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"Dobie Doings"
Happy  *Holidays!*

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It is holiday season once again, and this is the fifth year that **Dobie Doings** has been around to wish all of you the very happiest holidays ever! As always, our centerfold is devoted to your holiday photos from previous years. Keep them coming!

Many thank you's are in order. To all of you who support us with your financial donations, many hugs and wags. We couldn't exist without you. The dobierescue.org license plate frames were well received and helped us not only to advertise, but to acquire a "little extra" for the pooches. A good thing, because last month Ventura County Animal Regulation showed up one Saturday and required us to buy licenses for all animals in the program over 30 days; nearly \$1,000 in expenses we hadn't budgeted.

A car was also donated, dogloos, boxes of blankets and towels, toys, chewy things, and on and on. Thank you so much! Our new wish list appears on page 8 in case you can spare more stuff that we can use.

We have hired a new kennel worker, who is scheduled to begin work about the time this newsletter goes to press. He appears to enjoy the dogs and is gentle with them, so we're hopeful this will be a long and happy relationship.

Please have a safe, secure, and blissfully happy holiday season with your precious pets, and remember that we LOVE to hear your news.

Sincerely,
Ardis Munck

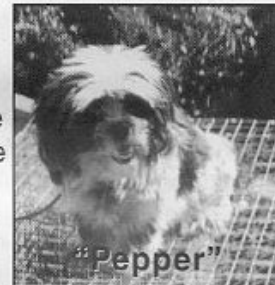
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P. S. Some of you send us e-mail. Please be aware that we don't receive it promptly. It usually takes several days before it's faxed over to us by a volunteer who retrieves it at her office.

Adoption Updates

Here is the update on a few of the many critters gracing our last Pooch Park centerfold adoption page.

"PEPPER," the partially-sighted Lhasa Apso requiring daily eye drops, has a new home in Washington state. She was taken into the Shih Tzu-Lhasa Apso rescue network, a qualified home was located for her on the internet, and ultimately she was flown to her new home and life.



"Pepper"

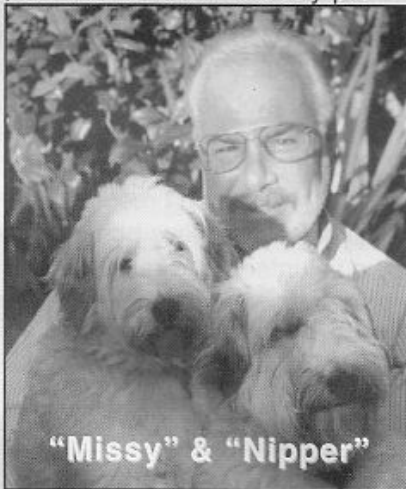


"Alaska"

"ALASKA," the darling Husky mix who loves and plays with everyone and everything, has a great new home in Lemon Grove with Kara Jones. Alaska was admired by several people, but Kara got here first. We really miss her sweet personality, as well as her penchant for eating cobwebs off our windows!

"ANNIE," the cute Wheaten Terrier mix, was adopted by Robert Bonnel of Alhambra. (Her new name is Miss Missy.) Robert had previously adopted Missy's brother, "Nipper," and had decided that Nipper was lonely. When we last saw them, they were ecstatic to be reunited, and were running about sniffing a backyard that looked more like a tropical garden than a yard. Nipper was beautifully groomed, buffed out and gorgeous. Our most recent report is that Missy is a true hellion, destructive and seriously protective, unlike

her mellow and well-behaved brother. Robert is committed to keeping her though, because, as he says, who else would want her?



"Missy" & "Nipper"

"DIRK," our playful 5-year-old boy Dobie with home-cropped ears, had a home for a few weeks with Viola Hall of Santa Barbara. Ms. Hall has a VERY dominant female Dobie and was hoping for a companion for her. Dirk filled the role nicely, but after several weeks, Ms. Hall had serious concerns about Dirk's quality of life, as he could not move without the female bossing his every action.



"Dirk"

home in Las Vegas, their male Dobie immediately began playing and prancing around Nona, and this continued non-stop for the entire half hour we stayed. All family members were cooing over Nona, and we're sure she has never been happier.

Dirk is back with us, but with an endorsement by Ms. Hall as having the sweetest temperament she has ever known.

