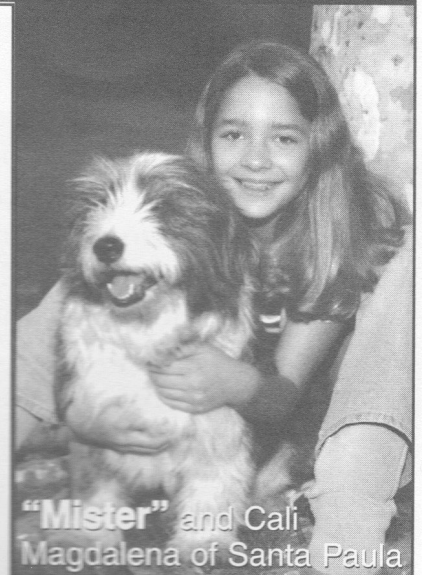


"Auggie" and "Yodi" Scouten of Carolina

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"Mister" and Cali Magdalena of Santa Paula

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Things have never been better here at Dobies & Little Paws! We have most of our replacement kennels installed (they really look good!), we have a wonderful contingent of dogs for adoption, and four great part-time employees taking care of them.

We took in 33 Pomeranians in December from the same breeder that we rescued 17 from the year before. Most of them were debarked and timid, but sweet-natured overall, and we were able to find homes for all but four of them as of this writing. Fortunately, the breeder seems to be finished breeding them now. We hope so, as some of them appeared to be inbred and had what we hope will turn out to be just minor health problems.

**WE'RE HAVING A GARAGE SALE!** It will be held on Saturday, March 31, (rain date Sunday, April 1) in Calabasas, at the home of Gayle and Skip Mobley, dedicated volunteers of ours for many years. If you have anything that you would like to donate and can deliver to them, we would be grateful! Please take your donations to them by Friday, March 30, so we can display and price them before the earlybirds show up Saturday morning. Their address is 5266 Edgeware Drive, Calabasas, CA 91301 (mailing address Agoura Hills), and their phone number is (818) 865-0138. Because of distances involved, we will be unable to pick up many items personally, with the exception of smaller items in or near Fillmore. Examples of desirable items for the sale would be small

appliances and furniture, art, pottery, tools, books, rugs, good clothing, jewelry, etc.

Many, many thanks to all of you who donated dog beds, feeders, blankets, vehicles, funds, and all the other great things you could spare to make the dogs more comfortable during this past cold winter. The dogs really loved their blankets and sweaters during the cold nights we had in January. Unfortunately, we lost nearly all of our avocado crop, but farming is never a guaranteed way to make a living.

Thanks also to those of you who sent your best wishes for husband Eric's speedy recovery from his broken back. He has continued to rehabilitate well, and it does not appear that he will require surgery.

Always remember we never tire of hearing about your furry friends and we treasure each and every one of your pictures. We print as many of them as we can!

Sincerely,

*Ardis Munck*

## Adoption Updates

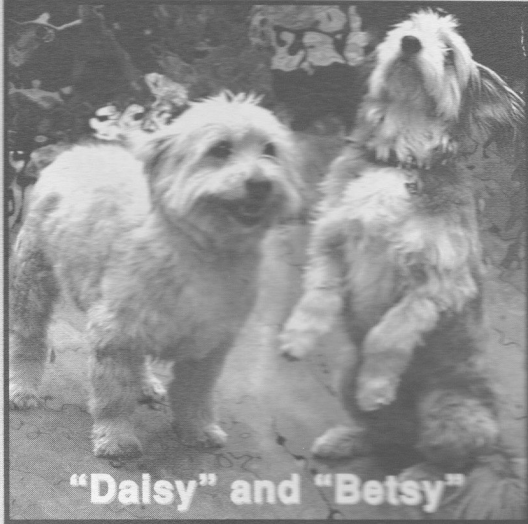
Two of the dogs featured in our last issue have been adopted, Gerbil and Leilu. Another dog, Daisy, was featured in a previous issue, but we're also including her

adoption update here, as Daisy had so many well-wishers that wanted to keep tabs on her status.

