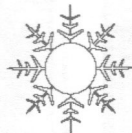
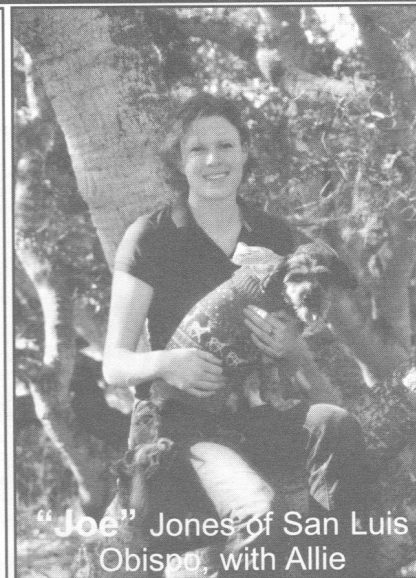


"Monet" Kahler
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"Joe" Jones of San Luis
Obispo, with Allie

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Another holiday season is here, and we hope this letter finds you in good health and good spirits. Please share your news about your family and adopted pets via card, letter, e-mail, or even phone call. We never tire of this!

Thanks to our wonderful volunteers, we had another successful garage sale at the home of Gayle Mobley in Calabasas on October 20th. This one was part of a neighborhood sale, so there was a lot of foot traffic at the well-publicized event. We brought and priced items the day before, and then Gayle, her friend Tammy Bourguignon, and new volunteer Diana Butterworth were up at 3:30 a.m. and ready to greet the first customer at 5:30 a.m. Following shortly at 6:30 was Mike Klee, always reliable, and we also had help from Marie Szczurak, Dana Shepherd-Nineberg, and Colleen Anderson. Many, many thanks to all of you who donated items to make this sale a success!

We also want to thank the dozen or so of you who volunteered to help us with our web site, offering to webmaster for us several hours a week as needed. As it turned out, there is a program offered on the Internet which we were able to download free which already incorporates the complicated computer languages such as html, thereby enabling non-tekkies like me to modify information on the site, saving the extra step of my having to tell the webmaster everything need-

ing to be changed. We're hoping this will solve our needs.

Yet another thank you, this one to those of you who sponsored Colleen Anderson's marathon run in San Jose on November 4. Unfortunately, she became dizzy, fainted, and twisted her ankle an hour into the run, and she ended up in the ER on fluids. She's talking about training for a triathlon next summer, though, as she revels in the sense of accomplishment and the camaraderie engendered by these events.

The terrible brush fires that decimated so much of Southern California during October missed us this year. Actually, they have missed us every year, though we were worried enough twice in the past decade to evacuate both times. There was a lot of smoke, and of course, horrendous wind, but all the animals are safe and unaffected. Heartfelt thanks to all of you who called and e-mailed with offers of help if we needed evacuation or temporary foster homes for evacuees. We sincerely hope that none of you lost your homes and that you're all home safe and sound.

Finally, a huge thank you to all of you who continue to support our efforts with your gifts of every kind. We couldn't do it without you!

Happy Holidays,

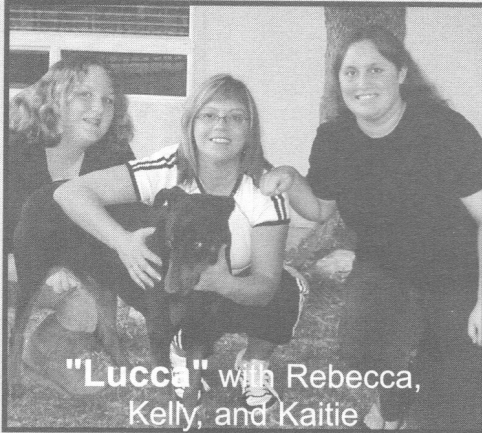
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Adoption Updates

Of the dogs featured in our last newsletter, two have been adopted!

