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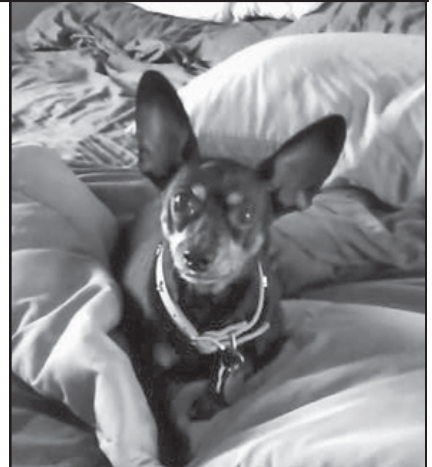
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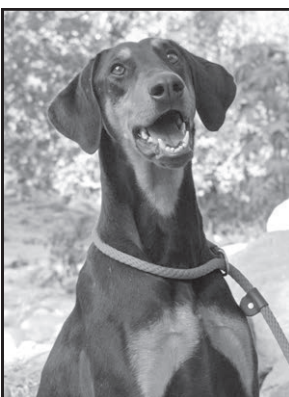


"Bumbles" Gapen of Bullhead City, AZ

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We kicked off the summer with a challenge called "30 Dogs in 60 Days." Since early summer is usually our slowest adoption time of the year – even though the number of dogs needing rescue is higher at that time of year – we figured that setting a goal might help us achieve a desirable number of adoptions. We advertised it on our web site and our Facebook page, and it worked! Not only that, we exceeded the goal; between May 17 and July 17, we had 46 adoptions! And most weekends since then have also been good ones, which has meant that we were able to save the higher numbers of pooches needing rescue when people move away and leave their dogs behind.

Our primary-care vet clinic, Bear Valley Animal Hospital in Apple Valley, had a photo contest, and we



submitted a number of photos taken by the amazing Colleen Anderson, who wears many hats. Our Doberman girl Dory's picture was selected as the winner, which also bought us a \$50 credit toward one of our vet bills there. Isn't she beautiful?

Several more of you have looked into the matching gift donation programs that some

employers offer; thank you! What was mentioned to us recently by Gail Means, whose employer, Amgen, has a generous matching gift program, is that volunteers who spend their time and mileage to benefit our non-profit

dog rescue can apply to have the value of their time and mileage also matched by the employer.

The holiday season is fast approaching again, so if you've been intending to send us holiday pictures of your dogs from last year, send them now so we can include them in the next (winter) newsletter.

Once again, our sincere thanks to everyone for the many wonderful gifts you provide, including pictures of your loved pets. We used to say "give them a big hug from us," but after learning from a survey that most dogs don't like hugs very much, we'll just ask you to treasure them for us.

Blessings,
Ardis Braun

ADOPTION UPDATES

Of the nine dogs featured in our last issue, seven were adopted. Not bad!!

DIESEL,

one of our favorites, got lucky just as we were going to press. He was able to transition directly from his foster home to his forever home with Shelbi Petty of Simi Valley, a veterinary technician who sees lots of animals, so she knew exactly what she wanted. The picture to the right was taken just as she was taking him home.



BUFFY,

our little “plain brown wrapper” Chihuahua mix, was also adopted just as we were going to press, by Lavonne Davidson of Canyon Country. She had recently lost her husband, and Buffy had somehow lost her home a few months ago, so we hope these girls will be good company for each other.



GRETCHEN,

one of a set of twins left behind when their owner died, was adopted by Yair Barojas of Los Angeles. Her new name is Robin. From Yair’s recent e-mail:

“Thanks to her former owner, Robin developed a very tranquil and easygoing attitude that has suited us



perfectly! We can’t wait to keep taking her out on walks, hiking and other adventures. She truly is the perfect dog. If anyone wishes to contact us regarding our experience with her, with you, or

your rescue feel free to give my e-mail out. I know a lot of people can have reservations about adopting a dog and need affirmation from other people.”

His e-mail address is: yair_213@sbcglobal.net.

RACHEL,

Gretchen’s twin, was adopted by the Wang family of Buena Park. From Annie Wang’s recent e-mail:

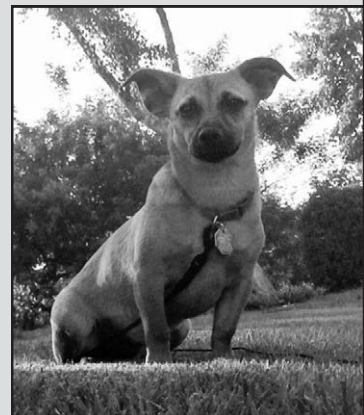
“She loves her new home! At first she was terrified of cars, people, and our neighbor’s miniature poodle, but now walks are her favorite part of the day. When I’m not keeping an eye on her in the yard, she causes all kinds of mischief, such as eating flower petals, or running around playing keep-away with my flip flops! A few weeks ago, my parents had a company party at a huge park and we brought her along with us. She had a great time, but apparently small dogs aren’t her favorite thing in the universe.



