

"Kylie" Mandigo of Chula Vista with owner Cindy (left) and friends

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It's hard to believe the holidays are here again, and all of us are still here to ring them in!

We want to thank you all once again who make our work possible with your generous financial donations. We also received a number of very nice vehicle donations, which are turned into additional support for the animals. With your help, we have been able to rescue and place over 5,900 dogs in the past 15 years.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, I was able to refinance the property, and plans are now again underway to create a new kennel facility for our charges, with a new twist (see Keepers, Eric's column, on page 8).

The other great news is our newly-designed web site (see story on page 3).

Enjoy our centerfold, all pictures of your pets from holidays past. Keep them coming! And from all of us at Dobies & Little Paws to all of you, have a safe and blessed holiday season.

Sincerely,

*Ardis Munck*  
Ardis Munck

## Adoption Updates

Two of the small dogs in our last Waiting for Homes section found them!

### "Patrick,"

the Chihuahua mix with the sweet face, got off to a rocky start but is still placed with Opie Chavez of Palmdale.

Opie and his wife are expecting a child shortly and are working hard to get Patrick through an overly-



"ChiChi"

protective behavioral problem. Patrick, whose new name is ChiChi, adores Opie (and vice versa), and we are confident that they'll work it out if at all possible.



## "Scruffy,"

our darling little wire-haired boy who lives up to his name, found a home with Marty Schwartz of Beverly Hills. Marty had adopted a similar-looking dog from us years before, and his dog had recently passed away.

Though Scruffy had to wait a couple of years for this special home, he ended up, shall we say, in a good part of town!



## "COCO BEAR"

When we went to pick up Coco Bear from her owner two years ago, she was comfortably resting in the living room on a nice carpet, happy to be close to her human. The woman had two female dogs, though, and they could no longer tolerate each other. Since the other dog was an old Husky, she opted to keep the old dog.



Coco Bear is housebroken, well-mannered, and affectionate. She's a four-year-old red Dobie mix.

## WAITING FOR HOMES

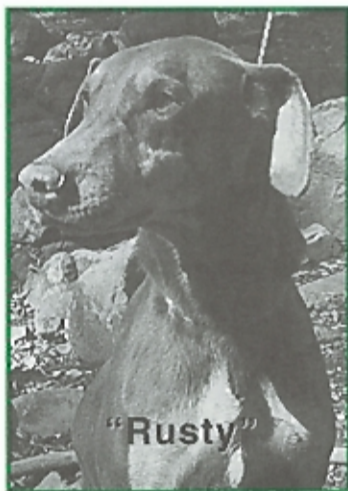
### "EVE"

is a shy, undemanding black Dobie, about 7 years old. She's quiet, gets along well with other dogs, and is a nice looking girl for her age. We think Eve has been with us long enough - 2 years - she really needs a gentle family to bond with and love.



### "RUSTY"

is one of our longest-term residents. Unfortunately, he does best as an only dog. He is a red Dobie, about 6 years old, and he's quiet and mellow. Also quite nice looking for his age.



### "HARLEY"

is one of the most wonderful dogs we know. He's housebroken, good with other dogs and kids, is not destructive, not a digger, has basic obedience training, and is sweet and affectionate. What he's not is a watchdog, and was the reason for his being returned by his previous owner. (He loves everyone.)

We're looking for a home for Harley with a family that just loves dogs and will dote on him. He's about 5 years old, and he's either a large Pug mix or a small Boxer mix (about 35 pounds), with blond, short hair.



### "GINGER"

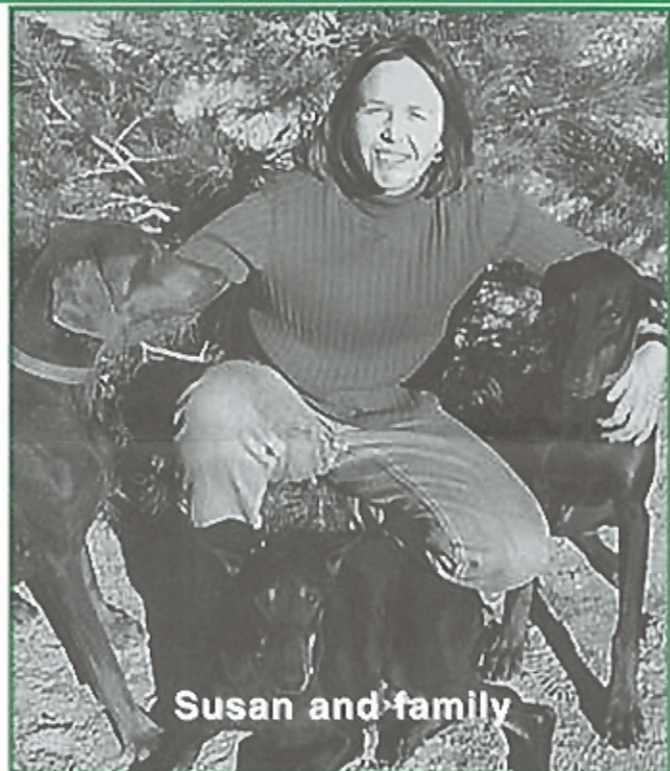
has been with us over two years. She's a 7-year-old Beagle-Viszla mix, and she's quiet, mellow, and affectionate. We placed her a few months ago, but she was returned two days later because she was