LUCCA,

a senior Dobie that spent FOUR YEARS with us waiting for his forever home, found it! His new owner is Kelly Howland of Bakersfield,



"Lucca" with Rebecca, Kelly, and Kaitie

and she loves him. Kelly came to deliver her 18-month-old female Dobie, Bunny, to us in order that we could find her a home where she would receive more attention. Bunny is a very active, demanding dog, and Kelly felt that a more sedate dog would be a better choice for her. Not only did we find immediate placement for Bunny, but Lucca also lucked out that day.

From her recent e-mail: "Lucca is HOME! He waited a long time for us and we're glad he did....In a word, Lucca has it made. He has a big yard all to himself, and a favorite place to lay in the sun. However, he does prefer his bed in the house most of all. When he first came home, we had to drag him into the house. Now, so much as a squeak opening the door and he is there, running in....Everyone loves him, even the groomer. She said 'He's the best dog I have ever worked on.'....He is so funny; when we roughhouse with him, he'll stand still and pretend he is not interested. When we turn our backs, he comes running up from behind, crouches down on his front legs and wants to play some more. Thank you so much; he is a perfect fit to our family."

PLUCKY,

the little active Terrier mix guy who

waited 17 months for his new home, now lives with Tamara Friedman in West Hollywood. Tamara is a film editor,



"Lucky"

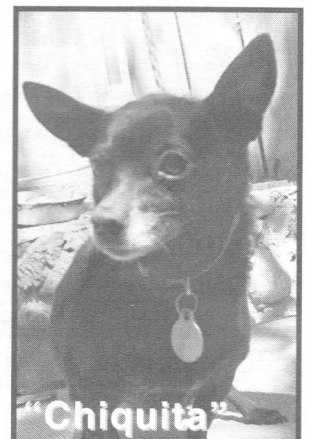
so she gets time off (months, sometimes) between movies, and Plucky (who is now back to his old name, Lucky) gets a lot of time and attention. Tamara has most of November and December off, and she's taking him to work with her.

From her current e-mail: "I've been running him around, three good long walks a day plus outside every hour or two. Only one accident so far. And he sleeps through the night in his kennel and waits until I get up. He's a good boy. He's still really really energetic and many of the street noises freak him out but he seems to trust me and he's even snuggly! Very sweet. Thank you for him. He's at work with me now laying under my feet while I work and have others in and out of my room."

WAITING FOR HOMES

CHIQUITA

lost her happy home when her owners passed away. She had been living with six other Chihuahuas and two Dobermans. She's great with kids and cats also. Chiquita is an 8-year-old black purebred Chihuahua who weighs 8-9 pounds, and her only fault is that she isn't reliably housebroken, so time and patience will be required for proper training.

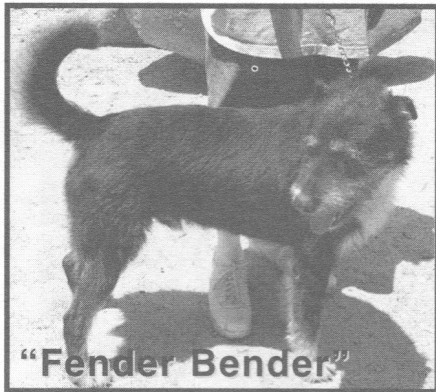


"Chiquita"

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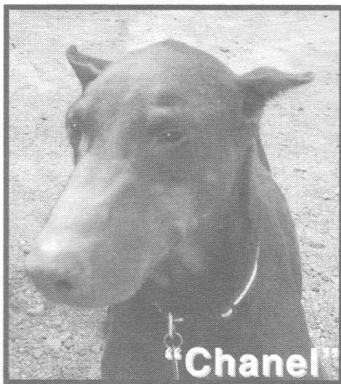
is a big, happy boy who has waited nearly two years for his own home. He's part Airedale, and he's a pretty social guy.

We think Fender is 3-4 years old, and he weighs around 80 pounds. He's affectionate and should make a good family pet for adults and older kids.



