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"Butch" and "Hailey" Anderson, with Colleen

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This fall was one season we didn't have to worry about evacuating dogs. The rains were heavy and not too cold, and we're pleased to be spared fire danger for at least another year. A new volunteer, who asks not to be named, has taken on the role of Supply Sergeant, calling on hotels and businesses to donate anything they don't need that could possibly help us. As a result, all the dogs have nice fluffy sheets and blankets in their houses, with fresh new spares readily available.

An excellent dog trainer known to us, Cesar Millan, now has his own television show called "Dog Whisperer." It airs on the National Geographic Channel three times a day. We highly recommend that any of you who can make time available to view this program do so. His techniques have been found by us and countless others to be highly successful, and, particularly with dominant breed dogs like Dobermans, it is important to be the "pack leader." Cesar undeniably establishes himself in this role with every dog he works with. The results speak for themselves.

Our webmaster, Susan Schionning, has moved to her new property in rural Tehachapi and applied for her own non-profit dog rescue called Doberman Pinscher SOS. Her emphasis is on senior and special-needs Dobermans (and a few

Rottweilers). She has her fencing completed and has taken a few of our difficult cases already. The dogs in her care are long-termers or dogs with little hope of being adopted who have "quality of life" at Susan's (they get to sleep indoors, etc.) But...she has had enormous start-up costs and is reaching out for support to anyone who can help. If you can help, please return the donation form on page 7 with your check marked "SOS" in the lower left-hand corner. Your check should still be payable to Dobie Rescue or Doberman Pinscher Rescue so that you can receive the tax deduction, but we will make the funds available to Susan.

As this year draws to a close, please don't forget our car donation program. Many people seek to donate old cars just before calendar year-end in order to claim the tax deduction for that year. Call us for details if you have an old car to donate. Many, many thanks to those of you have already done so!

As always, our centerfold is of your holiday pictures from previous years. Be sure to send us your holiday pet photos so we can share your lovely pooches with everyone!

Happiest of Holidays,

Ardis Munck

WAITING FOR HOMES

It's always difficult deciding which of our dozens of deserving dogs to feature in our newsletters, so you can bet that the dogs we do showcase this way are really special!

RICKY

is a great little Terrier mix. He's about 5 years old and weighs just over 15 pounds. Ricky has a slight underbite, which gives him a particularly endearing face, but the most endearing thing about Ricky is his charming way of asking for attention. He's never pushy, he just stands by wagging his tail, watching you, until you grant his wish.



CATRINA

is also 5 years old, probably a mixture of Spaniel and Chow Chow. She had been turned in to an animal shelter a few days before we went there to rescue a Doberman, and she was pointed out to us by one of the kennel attendants, who said "she's so sweet, but she doesn't get noticed because she's calm and quiet and stays in the back." We liked that she was calm and quiet, as she still is, and she's good with all the other dogs she's been kenneled with. Catrina weighs about 30 pounds and has a wonderful personality.



SASSY and CHELSEA

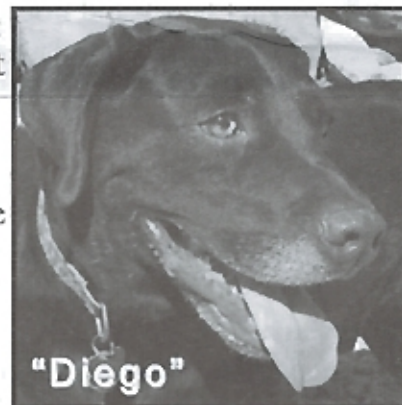
came from the same home. We placed Sassy five years ago (she's now 9) as a



companion for Chelsea (she's now 11), who had lost her companion shortly before. The owners decided to retire, sell their house, and travel the country in a motorhome. No, they didn't want to take a couple of senior canine ladies along. The dogs had been kept mostly outdoors, and Sassy has always been timid with men. Both dogs are sweet, in good condition, and we'd be delighted to place them individually or together.

