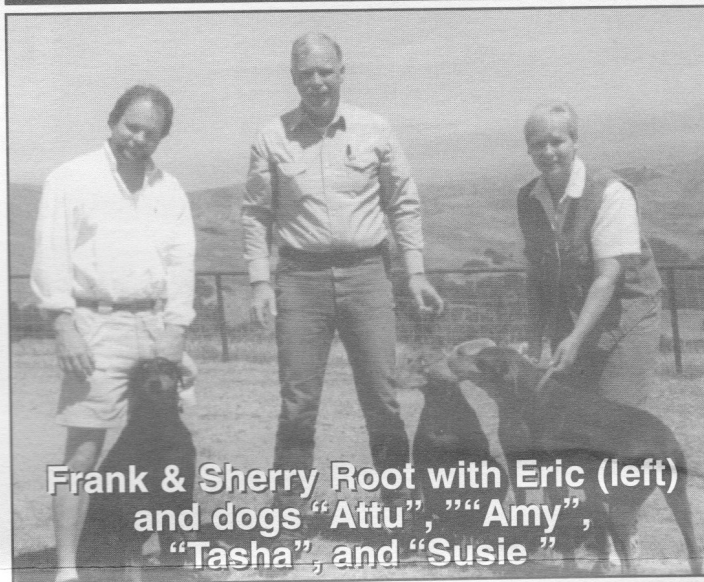


After several years, though, she had to move from the area and could not take her dogs. We put an article in *Dobie Doings* to place them together, but it wasn't meant to be. Nicholas was adopted; Jake remained with us.

Though he never intended to leave, one night Jake followed a car out the gate unnoticed in the

dark. He remained locked out for the night when the gate closed behind him. We knew he loved us and wanted to stay when he was still waiting patiently outside the gate the next morning as we retrieved the morning paper. Jake loves his new job, which he interprets to mean playing with all other dogs who wish to play with him, greeting and frequently "smiling" at us and visitors, and mostly just being here. But watchdog he is not!

## Thank You's



Many sincere thank you's to all of you for your continued financial support, and for your care packages and other badly needed things. Thank you to Sherry and Frank Root, pictured above at their ranch with my husband Eric Munck and their dogs, for donating ten kennel gates to solve our gate shortage problem. Betty Green of Los Angeles also donated one in good condition, so all of our critters are safe and secure again.

Thank you also to new volunteer Julie Carlsen, who walks through two large Los Angeles County animal shelters every week to identify Dobermans and other purebred dogs; she purchases the Dobies for us and fosters most of them until we can connect to obtain them.

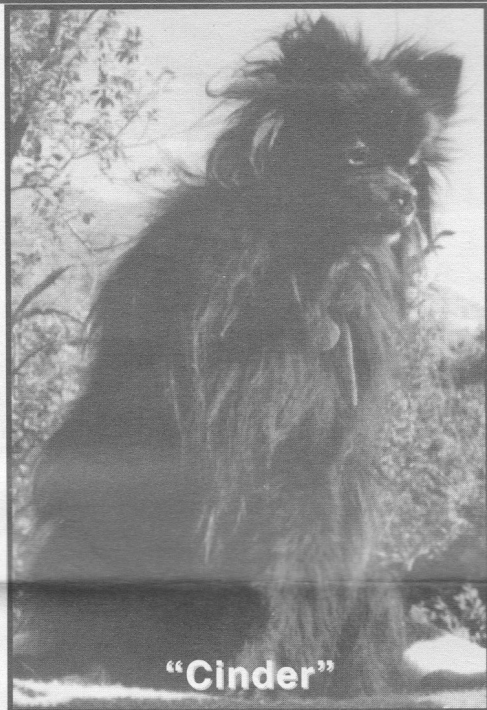
## WANTED: KENNEL WORKER

We are looking for a full-time kennel worker! It's a dirty, tough job, and it's 6 days a week, but it has a couple of nice benefits. Duties include poop-scooping about 45 kennel and play areas, filling feeders and water buckets, cleaning crates, handling dogs as needed, etc. The pay is negotiable depending on experience, but is probably in the ballpark of \$350+



weekly, plus free rent and utilities in a 2-room guest house on the property. Great for someone with a few dogs of their own who can't find anywhere to rent with animals. The other real advantage is that the hours and work are fairly unsupervised and flexible. All we need is someone who will get the job done, stay for more than a few months, and sleep soundly!