CHANEL

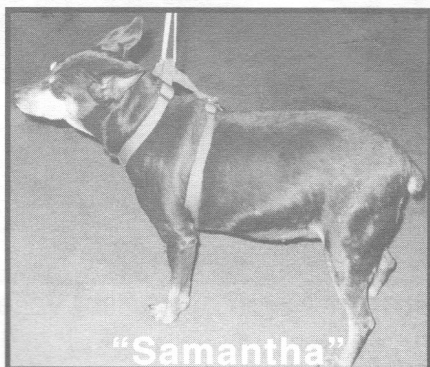
is a "special needs" dog, as she has liver disease and requires special low-protein dog food for the rest of her life. Her life expectancy is not known, but we have had her for nearly a year, and she is active, alert, and a very good eater. Chanel is a red Dobie, small for a female at about 45 pounds, and lean, and she isn't fond of other dogs.



SAMANTHA

is another "special needs" dog. She's a black and tan Miniature Pinscher who is mostly blind and deaf, but she's great with other dogs, cats, and strangers. Her owner passed away, and the foster home we had

arranged for her became unavailable. Poor Samantha just needs a warm, comfy bed and a way to get outside

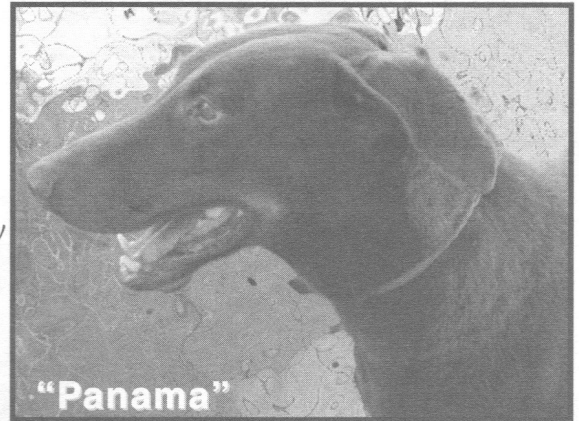


to relieve herself. At ten years old or so, she sleeps most of the time and is very, very quiet.

PANAMA

made a big mistake one day, and because we try to be entirely truthful with all of our potential adopters about our dogs, he has waited years for his own home. Panama is not good with other dogs, but he always liked people, and he would give alternate paws on command for

handshakes and "high fives." One day a male visitor asked to go into his

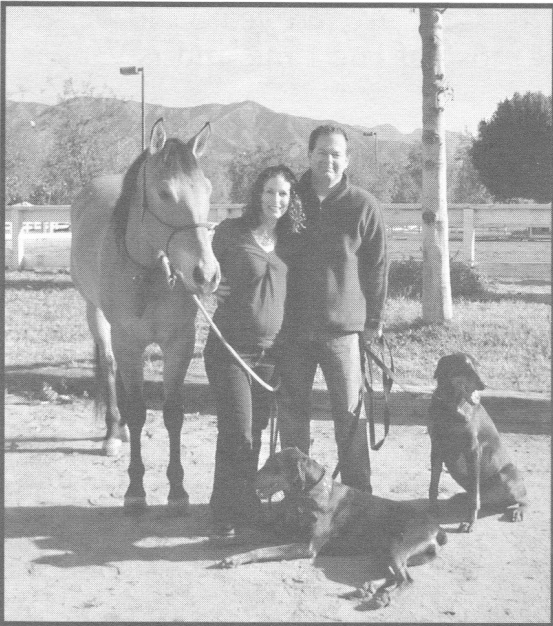


kennel with him, which seemed like a reasonable request. The man liked Panama, petting him, asking him to sit, and finally shaking his offered paw. Then he asked for the other paw, and Panama gave him the same one. When the man reached for the other paw, Panama bit him. We think Panama was a "fear biter" in this situation, as the man (unknown to him except for a few minutes) reached for his leg, and the dog didn't know what he intended. None of our employees have ever had any kind of problem with this dog. He's a large red male Dobie, about 7 years old, who is happy and affectionate.