"NONA," our 3-year-old blue female Dobie who had been in the rescue kennel for two years, has a wonderful new home with Lisa Brigman and Kevin Clark. When we delivered Nona to her new



"Nona"

A few people have asked why Dobie Rescue takes non-Dobermans into the program. Though we specialize in Dobermans and have at least 80 of them at any given time, a few years ago we were touched by the huge numbers of small mixed-breed dogs who do not get out of animal shelters alive. There really is a large audience of people who just want a nice little dog, no particular breed. So, through a system of foster homes, we can offer 25 to 30 great little dogs for adoption on the weekends, which not only saves a respectable number of lives, but also helps to support Dobie Rescue financially. We have always joked that if we rescued Chihuahuas instead of Dobermans, we might have a chance to break even. Dobermans simply eat too much!

The occasional large purebred or mixed-breed non-Doberman is generally the product of a friend's divorce or move, or an animal tied to our front gate that we can't bear to surrender to animal control. We try to keep these to a minimum, as large dogs take up a kennel opening generally reserved for a Doberman.

ACTIVISTS WANTED!

Recently we received the following e-mail, which speaks for itself, from a pathologist who is trying to enlist help to defeat unnecessary and archaic practices at U. C. San Diego which result in the appalling loss of many innocent Doberman lives each year. After you read the letter and recover from your nausea, try to think of doctors and vets you know who might be willing to go to bat for our precious Dobies. Approach everyone you can. We can't win if we're not playing!

"Hello,

This is Dr. Harrison. I am a pathologist at Scripps Chula Vista Memorial Hospital. We have not met but a mutual friend, Dr. Liz Collumb, showed your web site to me. I don't know if Liz ever discussed with you the very unfortunate waste of purebred Dobermans that are vivisected each spring at the medical school at UCSD. They purchase about 60 purebred Dobermans from a commercial dog factory (supposedly located in Encinitas? for about \$500 per dog) in order that first year medical students may vivisect these dogs in study of physiology and pharmacology. What a lay person must know is that over half U.S. medical schools do NOT use any such live animal lab. In fact, Harvard, Yale and Stanford don't do these labs-and no one is afraid to go to those doctors!

So, I am organizing an effort amongst local physicians who object to this archaic waste of life. Please, don't confuse this with legitimate research. I would be grateful if you would take the time to review our web site <http://www.doctorsagainstdoglabs.com> and, especially, let me know if you have any Dobie-loving physicians in your acquaintance who might join this very respectable and professionally handled cause. By all means, ask Liz about this if you want to hear more. Her email is lcollumb@aol.com. Thank you for your time, Nancy L. Harrison, M.D."

EDITORIAL

This editorial column needed to be written because we have had several recent tragedies among our adoptees which could have been avoided, and there is a lesson to be learned from them.

The first was a beautiful two-year-old female Dobie we placed with a couple in Glendora. A little over two months later, the man had the dog with him on an outing when he had a flat tire on the freeway. While preparing to fix the tire or waiting for AAA, he let her out of the car, in case she had to potty, without a leash. She ran onto the freeway and was hit by several cars before a good Samaritan picked her up, put her in the back of his pickup truck, and petted her until she died.

In another case we placed a one-year-old female Dobie with a couple in Sherman Oaks who adored her and fully obedience-trained her. One day the man took the dog for her daily exercise. As they approached a busy street where the dog was off-leash trained to sit and wait with the man until he gave the order, the dog began to cross the street with traffic coming! The man excitedly called her to come immediately, but too late. A car flattened his dog right before his eyes.

In yet another case we placed a precious little terrier with a lady who owns a weekend house in Big Bear. She also had a large dog and would take the two of them for retreats with her in the mountains. Her yard was unfenced, so when they needed to potty she would take them out and wait for them to do their business, then bring them back inside. One early evening they were out with her when a large coyote approached. Both dogs proceeded to bark and run off the coyote while the woman called for the dogs to come back. The coyote grabbed the terrier, shook it once to kill it, and ambled off with the limp little dog in its jaws.

What is the lesson to be learned here? All three dogs would still be alive had they been on leashes. It is so tempting to think we know our dogs so well we know what they'll do no matter what. But the truth is, NO ONE knows what their dog will do in EVERY situation. So please, folks, especially where traffic is concerned, expect the unexpected, so you won't have a sad tale like any of these to live with.