## Adoption Updates

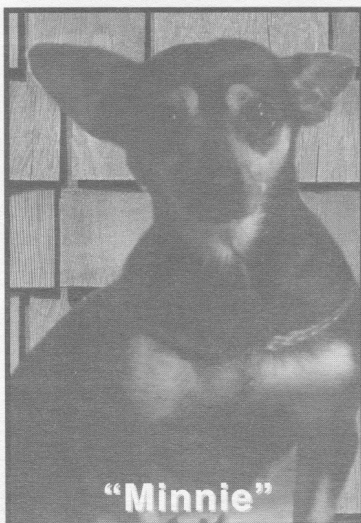


**"Cinder"**

**"Cinder,"** the little Pomeranian who requires eye drops daily, found a wonderful home with Christine and Stephen Schaffter of Northridge. Her new name is "Wulswin" ("Winnie" for short), and she is the apple of their eye. She even has her own web page!

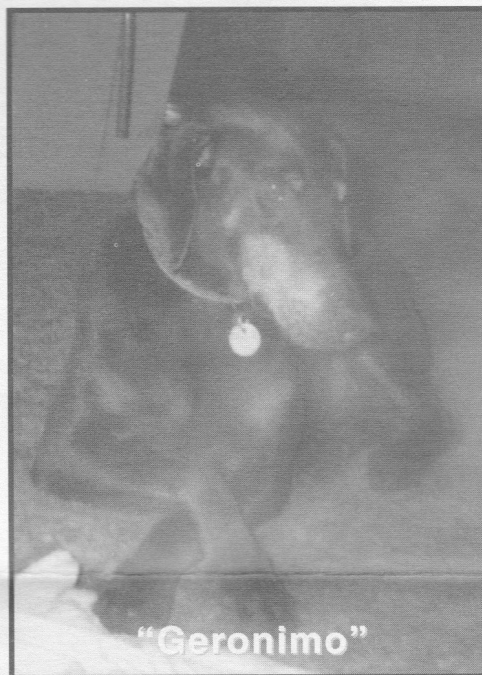
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**"Minnie,"** the small Dachshund mix with oversized ears, found a home with Sheri Duenes of Oxnard. Sheri and her family had recently lost their little companion, Yoda, whom they adopted from us just over three years ago. We are still waiting for a report back on Minnie...



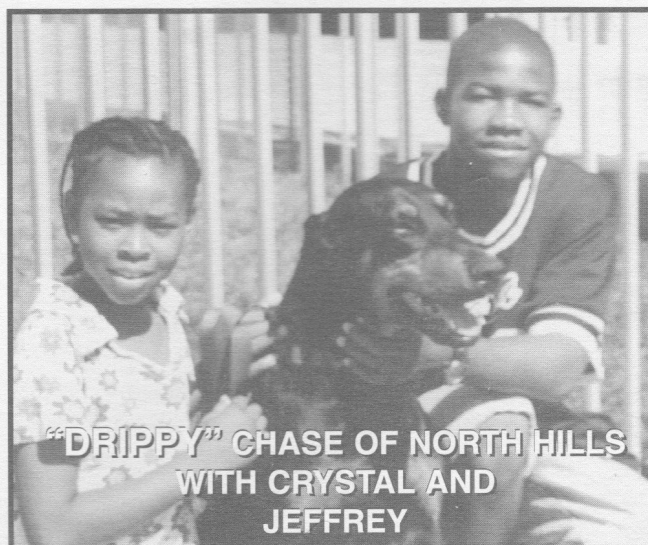
**"Minnie"**

**"Geronimo,"** whom we despaired of ever finding a home for because of his senior age, has one! Leslie Ewing of Lake Hughes, who had previously adopted our 7-year resident, Fletcher, agreed to take Geronimo. Our last report is that Geronimo is permanently attached to Leslie at the hip, making it nearly impossible for her to even use the rest room without his presence. He has fit in well with the other animals and now sleeps in bed. Yes!



**"Geronimo"**

We thought you might like to see a follow-up photo of **"Drippy,"** a.k.a. "Werner," the Doberman who spent nearly two years in our facility before being rediscovered by his original owner at one of our adoption events. They had given him away when they moved to a small condo, but he's back with them now at their condo for the past several months, and he is PERFECT!