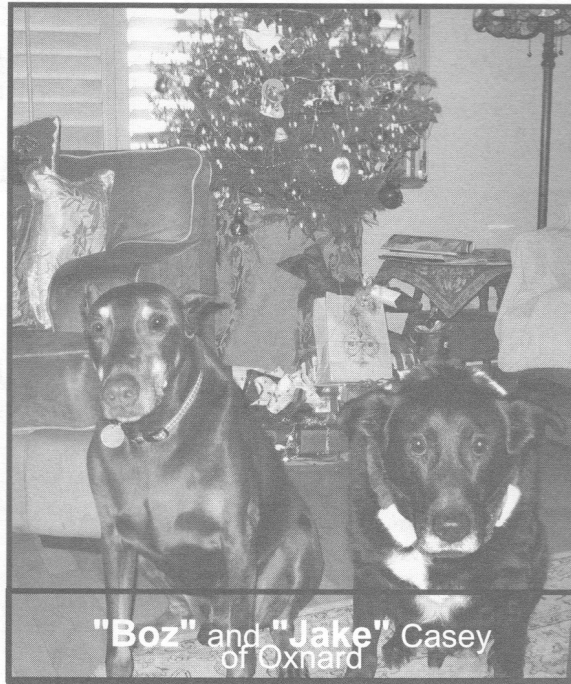
SELLING YOUR HOUSE ?

Recently a former adopter of ours, Jack Reynolds of Lake Isabella, sold his house and moved, after losing his wife, Randi. He had listed the house with a real estate company called Charity Alliance Realty, part of the Charity Alliance Network. When the house was sold and escrow closed, Dobie Rescue received a generous donation, a 10% chunk of the commission the company received for the

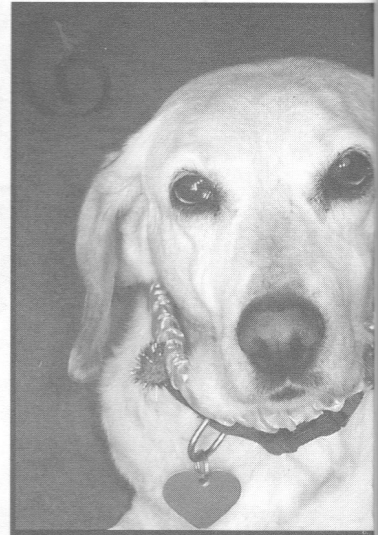
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"Ike" and "Isabel" Forester of Los Angeles, with Kaarin and Mike