Happy Holidays

from all of us at D



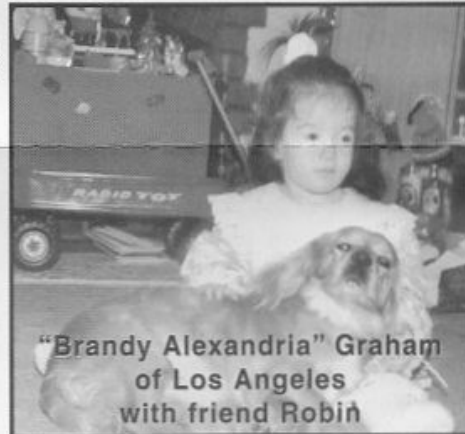
**"Alex" & "Gillis" Cwikly
of North Hollywood,
with feline friends**



**"Maggie" Gapen of Los Osos,
much loved and sorely missed.**



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**"Brandy Alexandria" Graham
of Los Angeles
with friend Robin**



**"Jessie" McMillan of
Ventura, with owners Jeff
and Patty**



**"Nya" and "Luka" Vargas
of Prescott, Az, with Santa**



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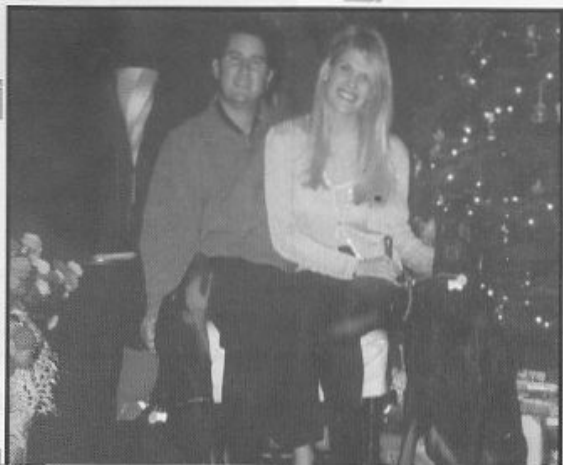
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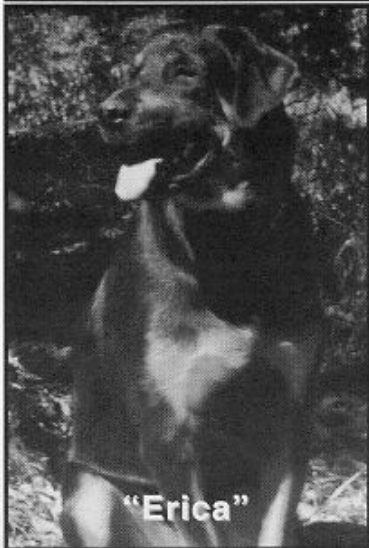


"Lucy"
McAndrews
of
Playa del
Rey



"T.J." and "Sadie" Keele of
Brentwood, with owners Craig
and Monica

(Still) Waiting for Homes



Poor **Erica**. She was already infected with the distemper virus when she was rescued as a 3-month-old puppy from the pound over two years ago. Though she lived, she has a permanently bowed front leg to show for her bad luck.

Erica's been adopted twice, both times to people with another dog, and both times she's been returned for the same reasons: too needy, and did not get along well with the other dog. According to her second home, though, she seems to be housebroken, strange for a dog who's spent almost her entire life in a kennel. Erica is a Rottweiler mix, about 50 pounds, and would sure love a third chance, as an only dog this time.

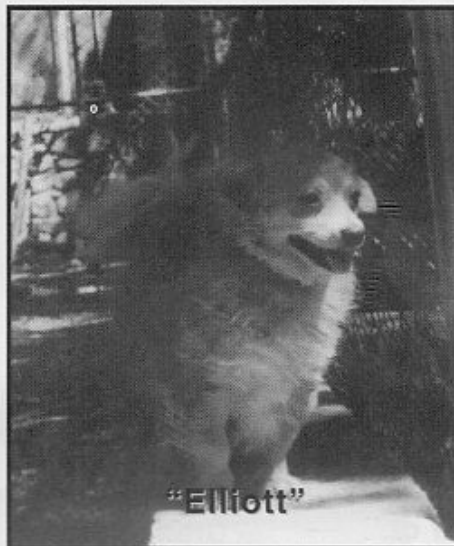
Barney is one of our lesser beauties, but a truly good-hearted and social dog. We've had Barney nearly two years, and he's probably 7-8 years old. He has no bad habits that we're aware of: not a barker, not hyper, not aggressive, and he has never argued with any other dog, either sex, that we've ever put in his play group.