depressed. She needs an understanding family to coddle her until she adapts to her new home, and, though she's not undominant with other dogs, she seems to enjoy their company.



## Saint Susan



There are computer whizzes, and then there are the rest of us. Susan Schionning is definitely one of the former. She's not a nerd, though, as so many brilliant people are; she looks quite normal, and she's become a wonderful friend.

We first met Susan when she came to the ranch in June to adopt a Dobie. She had recently lost the great canine love of her life, Knightly, and was on a quest to find another. Unfortunately, the first dog she chose did not work well with her other dog, Willow. She has since chosen two others, Brenden and Rama, who do.

Susan works in a computer lab for the U. S. Government, so she's no novice. This

incredible lady with too much on her plate already, voluntarily and singlehandedly reinvented our [dobierescue.org](http://dobierescue.org) web site.

Others had offered their help, but Susan made it happen. Check it out! If you would like to send any comments or compliments her way, her e-mail address is:

[webmaster@dobierescue.org](mailto:webmaster@dobierescue.org).

And, by the way, she's single!

## Prince of a Dog

This is the story of Prince, an 8-year-old Dobie who was turned in to the pound by his owner; reason unknown. The shelter volunteer called us when he arrived, and we decided not to take Prince because of his age and because we were downsizing.

Three weeks later someone e-mailed us that there were two Dobies at this particular shelter. We called the kennel manager to inquire about them. The male turned out to be Prince. The kennel manager had saved him for three weeks because "he's such a nice dog I hoped someone might adopt him." He agreed to hold him another few days so we could go have a look.

Handsome, friendly, dog-social, but badly needing groceries, we decided to take Prince and try to locate a suitable foster (or permanent) home for him.