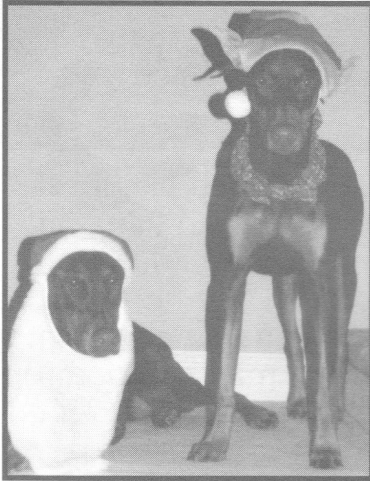


"Boz" and "Jake" Casey of Oxnard

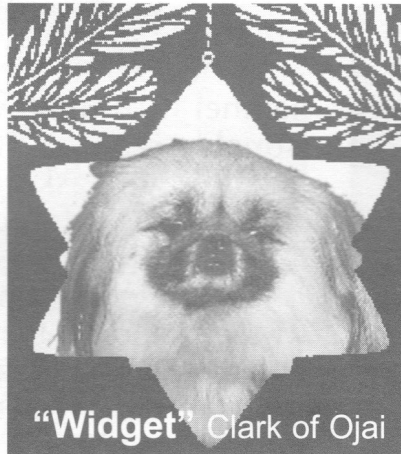


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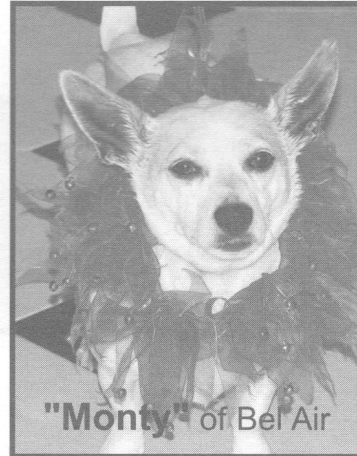
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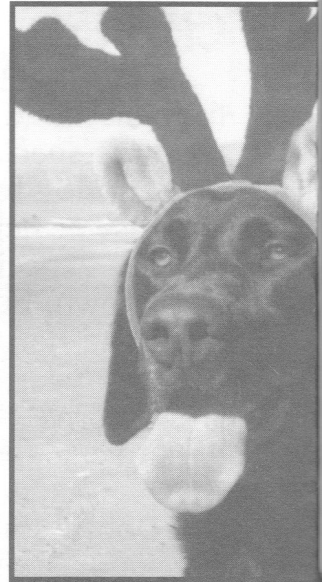
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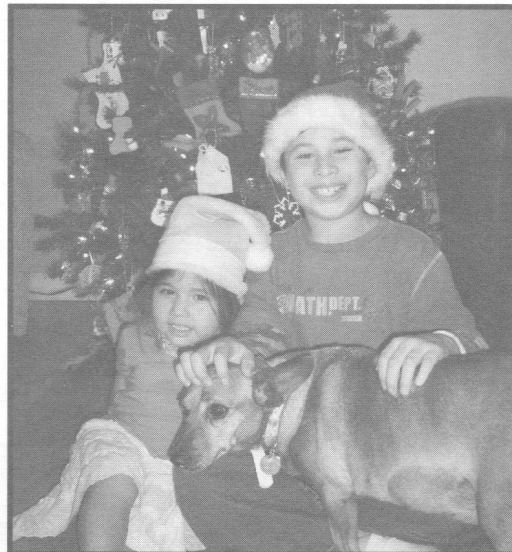
"Monty," of Bel Air