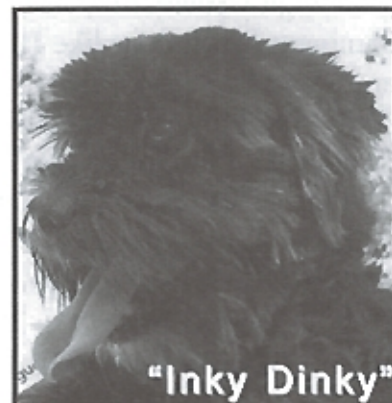
DIEGO

is a nearly-purebred Chocolate Lab who is visually impaired at age 6-7 years. He isn't completely blind, but he can't fetch a ball except by scent. His owner's husband left her and she had no idea where she would be living, a difficult enough problem for a person alone, much less one with a large dog. Diego has always been an outdoor dog, and he loves water. He's so happy when someone plays with him!



INKY DINKY

is also visually impaired. He's a middle-aged Brussels Griffon mix, and he's quiet, gentle, and good with other dogs. We think older kids would be fine, too. He's a little guy (12



pounds or so) and just as cute as he looks.

BOSS

is a large, solid boy, middle-aged, with cropped ears that are passable. He came from a "rough part of town," and had a huge wound that was scabbing over at the time we rescued him from the animal shelter. It is believed that he either had acid poured on his back, or perhaps gasoline, which was then ignited. A month after rescue, his scabs have fallen off and his back is healed. He's beginning to grow hair back on the affected areas. Boss became a favorite of ours with his mellow, happy demeanor. He is slightly furry, with a blockier head than many Dobermans have, so he may be a slight mix with Rottweiler.



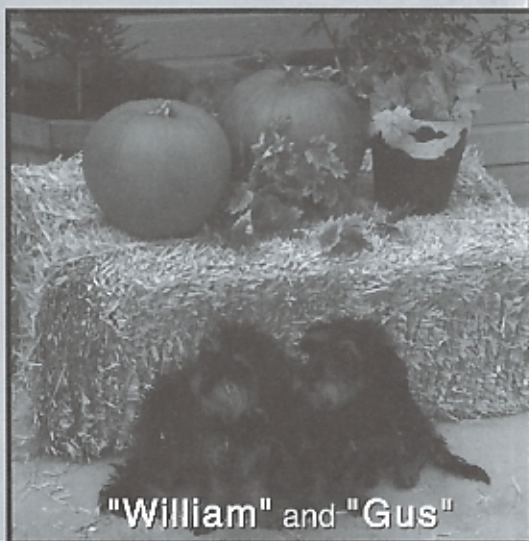
Adoption Updates

Of the five dogs featured in our September newsletter, three were adopted. Lucky dogs!

RAWHIDE,

our scruffy little Terrier-Dachshund mix, went home with Mary Ann Moore of Tehachapi. From her recent e-mail:

"Here's a pic of Gus (formerly Rawhide) and one of our other dogs, William. We've had Gus now for only two weeks and he's getting along just fine."



Our other dog is larger, a 12 yr old Aussie/Lab, and Gus does test him every once in awhile, but Zeke is a very nice dog. Gus likes our small ranch here in Tehachapi, with our horses, and loves to go running with William and Zeke to bark at the goats in the front yard.

We love him very much and are looking forward to the day when he's not soooo shy!!!

I haven't gotten any kisses from him yet, but we love to snuggle on the couch."

HAMLET,

our quiet, mellow little Beagle-Jack Russell Terrier mix, has a new home with Patricia Peralta of



Oxnard. His new name is Max, and he is still mellow, though he discovered after a few days that it was ok to bark. He gets family members to play with him by lying on his side and batting his eyelashes.

SADIE,

the tall, elegant 7-year-old red girl, was adopted by Katherine and Ken Coffey of Carpinteria. She got off to a somewhat rocky start, as she figured out how to escape their property and developed a taste for fresh chicken on a neighboring property. The Coffeys showed their full commitment to Sadie by constructing an escape-proof dog yard for Sadie