## DAISY,

one of the sweetest dogs to ever grace our planet, was adopted by Carol Bretonne of Malibu. She understood that Daisy had been housed in a vet facility for weeks to try to resolve her incontinence problem, without success.

Carol said that she would continue to work on a solution to that problem, but that her other dog,



"Daisy" and "Betsy"

Betsy, a 9-year-old almost look-alike to Daisy, had to take Prednisone on occasion, which would cause her temporary incontinence as well. She said she has hardwood floors and would accommodate Daisy in the best manner possible.

Daisy received more vet tests and medications, and the most recent report on her is that a hormonal medication is improving Daisy's incontinence tremendously. Carol is very happy with Daisy, as is her new "older sister."

This is from Carol's recent e-mail:

"Every morning Betsy, Daisy and myself take a mile walk along the beach at Point Dume called Westward Beach Road. She is so good on the leash...in the last week and a half, she no longer leaks at night. She has not leaked in the daytime for quite awhile. She is a terrific sweet sweet dog....My cat finally realized that Daisy could care less about her, so everyone gets along. I just love Daisy. Thank you."

## GERBIL,

our cute little tailless Chihuahua mix, was adopted by Carol and Gene Gettys of Glendale.

His new name is Skipper. The Gettys have another small dog



"Skipper" and "Trixie"

from us, Trixie, who now has a companion. They say he's fitting in nicely. Both dogs have comforters around the house, love their walks, and everyone is very happy together.

## LEILU

is also happy in her new home with Michelle Burke and her family in Ventura.

Michelle says Leilu likes music and will actually dance! She's also a "smiler,"

and she gets along and plays well with the other resident dog.

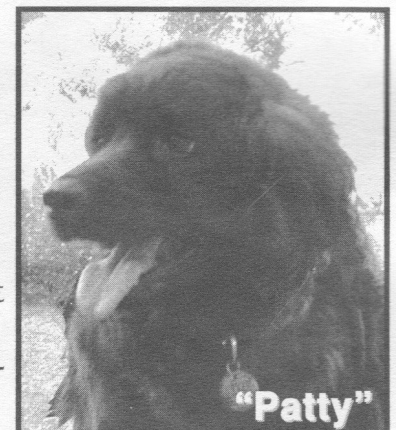


"Leilu"

## WAITING FOR HOMES

## PATTY

is a very devoted dog, probably Border Collie and Chow Chow, who just turned 8 years old. Her owner was an elderly lady whose health dictated that she had to enter a nursing home facility where dogs are



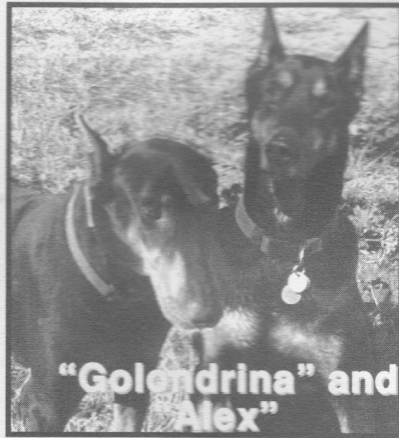
"Patty"



not allowed. When she delivered Patty to us, she was accompanied by two friends, and all of them raved about what a good dog she is. After we put her in our kennels several months ago, she stood in one spot for two weeks, watching in the direction where she had last seen her owner. It was heartbreaking to see! Patty weighs about 25 pounds, is housebroken, and is very tolerant of other dogs. Though we don't usually consider Chow Chows our favorite breed, most of the Chow mixes we have taken in over the years have been wonderful.