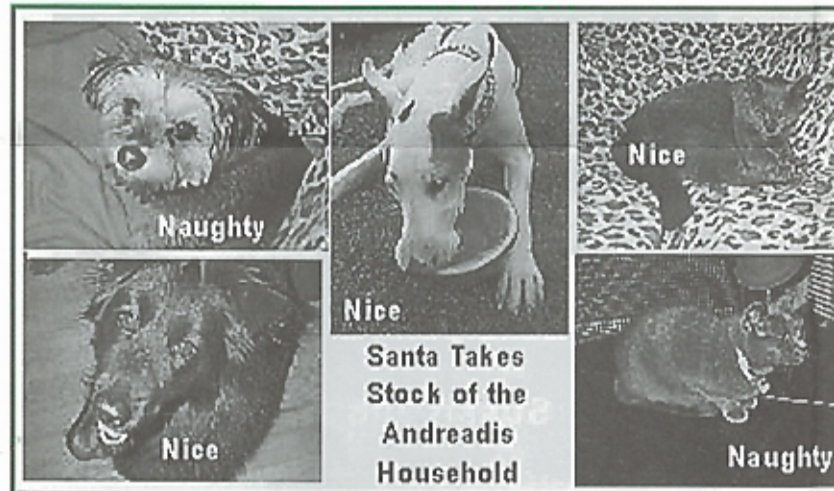
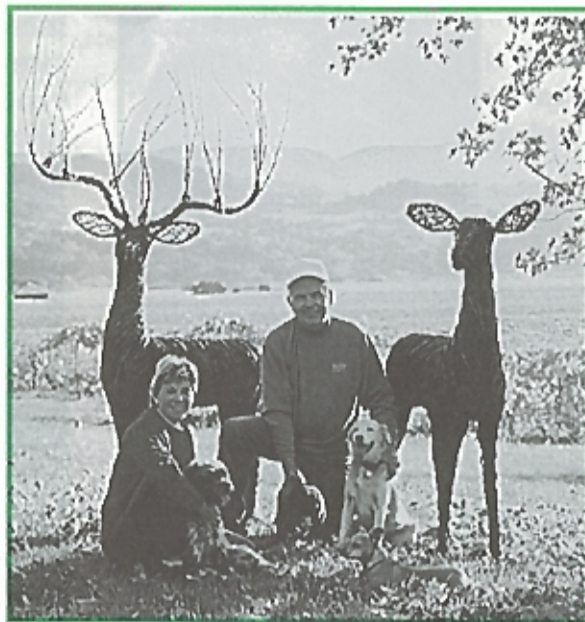
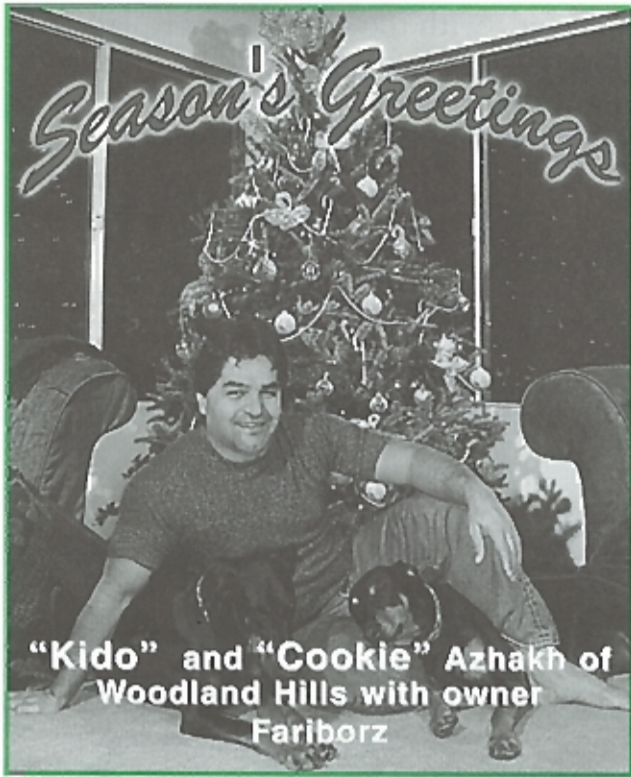
Jennifer Owyong came to mind. Jennifer was a fan of older Dobies, having adopted her first one, Sergio, from us nearly a decade before. Since then she had chosen 3 other older Dobies, all of whom had passed away, and Jennifer, we thought, would be a good mom for Prince.

Jennifer and her husband, Nelson, live in Glendale, and our next stop after picking up Prince was in Glassell Park, very close to Glendale.

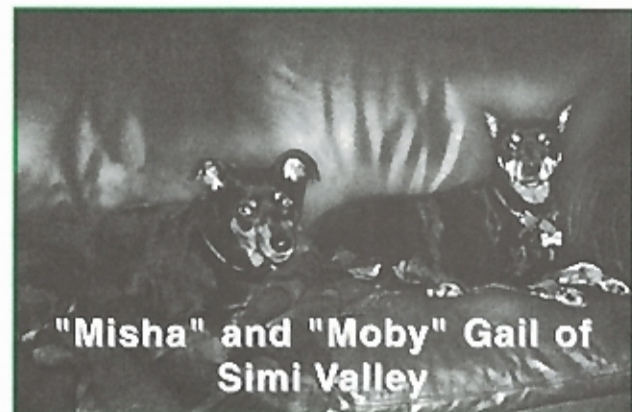
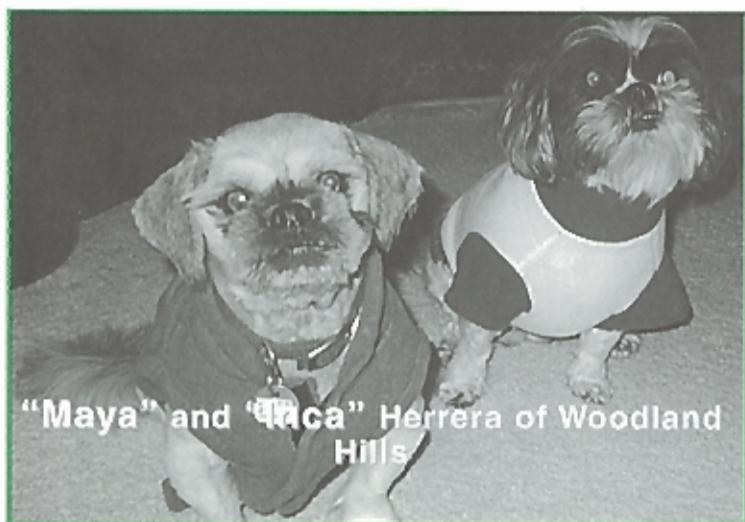
Unfortunately, the Owyongs were unlisted. 411 did have a listing for Dr. Nelson Owyong in Los Angeles, though.