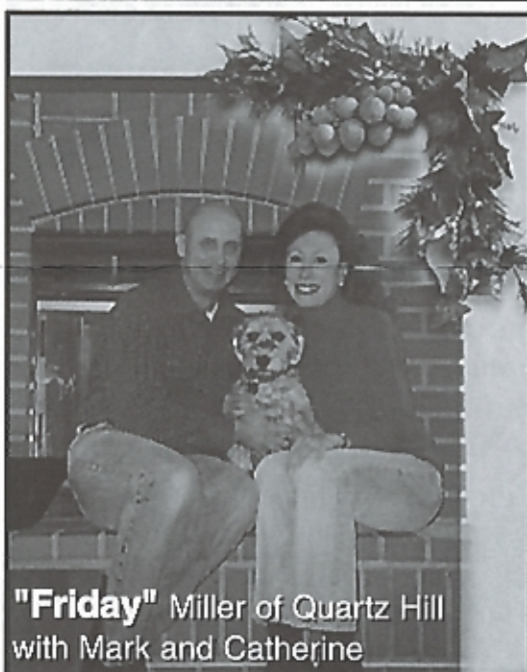
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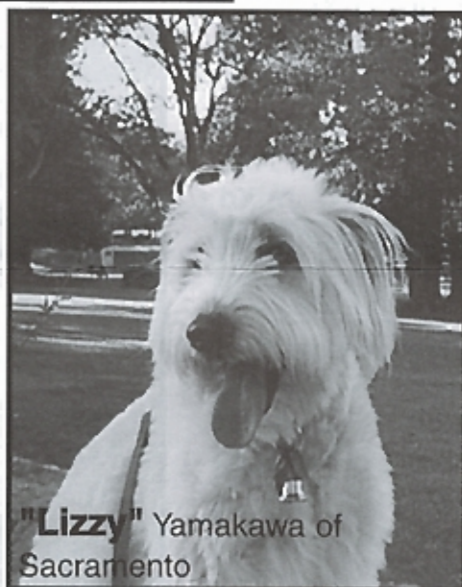
"Dakota" and "Jessie" McMillan of Ventura,
with Jeff, Santa and Patty



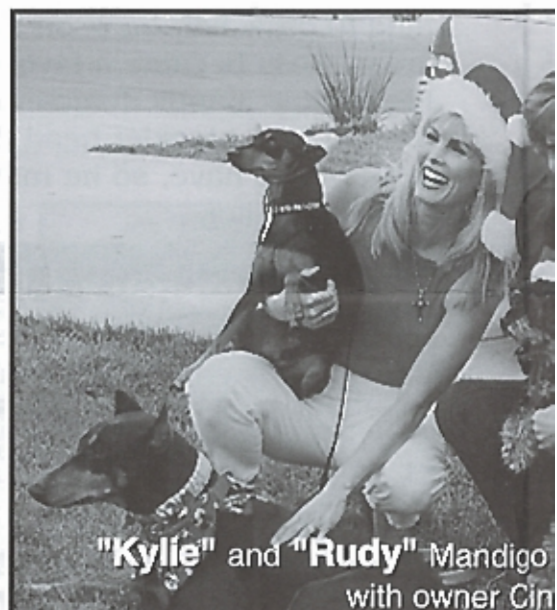
**"Patches," "Alex," "Gillis," and
"Madison"** Cwikly of Toluca Lake