**"DRIPPY" CHASE OF NORTH HILLS  
WITH CRYSTAL AND  
JEFFREY**





By order of appearance, from left to right right, front to back: Ernie, Reggie, Jackson, Bernadette, Elliott, Finnegan, Spot, Max On the log: Sylvia, Pepper Middle Row: Kimo, Alaska, Tiny, Leonard, Annie, Emerson, Erica, Stubby, Helga Back row: C



# for Homes



p, Nate, Babe, Dirk, Turk, Moby, Gypsy, Nona, Barney, and Athena

# Pooch Park Players

**By order of appearance, from left to right right, front to back:**

**"ERNIE":** 6- to 7-year male Lhasa Apso (mix?); social with all other dogs, loves attention. About 15 pounds.

**"REGGIE":** Approximately 4-year male Lhasa Apso; social with all other dogs. Has playful, bouncy personality, but is completely blind. About 13 pounds; his favorite thing in life is food.

**"JACKSON":** Middle-aged male Jack Russell Terrier mix. Bonds to adult female owner and dislikes strangers. Lives well with other dogs; cute, mellow personality. About 15 pounds; over 2 years in rescue program.

**"BERNADETTE":** Older female Lhasa Apso-Maltese type mix; good with other dogs and very sweet-tempered overall. Has cataracts in both eyes so vision is very limited. About 10 pounds.

**"ELLIOTT":** Approximately 5-year male Pomeranian mix. Social with other dogs; friendly, outgoing personality and happy attitude. Approximately 10 pounds.

**"FINNEGAN":** Approximately 4-year male Terrier/Beagle mix. Housebroken; bonds with adult owners but becomes very protective of territory. Likes other dogs but disinterested in children; cute personality and very clingy. About 15 pounds.

**"SPOT":** 3- to 4-year male Dachshund mix. Not friendly to strangers and not recommended for children. Quiet, mellow personality; 8 pounds.

**"MAX":** Approximately 2-year male Jack Russell Terrier mix. Adult home only; very protective of territory. Apparently had malnutrition in formative years, resulting in bowed front legs. About 10 pounds.

## **On the log.....**

**"SYLVIA":** Older female terrier mix. Good with other dogs; shy with people at first. Gentle enough to work with children. About 17 pounds.

**"PEPPER":** 3- to 4-year small female Lhasa Apso; requires eye drops daily to control "dry eye." Likes other dogs, loves to eat. Apparently housebroken. About 10 pounds.

## **Middle row.....**

**"KIMO":** 4- to 5-year large male American Eskimo. Can live with most other dogs but does not enjoy the company of dogs. Bonds completely with adult human owner and will fiercely protect his territory. In rescue program for 2 years.

**"ALASKA":** 2-year female Husky mix, social with

other dogs. Cute, outgoing personality. Not hyper, but loves to play.

**"TINY":** 3-4 year Dobie-Shelty-Basset Hound mix. Apparently housebroken; good with other dogs, good off leash. In rescue program two years. Overweight at 35-40 pounds.

**"LEONARD":** Older red male Dobie, social with other dogs and people; loves attention.

**"ANNIE":** Approximately 18-month female Wheaten Terrier mix. Housebroken, good with other dogs, but dislikes male strangers. About 25 pounds.

**"EMERSON":** 3- to 4-year grey Otterhound mix, sweet-tempered and social with all other dogs. Approximately 70 pounds.

**"ERICA":** 2-year small Rottweiler mix (about 50 pounds); works best as an only dog. Had distemper as a puppy so her front legs are somewhat bowed (not an impairment to her). In rescue program for two years.

**"STUBBY":** 6-month red male Dobie mix, rescued as an 8-week-old puppy. Social with all other dogs, loves to play. 35-40 pounds.

**"HELGA":** 3- to 4-year black female Dobie; dominant but can live with dominant male companion. Has torn cruciate ligament in rear leg, so she favors one leg.

## **Back Row.....**

**"CHIP":** 3-year red male Dobie, very sweet-tempered; good with dogs, a little shy with people at first but not aggressive.

**"NATE":** Middle-aged red male Dobie; good with all other dogs and people. Very kind personality, loves attention.

**"BABE":** Senior black female Dobie in very good condition; can live with other dogs but likes dominant role. Has been indoor/outdoor dog; was returned several years after her adoption due to a move.

**"DIRK":** 4- to 5-year black male Dobie, very playful and social with other dogs. Probably not housebroken; has home-cropped ears. In rescue program for 2 years.

**"TURK":** Senior red male Dobie, one of our longest-term residents with approximately 5 years in the rescue program. Very agile; a happy, obedient dog, but needs to be the only dog.