This weekend, we plan on bringing her to a dog park, so that she can make some new friends.”

FINNLEY,

a puppy found living in a drainpipe with his sister and mother, was adopted by Lynda and Charles Floyd of Mission Viejo. Charles said that when they came to meet Finnley, they hadn’t realized he was such a...puppy! The first two weeks were a challenge. The first week he was afraid of everything, and by the second week he had grown protective of Lynda. That’s history now, he was easy to housebreak, and he’s learning how to be a real DOG! Lynda says he can be viewed on Instagram at #finleyofloyd.



FINN,

our very handsome fawn male, was adopted by Gary Devore of West Hollywood. From Gary’s recent e-mail:

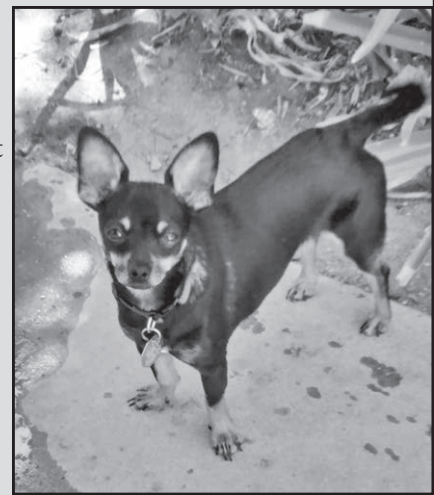


“Finn has been a great addition to my everyday life. We spend many days at Runyon Canyon, the off-leash dog park....He has become a little famous. People are always asking if he is a Weimaraner and wanting to pet

him. He is an amazing dog. Dog friendly, follows commands, knows tricks, struts on the leash, and is very loving! Nothing is perfect but this dog is close.”

UNO,

the little 5-pound rascal, was adopted by Juana Pena Tarango of Santa Paula. As of this writing, the family had just returned from a camping trip that Uno went along on. He had a blast! Juana says he loves the water and that he bobs like a rabbit. His new best friend from the camping trip is a big German Shepherd, and they took video of Uno playing with her...and playing and playing.



PLAIN BROWN WRAPPER

You've probably heard the term. Many stores feature products that aren't name brands but are good quality for the price anyway. They are generically grouped and have come to be called "plain brown wrapper" by the folks that don't care if the product has a fancy name.

Likewise, we call many of our not-fancy dogs Plain Brown Wrappers also. They are surprisingly hard to place because, well, they just aren't noticed by most people.

On a few occasions where I've been asked to do public speaking for Rotary, Lions Club, women's groups, etc., I have amused the audiences every time by asking them to guess what is the second-most-adopted group of dogs, after the young and gorgeous. The answer is: the pathetic ones! Whether they are pathetically ugly, have only one eye or three legs, whatever, they are routinely adopted much more quickly than you'd expect. We think there are two reasons. One is that people think that if they don't adopt the poor creature, no one will. Secondly, the dog is NOTICED!

And that's why Plain Brown Wrappers are so hard to place: they're not noticed. An average-looking dog that is mellow enough to not announce himself to every passerby, just waiting patiently on his bed or in his dog house, is likely to be overlooked time after time. This is true primarily for brown and black dogs, and not only for Dobermans, but also for little dogs like Chihuahuas, and for mid-sized dogs like many Terrier mixes.

So the dogs in this issue's Waiting For Homes section are Plain Brown Wrapper dogs.

Go ahead, make our day!

WAITING FOR HOMES

CHAOS

is a classic Plain Brown Wrapper dog. He's a red Dobie boy with a so-so coat, and he's about 5 years old, having spent 1 1/2 years in our rescue kennel. He also spent three full days at the Orange County Pet Expo this year and behaved himself beautifully. Chaos is kenneled with a large female Dobie whom he respects and doesn't challenge.



BUBBA

is a combination of more breeds than we can identify, but he's probably part Terrier and perhaps some Basenji, as he has a corkscrew tail and can jump three feet quite easily. He's very affectionate and would be delighted to spend every moment with his loved human. Bubba tolerates other dogs but doesn't require a companion dog. He's about 6 years old, weighs under 20 pounds, and is fine with cats.



INDIE

isn't yet a long-term resident, but we'd like to get him adopted while he's still young. He's well under a year old and already weighs about 15 pounds, and given that he's a very motivated eater, he should reach 20+ pounds full-grown. Indie is very dog-social, and he should make a good family pet. His breeding is unknown, but we are pretty sure he's part Dachshund.



