

"Jackie Brown" Reesman of Valley Village

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

## "Dobie Doings"



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doptions have been disturbingly slow. So slow, in fact, that we've worked very hard for many of our placements, even delivering dogs to Palm Springs, the Bay Area, Reno, and other places far and wide, not only to get good dogs into good homes, but also to free up a kennel space here and there so we can continue to save good dogs. We're not alone. In a recent conversation with a friend from Basenji Rescue, she said they hadn't placed a single dog in weeks.

We are redesigning our web site, as the dobierescue.org web site, which is integrated with that of petfinder.com, can no longer segregate our Little Paws from the other dogs we have posted. Clicking on Little Paws does bring up our little dogs for adoption, but it also brings up Dobermans and everyone else.

The Dog Whisperer show we mentioned in our last newsletter, featuring one of the dogs we rescued from a shelter in Taiwan, will probably not air until October. We'll keep you posted in the September newsletter as to when it will be shown. Meanwhile, the lady responsible for all of our Taiwan rescues, Johanna Quinn, visited the United States in late April. She was interviewed here for another piece of the Dog Whisperer show that features the dog named Dong Dong that we told you about in our last newsletter. There was a small reunion here with Johanna and

some of her rescue dogs on April 24th (see story on page 6).

We all hope you have a wonderful summer. Please remember to keep your dogs safe and secure on the fourth of July...so many dogs become traumatized by the loud noises of the fireworks and do things completely unexpected, many of which will result in death and injury of people's loved pets.

Sincerely,
Ardis Braun

### GARAGE SALE

We had an offer we couldn't refuse:
Marcia Watkins of Santa Paula offered to
host a garage sale for us. She and Tony
Jacobs have had garage sales before and
donated all of the proceeds to us. We're
very grateful and hope the next one will be
successful as well.

Date: June 26th, 7:00 a.m. to noon or

later

Place: 805 Santa Paula Street, Santa

Paula, CA 93060

Contact: Marcia at 805-231-1164; e-mail

marciawatkins@hotmail.com

If you have nice, unwanted items, please call or e-mail Marcia and arrange to drop them off at the above address at least by the day before so they can be priced and arranged. Desired items would be tools, jewelry, shoes, fashionable casual clothing and books, summer lawn and garden items, etc.

### ADOPTION UPDATES

Every now and then we have to say that none of the dogs featured in our last newsletter were adopted. We featured ten Dobermans with long tails, and three small dogs. They're all still waiting, and, sadly, the stigma that Dobermans with long tails have, remains.

### WAITING FOR HOMES

There are all kinds of "special needs" dogs here at the rescue ranch. Some of these needs are medical and some are behavioral, and we're committed to caring for these dogs unless equally caring homes can be found for them that will accept and work with their special needs. Here are a few of them.

BLUECO

is one of the last two remaining dogs from a litter that were professionally bred but never worked with. We received him at age 1 ½; he'll be 3 on July 4th. Blueco is social with large female dogs. He's black and tan, with a long tail and natural ears.

His special need involves fluid retention on his elbows, requiring soft surfaces for him to rest and elbow padding that needs to stay clean and dry, which will hopefully preclude his needing surgery. We'd even



be happy to make him available to a temporary foster home.

LOTTIE

almost 4 years old, a small red female Dobie mix. She wasn't socialized well and is skittish to strangers, though not nippy. She tolerates male dogs well and



probably would be reliable with older kids.

WHOPPER

is an older red female Dobie with a

winning
personality. She
gets along
with ALL
other dogs
and is one
of our
freeroamers
on the



property. Unfortunately, she has urinary incontinence, requiring that she either be in a warm, dry, comfortable outdoor setting, or with a family prepared to wash a lot of blankets. Whopper wouldn't enjoy being alone, as she loves people and adheres like glue to anyone offering attention.