**"MOBY":** Older red male Dobie (mix?); has been in rescue program about 5 years. Sweet-tempered, kind dog; can live with female dog.

**"GYPSY":** 4-year red female Dobie. Ex-owner did not treat her leg fracture, so Gypsy has a fused knee joint in one rear leg.

**"NONA":** 4-year blue female Dobie who can live with a male and will play with a playful companion;



loves attention. In rescue program for 2 years.  
**"BARNEY"**: Older black male Dobie, social with all other dogs he's met. Not a beauty but is undemanding and has a kind heart.  
**"ATHENA"**: Middle-aged black female Dobie; quite dominant, so probably best placed as only dog.  
 Loves to eat!

## KEEPERS by Eric Munck

**W**arning: What you are about to read may make you sick to your stomach, and it will definitely provoke anger. To protect the guilty, no names will be mentioned, with the exception of one:

### BUZZ!

This is the sad story of Buzz, a young male red Dobie. Buzz was a happy dog, always zooming around at what looked like 100 mph, never standing still for one moment; some would even refer to Buzz as "ultra-hyper". A family adopted him and all was well, or so we thought. Out of the blue we got a call: Buzz was sick; he had been diagnosed with cardiomyopathy, and he was dying. They wanted to return Buzz to us "because we don't want our kids to watch him die."

I happened to be the one who received

Buzz, and I'll never forget the sight of this incredibly emaciated creature. Buzz looked like a bone with a scrap of hairless, dried skin barely attached to it. Horrifying images of Nazi concentration camp prisoners come to mind when I remember how he looked....

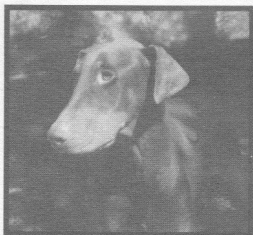
The owner explained that a specified veterinarian had diagnosed cardiomyopathy, and no amount of medication had made any difference...so here's the dog, see ya later! (What he was really saying was that he did not want to spend another cent on the dog, even if it meant putting him to sleep!)

I looked at poor Buzz, who, for all intents and purposes was a candidate for immediate euthanasia, and decided to put a leash on him and take him for a walk. I couldn't help but wonder, then; somehow the story didn't quite jell. There was an inexplicable inconsistency that I couldn't quite identify, and as we went along our little country lane amongst orange and avocado groves, it dawned upon me: the whole scenario was totally off base, because Buzz didn't behave like he was ready to meet his maker.

He was still hyper! He pulled on the leash like a racehorse; his personality hadn't changed one bit! Buzz had no idea he was supposedly near death, he just wanted to get to wherever we were going, and preferably yesterday, thank you very much!

Ardis suggested taking him off his medication and making sure he had lots of food, water and TLC. And wouldn't you know, it worked!

Buzz has gained weight, has grown a beautiful shiny coat, and he's happy! He has a



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female dog companion in his large run, he gets lots of attention, he's finally learned to sit when told (!) and has mellowed a little bit...

So what was the real problem? In my opinion, lack of TLC and food! Whoever was in charge at his adopted home obviously did not feed Buzz enough (Buzz admittedly does like to eat more than most dogs) and did not pay attention, either. Possibly, a competent vet could misdiagnose an emaciated dog as having a medical problem, and when questioned, the owner certainly would not admit to having deprived the dog of food, either deliberately or through sheer stupidity!

However, our vet, who's very sharp, pronounced Buzz in excellent health, so we're happy to announce that Buzz has risen from the dead. (If Buzz wasn't such a perfect name for him, we'd probably call him Lazarus!)

A few months after returning Buzz to us, the owner called to inquire how he was doing. Surprised by the sudden concern, Ardis said "Great. We put him on a self-feeder and he gained 20 pounds in one month." The owner

expressed amazement, almost guilt, at the implication that Buzz' emaciation was due to their neglect; and then confided that their two new puppies were doing well.

**Moral:** pay attention to your instincts! More often than not, you'll find strength and guidance. Also, pay attention to your dog! In this case, Buzz was saying loud and clear that he was not on death's doorstep, even though this totally contradicted the statements of the owner and the diagnosis of the vet.

PS.- Buzz is ready for a new home now...one with lots of TLC and food!

PPS. - Dobie Rescue is always struggling to stay afloat. I enjoy restoring old cars and motorcycles, so if you have an old car or motorcycle to donate, I will fix it up, and the proceeds will go toward feeding Buzz and his pals.



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