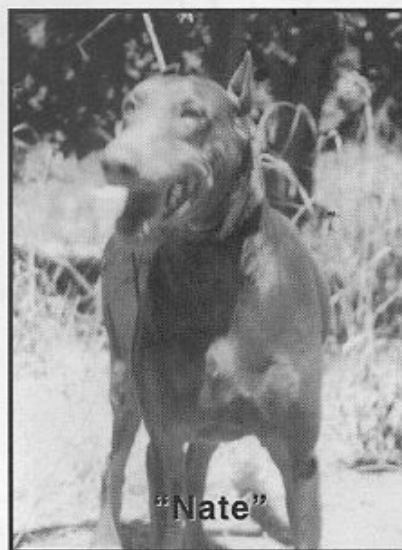
He's black and tan, with natural ears and docked tail.

Elliott is the cutest little dog; we can't understand why he hasn't been adopted. He is about

ten pounds of furry love, social with all dogs and people. He always has a happy face, is never yippy or hyper, and is approximately five years young.



Nate is such a great dog. Approximately 6 years old, he's a red male with a heart of gold. He never fights or complains, and he's well-behaved in the house. A fenced front yard would be ideal for Nate, though, because of his one bad habit...he bolts.



KEEPERS WISH LIST by Eric Munck

After 12 years and over 4,000 (that's right, FOUR THOUSAND) dogs, our kennels are falling apart. Even galvanized steel rots away when repeatedly subjected to male canine sprinklers! Furthermore, Ardis literally runs a mini-marathon every day, from kennel to kennel, and things get especially hectic on weekends when people show up to adopt.

So in order to improve our housing, as well as reduce the workload, I've decided it is time to build a new kennel facility, which will house all dogs under the same roof.

Plans call for a 5,000 square foot prefabricated steel building, nestled under the old oaks, with easy access for the public, and comfortable quarters for our four-legged friends. Of special interest will be heating, complete with hot water pipes beneath the concrete floor, so the dogs can enjoy warm floors on cold nights. And for the hot months, air conditioning or swamp cooling to keep the daytime comfortable. Water jets in each 2-dog kennel will be turned on several times daily to flush wastes from kennels directly into drains

connected to sewer lines. This will eliminate a lot of a kennel person's poop-scooping duties and permit the person to spend more time attending to the dogs directly, grooming, socializing, etc. The whole building will be connected to large play areas, where the social dogs can enjoy daily exercise and freedom. Stainless steel partitions will be used throughout the building for sanitation and durability reasons.

I'll be my own architect, engineer, and contractor, which will cut costs substantially, but the cost of the building will still be at least \$100,000. We are seeking, if possible, the volunteer services of an electrician, concrete contractor, plumber, and stainless steel fabricator/welder. Preferably several of each! The two major expense categories are soil preparation and concrete work (about \$37,000), and purchase of the steel building (about \$30,000).

Financially, since neither Dobie Rescue nor any of its fans are likely to be able to write a check for a big chunk of what's needed, we are asking all of you with corporate affiliations to try to help us locate corporate sponsors. Our hope is that some companies may be willing to



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Once these hurdles have been cleared, I can start construction immediately. Any able-bodied person is welcome to participate in the construction phase. We'll need all the help we can get!

Centerfold Magic!

If you wondered how we got all those dogs to sit together so well in the last centerfold, we have to confess that we didn't! Suzette actually started with a photograph of her sister sitting on a log in British Columbia, which was the locale. After taking her sister out of the picture, she then placed each dog in the picture by copying them from individually scanned photographs of each dog, sizing them so that they would be in proportion to each other and arranging them in order of small, medium, and large. You just can't believe what you see in pictures any more thanks to the wonders of modern computer technology.

WISH LIST

Last year Santa must have seen our wish list, because many of our wishes came true. So, with a little luck, maybe he'll see it again this year....

- #1 Homes for our dogs of all sizes (permanent or foster),
- #2 New or used Dogloos (these are sometimes sold at swap meets or garage sales very cheaply)
- #3 Stainless steel bowls, all sizes, new or used
- #4 Varikennels and cages, all sizes, new or used
- #5 Exercise pens
- #6 Supplies such as dog shampoo, Frontline, Advantage, collars (all sizes), leashes, toys, etc.
- #7 Blankets and towels
- #8 Canned dog food, rawhide chews, pig ears
- #9 Syringes, needles, and antibiotics
- #10 Truck or van in good running condition to transport dogs
- #11 Spare change!

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