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The Andreadis family, clockwise from upper left "Oliver", "Bowie", "Zeke", "Katy" and "Lulu"







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



**"Max" Verga of Simi Valley**



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**"Demetri" Shiel of Palmdale with  
friend "Honey"**



**In memory of "Lucky" McMeel of Simi  
Valley, with Joe**

# M·E·R·R·Y CHRISTMAS



**"Dandy" and "Charlie" Petterson  
of Florida**



**In memory "Daphney" Romanus  
of Santa Barbara**



We took the number.

The receptionist said Dr. Owyong was not in, but he could be paged, and yes, he did have a wife named Jennifer. Twenty minutes later Jennifer called back, and yes, she was interested in meeting Prince, but being an accountant, she had a deadline the next day. Could we park him somewhere close by and she could come the next day?



We then called Suzette Smith, our awesome graphics lady for *Dobie Doings*, and she agreed to keep Prince overnight at her estate in Glassell Park, where we were headed anyway.

Jennifer came the next day and took Prince home. A few weeks later, we got the following e-mail:

"Prince is doing just fine and dandy. He's best buds with the two girls, and he demands being the king of the hill. He must be the first one to be fed, you know. Men.

He also prefers his rawhide bones, chew hooves, biscuits, and blankets, although he says his food ain't half bad. He demands constant attention, human or canine. He has also requested a small couch to hang out in while we're gone. I told him I'd think about it....

He and his harem send their love, and he thanks you for inquiring about his health.

From the Prince's  
Publicity Coordinator and Maid,  
Jennifer Owyong"

## Gentleman Jammer

In May we had a call about a 6-year-old red Dobie at another shelter. Again we went to have a look. One of the other rescues was not full, so Jammer would have somewhere to go during our downsizing.

He was a large, handsome boy, social, lovely tall cropped ears, but when we saw him at the shelter, he had a grotesquely swollen rear leg and foot, probably the result of a bite from another dog. He was already neutered, so we took him immediately. By the next morning, the skin around the swollen area had split open, revealing a deep muscle wound, nearly to the bone. We took him to the vet.

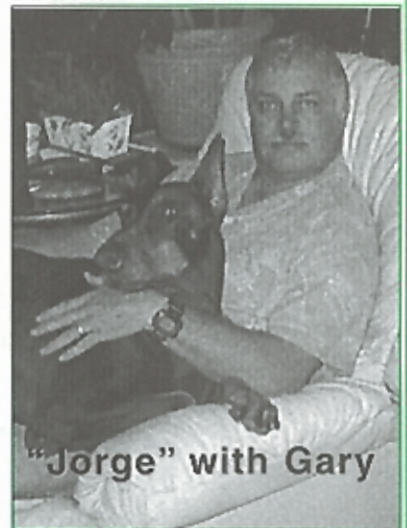
"This is not a new injury," the vet said, "and the wound cannot be sutured because of the condition of the skin." He bandaged the leg and sent Jammer home with us.

Weeks and pounds of antibiotics later, the bandage was off and the wound was closed, but Jammer would not use the leg. By this time we all loved him so much that no one wanted us to send him to another rescue. Volunteers walked him often to encourage use of the leg.

After several months, nothing remained of Jammer's injury except a large scar and slight sensitivity in the leg. Now we needed to find him the perfect home.

Enter Heidi and Gary Hart, our Dobie-loving friends from Santa Paula, about mid-September. For those of you who have been long-time readers of *Dobie Doings*, Heidi and Gary and their three (at the time) Dobies (all from us) were pictured in the centerfold of our April, 1997 issue, all five of them in their swimming pool.

But...their dog Charlie had passed away last year, and Bonnie was 12 and on daily Rimadyl. They showed up one Saturday to drop off their annual donation and decided to have a







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look at the dogs. We made the rounds, and I pointed out our favorites. Before we even arrived at Jammer's kennel, Gary had homed in on Jammer, saying "Who's this?"