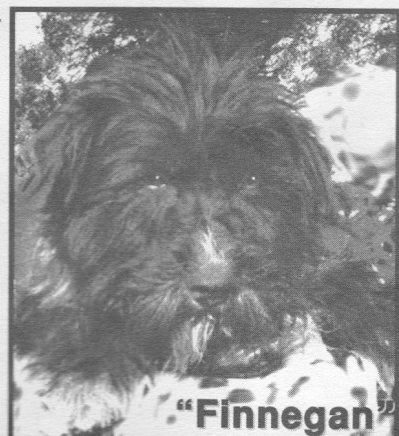
## ALEX AND GOLONDRINA

This lovely couple was turned in to an animal shelter by the owners because they were moving. The female's age was given as 7 years, the male's as 4 years. We had crossed paths with the owners before, and they indicated the dogs were housebroken and very well behaved. Though they enjoy each other and rarely argue about anything, it is very difficult for us to place two dogs together; so we would adopt them separately to good homes, especially if these homes have another sweet opposite sex dog for the adoptee to bond with.



## FINNEGAN

has been in our program for many months without a single good reason. He's a small shaggy guy, about 5 years old, 12-13 pounds, who likes every dog he's ever met. He's a little shy initially,



but never tries to bite. We think Finnegan lived with a more confident dog at one time, as he seems to enjoy having another dog to follow, especially another male dog. He would enjoy a low-stress, gentle home environment.

## CHINO

is a sweet older boy who is probably Beagle and Chihuahua. We placed him years ago with someone who got careless from time to time, but when Chino strayed, she always went and picked him up - until the last time. She signed him over to the animal shelter where he was impounded, probably not wishing to pay the fees. We went and rescued him again, and he's a gem. He gets along with all other dogs and cats, he's quiet, non-demanding, and gentle. He weighs about 12 pounds.



## ABUSED DOGS: Part 2

In our last issue we talked about abused and unsocialized dogs, and the fact that so many of them can turn out to be the best dogs ever. Author Drusilla Campbell shared how she and her husband, Art, brought their terrified Doberman, Diva, out of her shell more and more every day, to the point that she enjoys being a dog and shows affection toward them. (They recently adopted a very outgoing male Yellow Lab from us, by the way, who is helping Diva even more with her confidence.)

We had very positive feedback about the article, and other adopters shared their similar happy experiences with us, a few of which we'd like to share with you.

"Sunny" Anderson is a beautiful purebred Shetland Sheepdog (Sheltie) who has graced these pages before. She had been owned by a breeder who passed away, and she had never been a pet before Chris and Rick Anderson of Milpitas adopted her in

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✓ **"Pancho"** Fee of Los Angeles