MOUSE

has never gotten it quite right. She's a Min Pin-Chihuahua mix that has been with us most of her life (since December, 2005). She was estimated at 2 years old back then, which would make her nearly 11 now. Mouse was adopted briefly a couple of times, but she wasn't given time to settle in and was returned for being skittish. In reality she is a very needy dog who craves attention and with a little help will crawl her way all the way up to your shoulder.



DEVON

is a Doberman-Australian Shepherd mix who loves to run and is a kennel favorite. We recently cat-tested Devon, and he was tolerant and unaggressive with the cat, a positive trait we hadn't known before. He's now 5 years old, having spent three of them in our rescue kennel and he needs to be the only dog.





**"Ashlie"
Davenport
of Ventura**

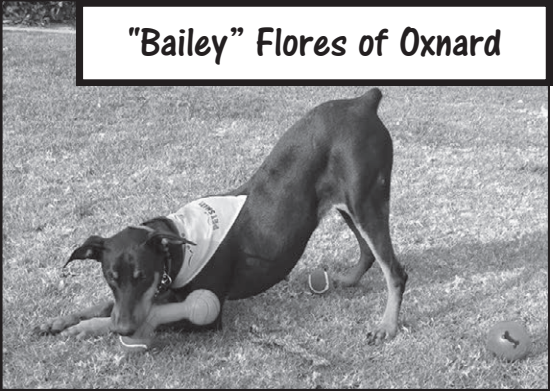


**"Jacques" Hair of
Ventura**



**"Caley" and "Buddy" Healy of San
Marino, with Chip and Trish**

**"Misty" Larsen
of Encino**



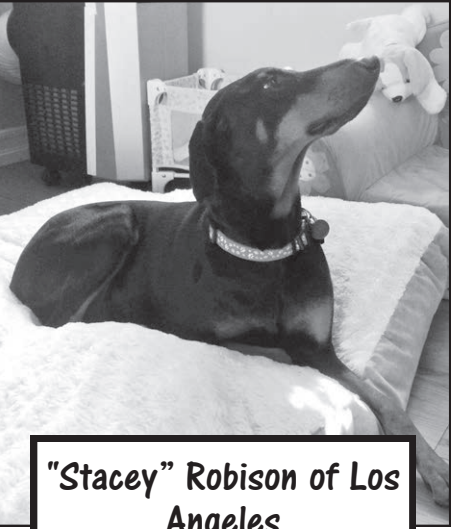
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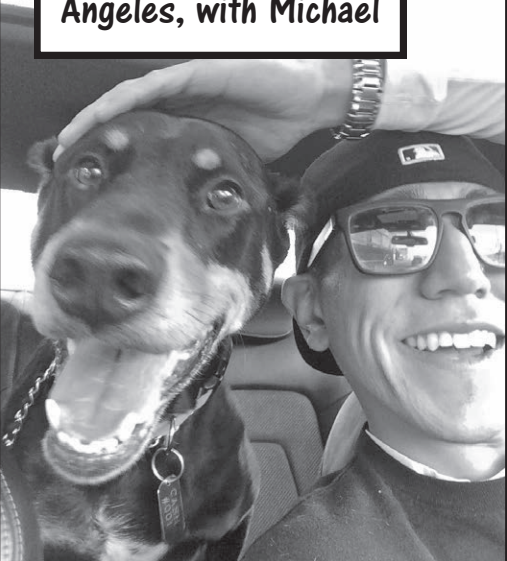
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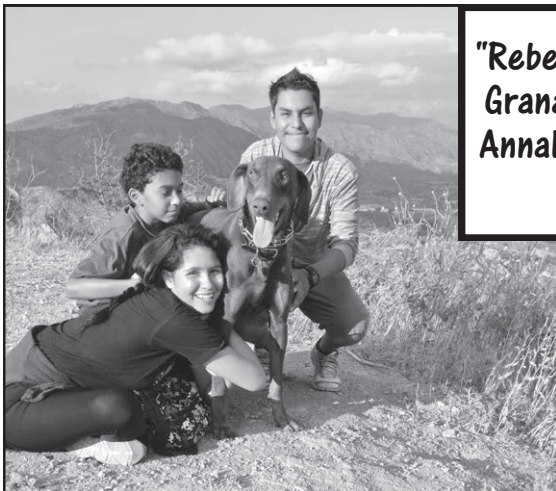
**"Cash" Flores of Los
Angeles, with Michael**



**"Stacey" Robison of Los
Angeles**



**"Aristotle" Lee of
Woodland Hills**



"Rebel" Guardado of Granada Hills, with Annaliza, Diego and Erik



"Snoop" Cribbs of Lake Hughes



"Loki" McDaniel of Covina

"Sophie" and "Daisy" Pennino of Huntington Beach



"Cisco" Seckar of Simi Valley

"Vicky" Miron of Encino



HAPPY ADOPTERS!!