"Friday" Miller of Quartz Hill
with Mark and Catherine



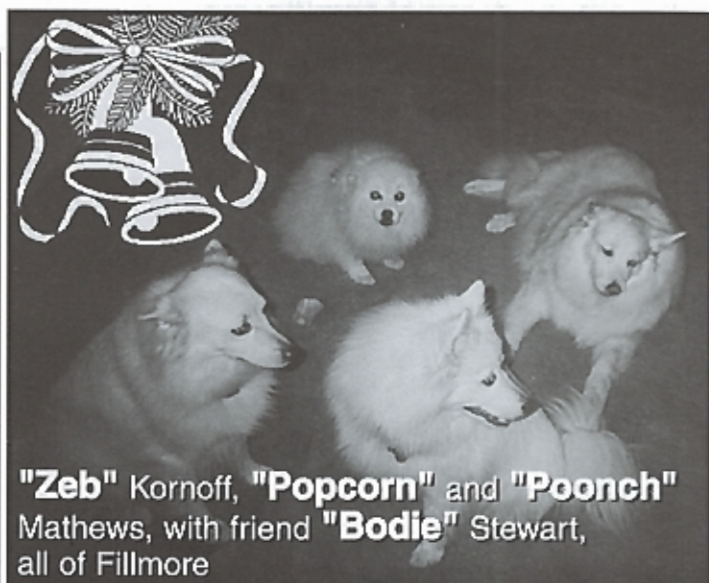
"Lizzy" Yamakawa of
Sacramento



"Kylie" and "Rudy" Mandigo
with owner Ciri

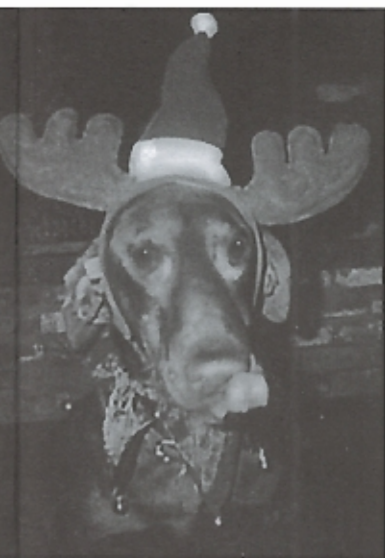


"Sierra" and "Silky" Scira of Westchester



**"Zeb" Kornoff, "Popcorn" and "Poonch"
Mathews, with friend "Bodie" Stewart,**
all of Fillmore

"Zor"
Palos



"Chopper" Renison of San Bernardino



"Magnum" Blackwell of Sun Valley, with Brittany



"Jasmin" and **"Jacob"** Dominski-Curlee of Encinitas



igo of Chula Vista
Cindy and friends



"Zeta" Wojciechowski of Woodland Hills

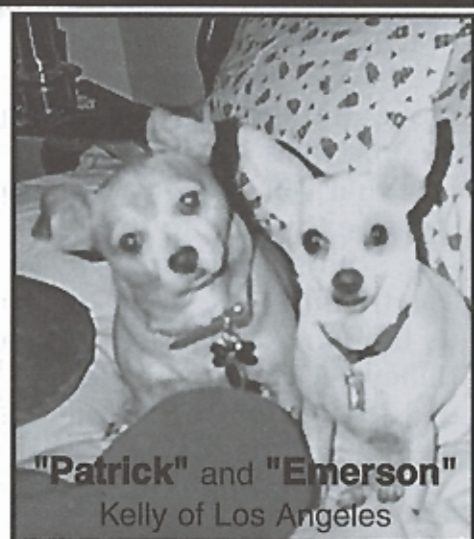
**Happy
Holidays!**



"Zorra" McDonald of Rancho Alamos Verdes, with Santa



"Sophia" Katano of Monterey Park



"Patrick" and **"Emerson"** Kelly of Los Angeles

when they have to be away.
From their recent e-mail:

'We adopted Sadie September 9, 2004, and have the most wonderful companion imaginable. Taking her to many places unknown including a family reunion, she did just fine and kept a mindful watch on everything and everybody. Sadie has become a family with our three other dogs and with a day of familiarization all of them get along as friends. She has become a great pal with Carlie, another Dobie which we adopted from Dobie Rescue. With lots of territory to roam, all of our four legged friends maintain their health and vigor with constant running and play. Sadie demands to sleep in our bedroom in her foam bed so we allow her the privilege which seems to complete the picture for her happiness. Thank you to Ardis who provides such a wonderful service for dogs needing a home and matching families with 100s of pets. Ken and Kathy Coffey, proud owners of a great Doberman!"

Cover Story

The lovely lady in the photo on our cover is Colleen Anderson, pictured with her two dogs, Butch and Hailey. (As you can tell, Colleen likes stocky, short-legged dogs; Corgi mix types.)

We are usually reluctant to place dogs with college kids in apartments, as they are quite often unaware of the commitment required to walk the dogs several times a day, train them, etc., in addition to the fact that they generally have to move numerous times during the dog's lifetime, and it's difficult to find a place to rent that will allow a dog. Colleen was a stellar exception to the rule. She is a college student, and she was living in an apartment at the time, but she convinced us that she could offer a good home to Hailey. A few months later, she was back to adopt a buddy for Hailey, and Butch lucked out that day.

About that time, Colleen inquired as to

whether we needed any part-time help. It so happened that we did, and she committed to a regular part-time schedule several days a week, including Saturday and Sunday mornings, which she balanced with her college schedule. Then, in addition to that, Colleen began staying after her Saturday and Sunday morning shift to help us with adoptions - every weekend! She also volunteers to drive here and there when we need a dog picked up, dropped off, shuttled to the vet, whatever.

Now we're more fortunate than ever because Colleen has moved into the rental house on the ranch, and she fosters some of our senior and/or special needs dogs, providing them with quality of life, and Colleen is herself available nearly any time when we desperately need help of one kind or another.

This is a truly remarkable young woman whom we're very happy to call part of our "family."