FIGMENT is a fun little Chihuahua-Terrier mix who is very dog- and cat-social, but he takes a little time trusting new people. If he feels

threatened, he



reacts by offering to bite. Figment is smart and seems to actually have a sense of humor, climbing the cat trees in our cattery for a better view of his surroundings. He probably would do best with an adult woman.

is a very small boy Terrier mix who was relinquished by his owner four years after his adoption because she took a job in England. He's really small (under 10 pounds), dog- and cat-social, and housebro-

ken. Cheerio is 4 1/2 years old now, having been adopted as a puppy. He used to run marathons (three of them!) with his exowner, and his favorite place to be is on your shoulder. Like



Figment, he's a bit skittish of new people.

is by now well-known to many of our readers as a neurologically-impaired Dobie boy from Taiwan. It isn't known what

caused the damage, but Joey is a happy, people-loving dog. He gets along with most other dogs, but his "situational awareness" is such that he can annoy and confuse other dogs, who don't understand his body language. He should



be fine with kids old enough to withstand his energy and size. He's black and tan, with a docked tail, and he's about 2 years old.

is a 6-year-old black and tan female Dobie whose owner lost his home. She was relinquished with a male Dobie, but she would be just as happy being the only dog. Coco is good with cats and kids, and she has no bad habits. Her special need, like Whopper's, is an owner



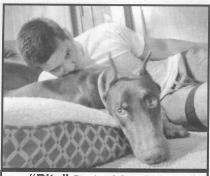
willing to cope with the challenge of urinary incontinence.

### MONTY'S CRUSADE



Some of you may recall a story we mentioned several years ago about Monty, a little Chihuahua-Jack Russell Terrier type who had spent three years in our kennel after being rescued from a high-kill shelter and subsequently being returned to us by an adopter for being over-protective. He fit the bill nicely for the next adopters, who happen to be a wonderful couple who have shown Monty the finer things in life, including travel in their private jet. (They ask not to be mentioned by name.) After a few lessons in what appropriate behavior is, he has become a loved companion for the couple and play-buddy for a couple of other dogs he's lived

Monty regularly helps Dobies and Little Paws with donations to keep his old pals here warm, dry, and comfortable. The roof overhangs that now cover up to half of each of our kennels were made possible with one of his donations. In a recent e-mail, his owners say Monty



"Pita" Bush of San Diego, with Kris



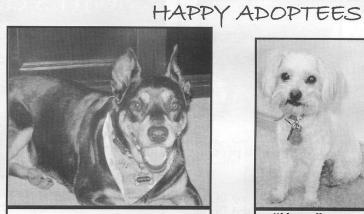
"Tobe" Miller-Cherier of Santa Barbara



"Osiris" Shield of Phoenix, AZ



"Maggie Jo" Favalora of Santa Barbara



"Bella" Sparks of Valencia



"Hope" Thomas of Thousand Oaks



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"Shadow" LeBlanc of Santa Cruz, with Ed



"Lizzy" Yamakawa of Sacramento



"Izzy" Erkel of Lancaster, with Gabe



"Wilson" Rangel of Fillmore, with Maria



"Romeo" Henderson of Malibu, with housemates Cody and Jackson



"Simba" and "Bella" Rasmussen of Ventura



by" Ott of Hesperia



"Ramsie" Jastremski of Rancho Mirage



"Gal" Lucci, of Agoura Hills, with Patty and Buddy



"George" Matthews of Oak View



"Mickey" Voda (center) of Lancaster, with Earl and Randy



"Fillmore" Ramey of Paso Robles

will never forget that we saved his life and cared for him for three years. They hope others will follow Monty's example and help other long-term residents as much as they can.

Monty has also now extended his generosity to the tremendous need for spay and neuter facilities. He has raised quite a bit of financial assistance toward the second Los Angeles-area spay and neuter clinic truck shown on page 3. Monty's photogenic face appears as the second dog from the right.

### REUNION, TAIWANESE STYLE



### PHOTO CONTEST!

It's been a really long time since we had one of these! Here's how it works: send us a favorite picture of one of our adoptees by July 15th, and you'll be entered in our photo contest. You can send it by e-mail or regular mail, but if you're sending by e-mail, don't assume we received it unless we respond to you. It should be in jpeg format and attached to your e-mail. We'll acknowledge every picture received by e-mail.

The pictures that turn out the best are those with good contrast and focus. This eliminates almost all pictures taken with camera phones. Unfortunately, we can't print your pictures in color in our newsletter, which would exponentially increase our costs. Try to visualize what your picture will look like without color. If colors are too similar in terms of light-and-dark, they'll all show up in shades of aray.