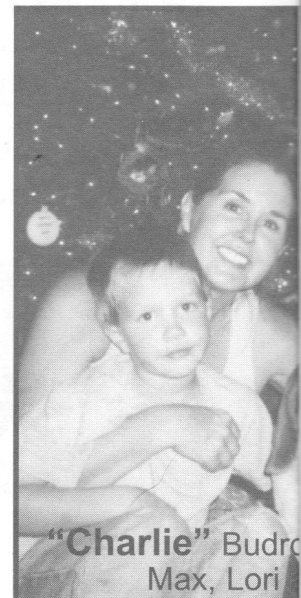
"Bailey" May of Oxnard



"Duke," "Daisy," & "Chloe" Haas of West Covina with Cody and Heather



"Ginger" Starkey of Simi Valley, with Olivia and Gage



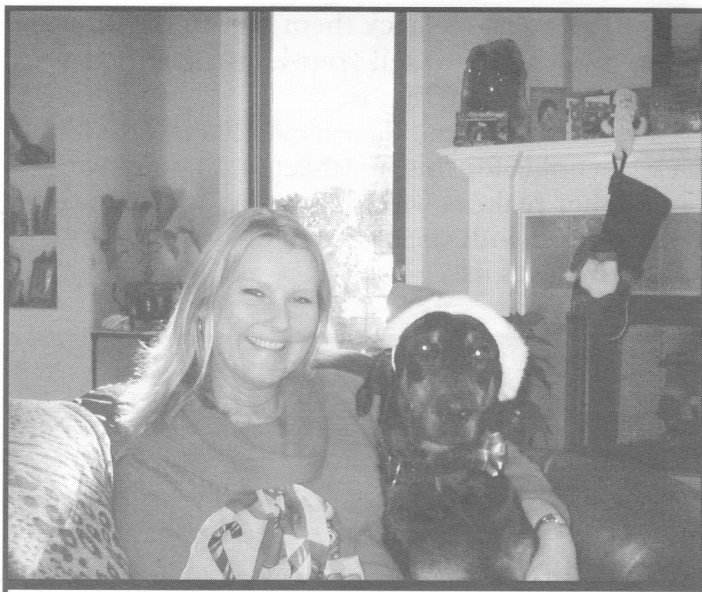
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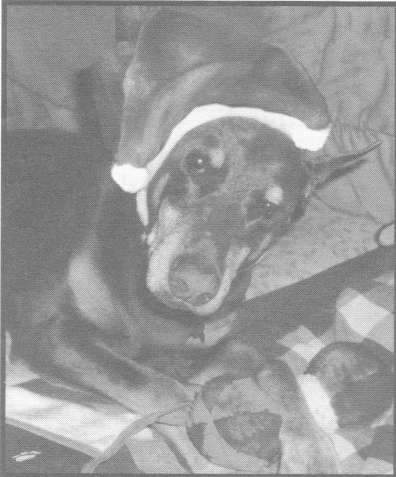
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"Rudy" & "Kylie" Mandigo of Bonita with Cindy (right), and friends



"Romeo" Stephens of Redondo Beach, with Sondria



"Duke" Litwin of Oxnard



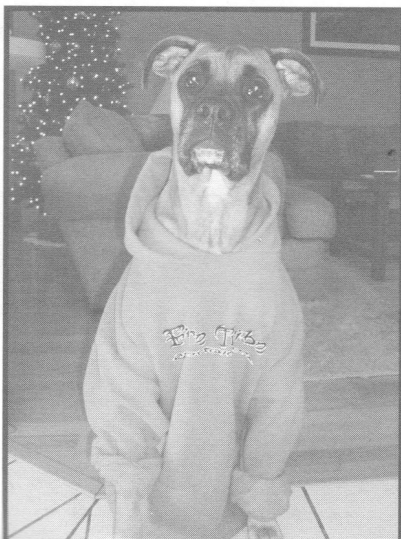
"Zade" & "Precious" Curran-Long of Manhattan Beach



"Chanel" and "Larry" Booth of Ojai, with Linda



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"Aspen" Singer of Tampa, FL



"Friday" & "Maxwell" Miller of Quartz Hill, with Mark and Catherine

sale of the house. Check them out on the internet if you're planning to sell your house soon, or if you know someone that is.

We want to thank Charity Alliance Realty and Jack Reynolds for this unexpected gift, and we hope other realtors will follow suit and share their commissions with their clients' favorite charity, especially if it's us!

MEDICAL MATTERS

Fortunately, this column will be important to only a few of our readers, but to those readers, it may be very important indeed. The readers we are targeting are those who know what the term "Lick Granuloma" means.

This condition is common in Dobermans and other large breeds, particularly those with short hair. The cause is usually not known even to the dog's owner, but the result is a sore area, usually on the dog's foot or leg, which the dog constantly licks. This leads to a wound which can't heal, and ultimately to infection.

I have often made the statement that, if anyone could find a CURE for this condition, they would make a fortune. We have tried so many things over the years, including e-collars, cervical collars, bandages, medications such as Clomicalm, various antibiotics, sedatives, skin and coat supplements, changes of diet, and even sheet metal sleeves which we have wired to the dogs' collars so they couldn't remove the sleeves. For some dogs, none of these things worked.

One such dog is a lovable red male Dobie, an older boy named Mino, who was given up by his owner when he moved. When we picked Mino up, he had a bandage on his lower leg, and the owner said he had a sore there. Little did we know. An hour later, Mino had stripped off the bandage and never left the leg alone again...for years. He even began working on the other rear leg.

Finally, we found the solution for this dog. It is presented here with the hope that it may help a few other dogs with this problem, though we don't claim it will work for every one. First, we put a hardy e-collar on Mino, high up on his neck, right behind the ears, and secured it to his nylon collar snugly. Then, behind it, a cervical collar. The cervical collar prevents the e-collar

from being maneuvered lower on the neck, and the combination makes it impossible (for Mino, at least) to either reach his leg up to his face, or to bend his neck around to reach his leg. Here is a picture of Mino wearing his fix-it ensemble.