✓ **"Atlas"** Sova of San Carlos with **"Tigerrr"**



✓ **"Teddy"** Lydon of Goleta



✓ **"Cha Cha"** and **"Eddie"** Betancourt of Ventura



**"Osa"** Enlow of



✓ **"Chewie"** and **"Padmae"** Brunkhurst of Ventura

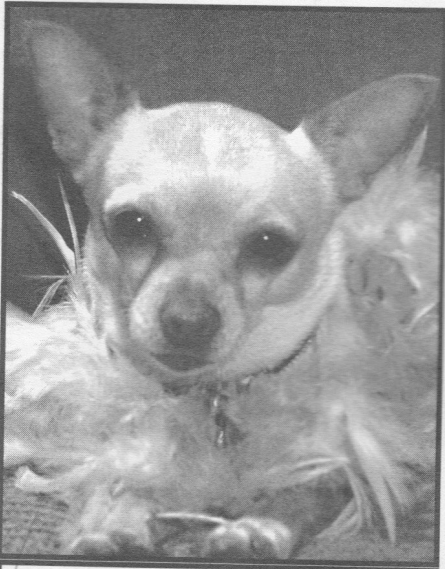


**"Buster"** Malone of Lompoc with Terry ✓



**"Gypsy"** van Oost of Santa Barbara

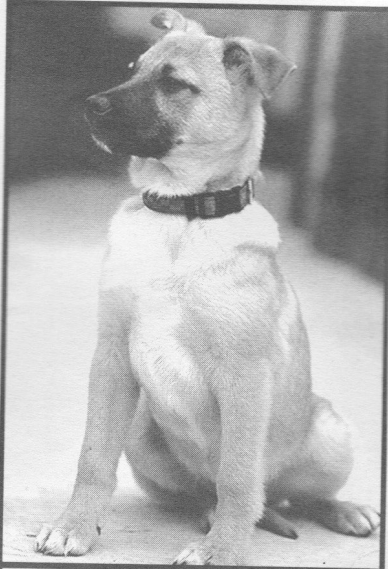




**"Lola"** Piszczek of Oxnard

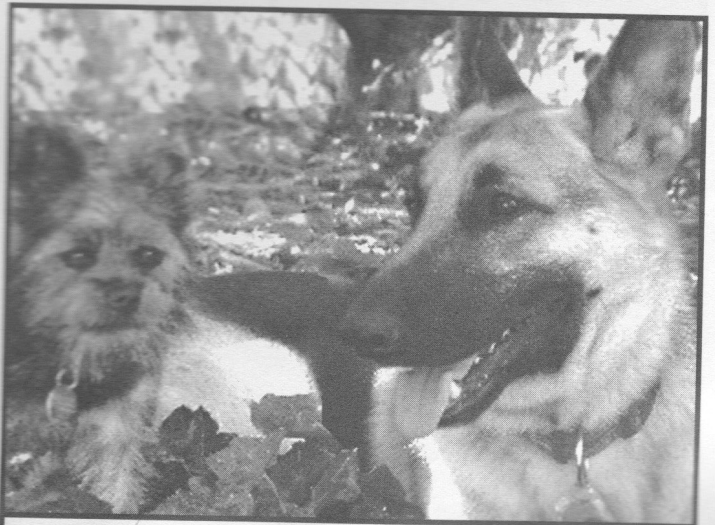


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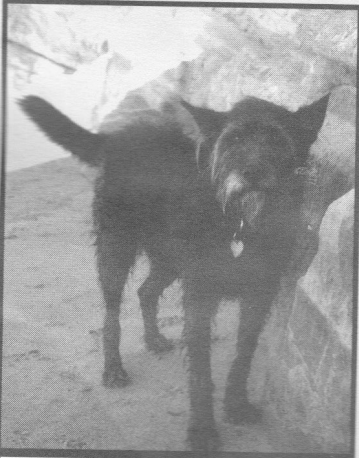
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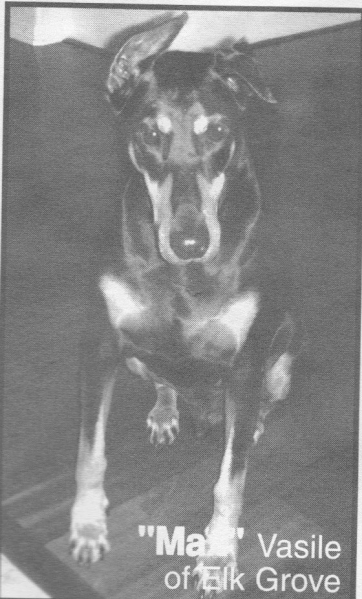
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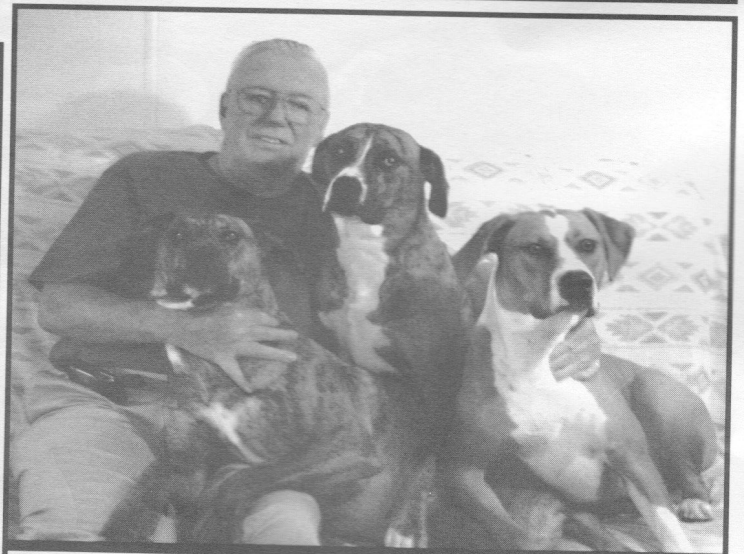
Carpinteria ✓