EXCEPTIONAL PEOPLE

People involved in animal rescue are usually pleased that there are so many of you out there who are willing to rescue a pet, rather than buying one from a breeder. We get so many calls that start out "We were going to buy a dog from a breeder," and then they conclude with "but we thought maybe we could rescue one instead that needs a home." This, all by itself, is cause for celebration. But then there are a few others out there who will adopt an old or imperfect dog and love it just as much. You are so exceptional! During the past few months, we have placed several such dogs:

"**Pirate**," a darling little Spaniel mix with one eye, is now known as Simon. Thank you, Ellen Simonson of Santa Barbara!

"**Taco**," a teacup Chihuahua with epilepsy.



"Simon"



"Taco"



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Thank you, Robyn Ibarra of Goleta!

"Buster," a red boy Dobie who was diagnosed with Cardiomyopathy at age 18 months.



Thank you, Alphonso Carl Hicks of Los Angeles!

"Magic," a Yorkiepoo whose pelvis was shattered, probably hit by a car.



Thank you, Nancy Harris of Camarillo!

"B.C.," a 9-year-old red boy Dobie.

Thank you, Carl Duarte of Cerritos!



without his tail, which always wagged gently at anyone's approach. He had the most wonderful personality, and he would literally greet you with a SMILE. Even in his most senior years, he would still play, for short periods, in cool weather.

Neither Ardis nor I ever expect to have or know a better dog. He was as close to perfect as either of us have known, and if there is a Heaven for animals, he's most certainly there. She once took him to a school for developmentally disabled kids, and little kids hung all over him. Jake took it all without complaint. He was so well housebroken that, on a couple of occasions when we forgot or he didn't ask to be let out, he waited 24 hours without having an accident.

He was originally found living under someone's house. They fed him until they could capture him, then called us, believing he was a

Keepers by Eric Munck

I'm actually really writing this article for Ardis about someone who was very dear to both of us: our ranch and rescue mascot, Jake. Jake wasn't quite a Doberman; he was a large, long-tailed Dobie mix. He wouldn't have been himself



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Doberman. He seemed like such a nice dog that Ardis just couldn't turn him away. We placed him and another Dobie mix with a young woman who ultimately married a guy with a Rottweiler that didn't like other dogs. So we got them both back and placed the other Dobie mix promptly. Jake, it seems, was intended to be ours.

Jake passed away peacefully in his sleep. Ardis and I miss him terribly, but, as she says, there wasn't one day during his years with us that he didn't know he was loved.

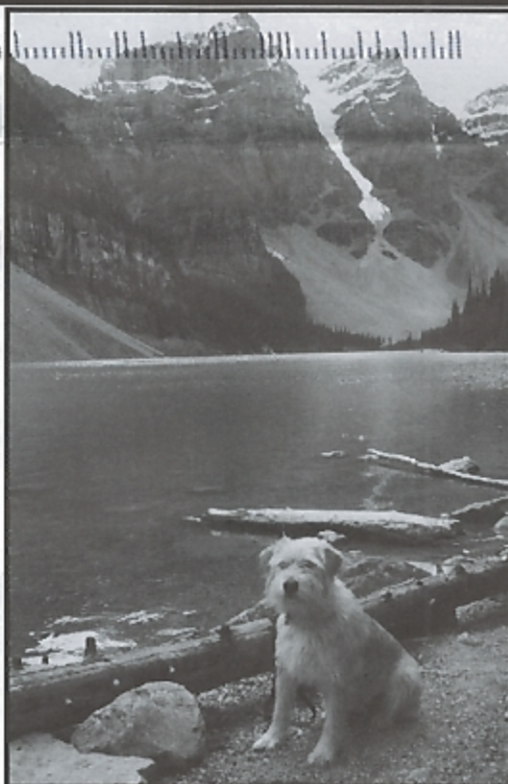
I still find myself looking for him...

Wish List

Once again this year, we can honestly say that we've rarely been naughty and usually been nice, so we hope Santa will notice our wish list!

Homes for our dogs, all sizes,
permanent or foster;
New collars, 10" to 19", nylon or
leather;
Varikennels, crates, and cages, all
sizes, new or used;
Feeders, non-rust metal preferred,
any size;
Flea-tick shampoo, Advantage, and
Frontline;
Spare change and unwanted vehicles!

Parting Shots



"Amber" Christopherson
of Calgary, Alberta, Canada

"Whether your holiday
is white or green,
have a happy one!"