In a minute Jammer was out of his kennel and visiting with Heidi and Gary, and a half-hour later he was on his way home.

Two hours later he had been bathed, fallen into the pool, gotten retrieved, brought into the house and given his own blanket, pranced around, nudged Gary's hand for more attention, eaten, and passed out in a deep sleep.

Today Jammer, whose new name is Jorge (pronounced George) Jammer Hart I, is a happy, well-adjusted member of the Hart household, and as you can see, he isn't minding it.

Great people and great dogs deserve each other!

### AND...A PEACH OF A DOG!

At the end of August we got a call from June Glantz, a charming lady who lives with her husband, Clyde, on a quiet street behind the Santa Barbara Mission. The purpose of June's call was to try to locate a small dog to adopt. The Glantzes had been dogless for some time, and they were finding it difficult to find one in their local animal shelter. (We

advertise in the Santa Barbara paper every day for this very reason. The supply of small dogs never satisfies the demand.)

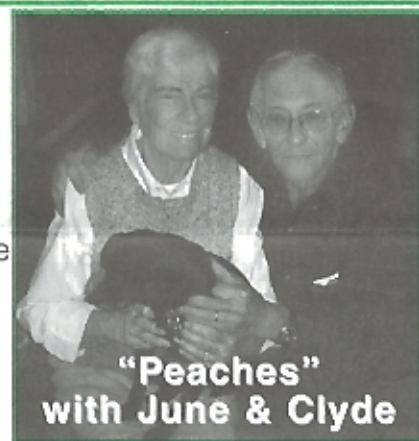
They weren't particular as to breed; their requirements

were that it had to be small, female, and housebroken.

A little dog named Jill came to mind. She had been in our rescue program for months at that point. She was small, female, and her foster mom said she had never had any accidents when she invited her in the house. We had often suggested Jill to our visitors, but she never seemed to get adopted....

Jill seemed the ideal choice for June and Clyde, a couple who moved to Santa Barbara when Clyde retired from McDonnell Douglas. Yes, they would be very interested in meeting Jill, but they couldn't make the drive to Fillmore. This was fine with us, as we love to go to Santa Barbara, even if it's just once a month for dinner. We packed up Jill and off we went.

The Glantzes have a quaint and lovely little



**"Peaches"  
with June & Clyde**

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home with a private, cozy back yard, just perfect for a little dog to spend her days in. They loved Jill on sight, and she loved them!

Several conversations and a few months later, June says "I would never have believed I could love a dog so much. She is perfect!" Jill, now renamed Peaches, has the forever home she had waited months for. She is walked every day around rose gardens and parks, she gets to greet many other doggie friends on her strolls, and she is loved by all. Especially by June and Clyde!

## Keepers

by Eric Munck

**I**t's official! As suggested by reader Liz Collumb, Gargoyle (featured in our previous newsletter) has been declared a BeagleWeiler!

As to our kennels, I have been racking my brain to come up with an affordable and palatable plan. I believe the answer lies in a great product called Vacuum Resin Infusion Molding. It is a fiberglass-based composite used widely in the automotive industry. It lends itself well to being molded in compound curves and complex shapes, it's extremely durable and has good insulating properties. Are any of you familiar with this product? If so, your input and advice would be appreciated! Also, I need to locate someone in California to

manufacture the units. They will be modular, oversized dog houses, 8 feet wide, 10 feet deep, and 7 feet tall, assembled in groups of 5. A total of 70 will be built, and I hope to keep the cost at \$1,000 each. Ardis suggested incorporating adobe-style architecture, with a pinkish hue and southwestern landscaping. What a great idea! I do need a little architectural input, so if there are any architects out there willing to help, please contact me.

Each dog-adobe will have a plaque named after its benefactor, so please be sure to include the particular information to be engraved (your name, a favorite dog, etc.). Even with our refinancing, we won't be able to complete this project without your help: financial, vehicle donations, anything!

To all of you who have encouraged us through the trials and tribulations of this project, thank you for your support, and God bless you!

## Wish List

Since Santa reads wish lists, and since we've been rarely naughty and generally nice, here are a few wishes:

- ☆ Buckets, metal or heavy-duty plastic, any size;
- ☆ Canned dog food;
- ☆ Blankets, towels, and tarps;
- ☆ Collars - 11" to 19"
- ☆ Spare change and unwanted vehicles.