**"Ada Boo"** Perry of Lompoc ✓



**"Ma"** Vasile of Elk Grove ✓



**"Silver," "Bronzie,"** and **"Goldie"** Sibbert of Buellton, with John ✓

## I AM AN ANIMAL RESCUER

I am an Animal Rescuer  
My job is to assist God's creatures  
I was born with the need to fulfill their needs  
I take in new family members without plan, thought or selection  
I have bought dog food with my last dime  
I have patted a mangy head with a bare hand  
I have hugged someone vicious and afraid  
I have fallen in love a thousand times and I have cried into the fur of a lifeless body  
I have animal friends and friends who have animal friends  
I don't often use the word "pet"  
I notice those lost at the roadside  
And my heart aches  
I will hand raise a field mouse  
And make friends with a vulture  
I know of no creature unworthy of my time  
I want to live forever if there aren't animals in Heaven  
But I believe there are!  
Why would God make something so perfect and leave it behind?  
We may be master of the animals,  
But the animals have mastered themselves  
Something people still haven't learned  
War and abuse makes me hurt for the world  
But a rescue that makes the news gives me hope for mankind  
We are a quiet but determined army  
And making a difference every day  
There is nothing more necessary than warming an orphan  
Nothing more rewarding than saving a life  
No higher recognition than watching them thrive  
There is no greater joy than seeing a baby play who only days ago was too weak to eat  
I am an Animal Rescuer  
My work is never done  
My home is never quiet  
My wallet is always empty  
But my heart is always full  
In the game of life, I have already won!

--Annette King Tucker

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March, 2003. She was so, so timid, and she had no idea that life could be fun. This is from a recent e-mail from Sunny's "parents," which included a picture of Sunny with her Agility ribbon (see page 7):

"She started competing last May and finally got her first ribbon in October – she always did really well but always ran over her time, so we were just so proud of her when she finally got her

ribbon, I think I walked around wearing a huge grin for a week!! She has come a long way – the first several months in class she would try to take off for the gate where she knew the car was, and from that she has gone on to be really good about competing around lots of strangers; all the people from class who have known her from the beginning were almost as excited as we were! She has grown by leaps and bounds and is really coming into her own. So again, thank you for all the work





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you do there in rescuing dogs and finding them homes, we are so happy Sunny came to live with us!"

And this, from another adopter, Marcia Ferris of Rancho Mirage: "I echo Drusilla Campbell's feelings about adopting

'difficult' animals. Although Muggsy still is afraid of strange men, he overflows with love (and affectionate kisses) for my sons and the friends he has come to know. I have never owned a more loving dog, nor one whose gratitude is more apparent. And dear Monkey, who was polite but reserved for the first few months, suddenly decided this truly was her 'forever home' and became affectionate and very demonstrative....Love may not conquer all, but it certainly can accomplish a lot."

"Dogs find our soft spots, keeping us in touch with a more honest vision of ourselves that doesn't buy its own facade."

-from *I & Dog*, by the Monks of New Skete

## Keepers by Eric Munck

### Frequently asked questions:

Q: How many dogs have you adopted out?