Twelve winners will receive calendars with their dog's picture displayed for one of the months in 2011. This we do hope to do in color. These calendars can also be purchased for a small donation by any of our dog-loving friends.

We are also planning to modify our web site so that even pictures of non-winners can be shown, one and all, which is also a sneaky way to get you to send us pictures of your dogs! Left to right: Doug Allen and his wife Lourdes with their dog Mei Mei; Rennie and Rhonda Scarborough (sitting) with Dong Dong; Colleen Anderson (sitting behind Rhonda) with her dog Dewey; Laura Cox-Bryan with her dog Molly; Johanna, the star of the day, is standing in the center; John Gapen (sitting), holding Joey; I'm directly behind John, holding a plaque Johanna presented to me; Bill Dawson is sitting with his dog Mindi; and Louise Gapen is holding her dog Leo.

April 24th was an exciting day for us. Johanna Quinn, the lady at TUAPA (Taichung Universal Animal Protection Association) responsible for doing the outreach and coordinating transport of fourteen dogs from Taiwan to Los Angeles for us, came for a visit. She wanted to videotape as many of the TUAPA "alumni," and their new owners, as possible.

Six ex-TUAPA dogs and their owners came. Three TUAPA dogs are still kenneled here, two of which had been adopted and returned (Mateus, a Doberman, for challenging his owner; and Toby, a Border Collie mix, for destructiveness); and one has not yet been adopted (Joey, shown in our Waiting For Homes section on page 3). A Beagle named Sammy was to have come with his owner, but they didn't. A Golden



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Lab named Flash and a Doberman named Cindi were invited but couldn't attend. Another Doberman, Teddy, moved to Texas, so it would have been difficult for him to attend. A Doberman puppy had his name changed upon arrival here, and we couldn't remember his new name; thus, with some embarrassment, he was not invited.

It was a delightful reunion. The picture on page 6 shows the group assembled and identified. In addition, a couple of employees of the Dog Whisperer show came and interviewed Johanna for the segment involving Dong Dong and his owners, which will hopefully air in October.

While in the U. S., Johanna visited several other cities where other TUAPA alumni were assembled for reunions like ours. She's an amazing lady who works hard to get dogs from their shelter into rescue facilities like ours where they have a chance at adoption and a quality life.

### **NETWORKING**

....has been our mantra for many years. It has made so many things possible. It's a matter of someone knowing someone else who can help, or wants to adopt, or has what is needed. The internet, of course, has made networking reach a scope that no one could have imagined beforehand.

Take the case of Ringo, a Dobie boy we received from an upstate animal shelter where the owners had turned him in. Then there was another home that failed (not his fault). Finally we placed him with a family that appeared to adore him, but a month later he turned up in a Salem, Oregon animal shelter, identifiable by his microchip number. The husband had been deployed to Afghanistan, and the wife learned that she was pregnant, concurrent with newly-diagnosed osteoarthritis.

Fortunately, the shelter called us. They were not no-kill, they said, but they could hold Ringo for a time until we could work out how to get him back. That's where the networking came in.

We know a Doberman breeder, Steve Pereira, whom we respect. He's a pilot, and he's come to our facility a couple of times for visits and to have the new owners of pups he's bred receive their new family members. His puppies are big-boned, beautiful, and well-socialized, and Steve readily accepted our advice that he should microchip all of his puppies, just in case.

When we explained the dilemma with



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Ringo being in Oregon, Steve said he no longer had access to the plane, but he knew a few people that might be able to help. One couple he called, Mary and Doug Pasquinelli, called us the next day. They live in Eugene, Oregon, just an hour from Salem, and they said they would happily rescue Ringo from the animal shelter for us. Their other dog was getting old, they said, and maybe they might even be interested in keeping Ringo, if all went well.

The rest is history. As of this writing, Ringo has been residing at the Pasquinelli house for months, and it looks like theirs will be his last home. Here's a picture of Ringo with Mary and Doug, and his new "sister," Lacy. We think Ringo would feel that the turbulence he had along the way to his cloud with the silver lining was worth it!



# PARTING SHOTS

"Alex" Boggi of San Diego

"It is fatal to let any dog know that he is funny, for he immediately loses his head and starts hamming it up."

- P. G. Wodehouse