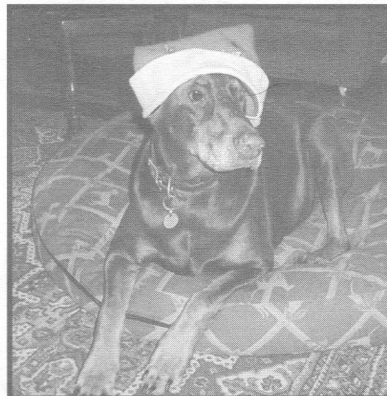
The more determined a dog is to perpetuate this obsessive-compulsive behavior, the more you will need to make sure he can't destroy the e-collar. We found that liberal use of duct tape is quite useful. Good luck, and let us know your results!

DOBIE DOINGS: THE IDEAL GIFT?

"We love Dobie Doings so much," we're sometimes told, "that when it comes in the mail, we drop everything else we're doing to read it." A few people have even asked if we have issues going back to the very beginning of our publication, thirteen years ago, that they could get. The answer is YES.

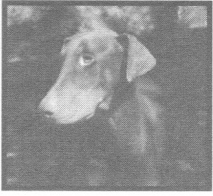
So, if you're one of those people, or if someone you know just loves our newsletter, we can assemble all of our issues (to date about 50 of them) in a nice binder and ship it to you (or you can pick it up, if you prefer). To cover our costs of the binder and shipping, we would ask a nominal \$20 donation.

Also consider our CafePress line of clothing and other items as possible gifts (see our web site under "helping").



Happiness
is a
sweet
old dog!

"Dudley" Murphy
of Sparks, NV



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WISH LIST

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*Here's how to order new feeders for our kennels:
Go to www.gundogsupply.com and scroll down to Dog Supplies (about 2/3 of the way down their home page, on the left-hand side), then click on Automatic Feeders & Waterers. Or you can call 1-800-624-6378. The best size for our use is the 25-pound feeder. It costs about \$35 plus shipping.

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\$ 50	will pay for one small-dog neuter;
\$ 30	will pay for a three-dose package of Frontline Plus;
\$ 20	will pay for one bag of lamb and rice kibble, or one Ventura County license (we have to license every dog every year);
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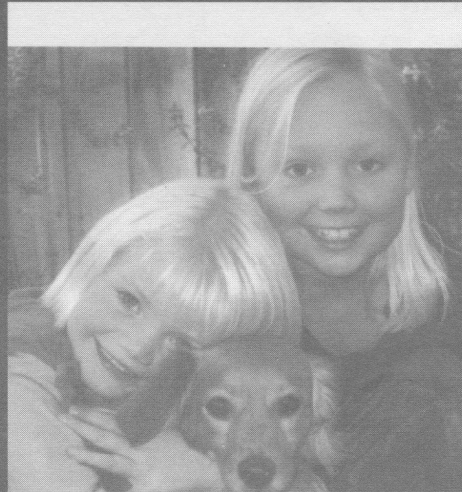
PARTY TIME !

It's time for the ELEVENTH annual Deck The Halls with Bones and Balls holiday party, hosted by Paula Cwikly at her beautiful Toluca Lake (Burbank area) home! The date is December 15th. Paula's parties are always first-rate, with great food and drink, interesting people, and live music. If you would like to attend, just bring a gift for our dogs and RSVP Paula at Pcwikly1@earthlink.net, or call her at 818- 985-5698.

PARTING SHOTS



"Dillen" and "Lula" Fogliatti
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"Woody" Lemon of
 Thousand Oaks with
 Karlie and Jenna



"Gillis," "Rika," and
 "Madison" (cat) Cwikly
 of Toluca Lake

Everything is better when shared with a friend!