A: As of this writing, Ardis and her volunteers have placed approximately 9,000 dogs during the past 20 years.

Q: Why Dobermans?

A: Most Doberman owners can answer that one. Dobies are sensitive, trainable, loyal, protective, elegant, enjoyable, and easy maintenance.

Q: Why "Little Paws?"

A: Being small dogs, they are easier to house, feed, and care for, and there's a large demand for them, which means we can save more lives.

Q: How are you funded?

A: Strictly by donations from adopters and donors. The shortfall was previously made up out of our own pockets but, thanks to the vehicle donation program and the generosity of more donors, we are closer to "breaking even."

Q: How has the money been spent?

A: This will not be a short answer!

On average, the cost of bailing dogs out of the shelters and getting them spayed or



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neutered is around \$92 per dog. That's \$828,000 over 20 years.

Feed and care, not counting vet bills, averages \$2 per day per dog, and each dog, on average, lives here for 90 days before being adopted. That's \$1,620,000. (Our 4 part-time employees get paid an average of \$121 per week each, which adds up to slightly over \$25,000 per year, or \$500,000 over 20 years.)

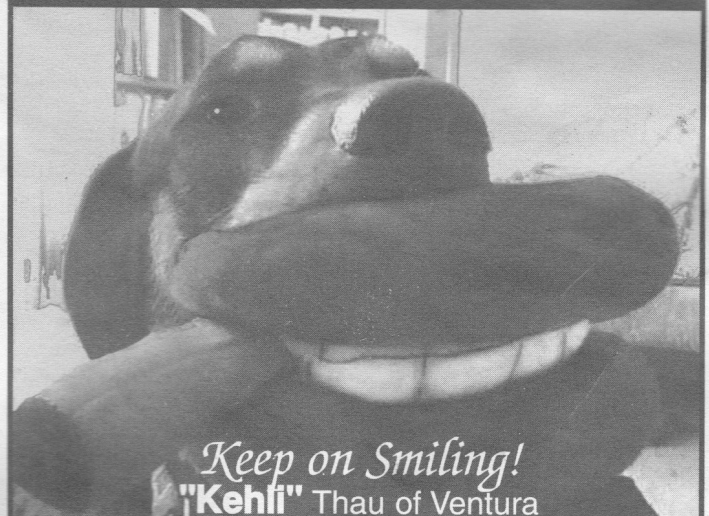
Rescuing dogs, Ardis and I drive well over 30,000 miles a year, so if you add the cost of gasoline, vehicle maintenance, etc., at about \$7,000 a year, it totals about \$140,000.

Factor in the costs of Workmen's Compensation insurance, microchips, collars, i.d. tags, vaccines, shampoo, flea-tick products, dewormers, dog licenses, etc., and our costs of operating these 20 years have been about \$3,000,000, or about \$150,000 a year.

These numbers do not include the \$125,000 or so that we've spent on the kennels themselves, in their original construction, the adobe houses, and the recent upgrade to welded wire partitions. Our most immediate concern is that of being able to keep the rescue ranch property long-term, as our refinance debt has most recently soared to \$1.2 million, and neither Ardis nor I draw any salary from the rescue money. Dobies & Little Paws needs a benefactor!

An interesting observation is the revenue created for dog-related businesses of Southern California as a result of our rescue efforts: about \$45 million to date. Let's say your dog eats a \$30 bag of food each month, and you spend \$10 a month on miscellaneous items. Now add a yearly vet visit or a few visits to the groomer, which would easily cost \$100, or, in some cases, much, much more. In any event, it's fair to presume that you spend at least \$500 per year caring for your dog. Let's assume a lifespan of ten years; that's \$5,000. Now multiply by 9,000 dogs! That's \$45 million. Hopefully we'll live another 20 years to do it all over again!

### Parting Shot



*Keep on Smiling!*  
"Kehli" Thau of Ventura