"Jax" Haworth of West Hills, with Stacy



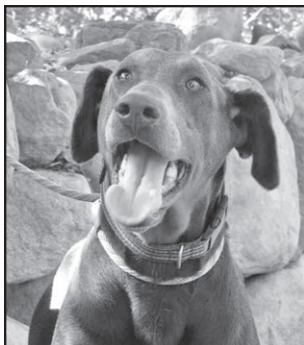
"Bentley" Blackstone of Studio City



"Sylver" Roseland of Santa Ana

BERRIE

is a blue Dobie girl with a so-so coat, solidly-built at about about 75 pounds. She's about 6 years old, and she's dog-social with large males that don't challenge her. She's on the quiet side, loves to eat, and needs some training. Berrie has been with us since January, 2014.



SNOOPY



has a long history with us, which we've shared on our web site. He's a fairly low-energy dog who plays like a puppy for short spurts after he's bonded to his new people and relaxed. He thrives on praise and gentle handling. Snoopy's foster mom taught him some commands and appropriate behaviors, and he can tolerate some large dogs that don't challenge him. He's about 6 years old, solidly-built, and has a pretty good coat for a blue Dobie, though he requires inexpensive

thyroid medication daily. Snoopy is in general an "easy keeper." In our kennel, he spends his time...waiting (for the forever home we hope he'll find).

CASSIE

is about 7 months old, having been with us for 3 months. We'd love to see her adopted while she's still a puppy! Cassie is one of three dogs found in a drainpipe, and she's never been the only dog. She would be happiest with another young and/or playful dog that she can roughhouse with, but she would probably do well in any home where she's not alone many hours a day.



Judging from her appearance and that of her sibling and mother, she is likely a combination of Pomeranian and Dachshund, and she weighs just over 10 pounds.

MEDICAL MATTERS

by Colleen Anderson

Let's talk demodex! Demodex is a type of mange mite that we seem to be seeing more and more of in Dobermans at the animal shelters. The good news: demodex is not contagious. In fact, we've been told that all dogs have or have been exposed to this mite, but with a normal, healthy immune system, most dogs can keep them under control. It's those unlucky few that have compromised immune systems as puppies or adults that have hair loss and skin issues because of the mites taking over. Those are the ones we end up rescuing and caring for while they slowly recover.

Even more confusing than how or why a dog has

demodex, is how to treat it. We've never met two veterinarians that completely agree on the treatment, which has led us through a lot of trial and error. The danger is that anything that kills mites is toxic and if not given correctly, can do more harm than good. We've been through a lot of treatment plans but have finally found a light at the end of the tunnel.

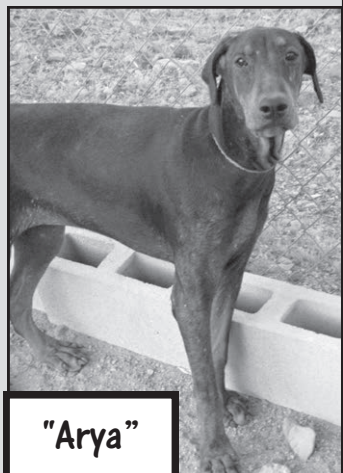
The "demodex girls" as I call them, are four female Dobies that are currently recovering under our care. Gilda, Amelie, Demi, and Arya are all wonderful, sweet, and social girls that deserve happy endings. Weekly Ivermectin injections, twice a week baths, and a healthy diet have put all of them on the path to recovery.

Each demodex case we take on is quite the commitment, not because it is all that complicated to treat but because it can take such a long time. To support one dog long term through any medical condition can be a drain on financial resources so we've created a page on our website specifically to raise money for these special and deserving dogs. We want to be able to give them a second chance at life but, as always, we need your help to do it. Check out that page at <http://www.dobiesandlittlepawsrescue.org/MedicalCases.html> and see all of their pictures.

The final challenge with our sweet demodex girls is finding them forever homes. The difficulty with demodex being linked to the immune system is that some dogs can relapse if they undergo enough stress. The treatment during that time is relatively simple and mostly just requires good skin care, but early detection is critical, so any adopters must understand the responsibility involved. We know it can be a lot to commit to but we believe these dogs are amazing in so many other ways and desperately hope that there are adopters out there willing to make the extra effort. We hope to be able to add all of the girls to our list of available Dobermans very soon!



"Amelie"



"Arya"



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MORE HAPPY ENDINGS

Since these are probably everyone's favorite part of the rescue effort, we'll try to share a few with you as often as space permits.

Django, whom we originally called Calypso, was on the "urgent" list at a high-kill animal shelter in L. A.



County, and we knew immediately that he wasn't quite a Doberman, but his young age, the fact that he was already neutered, his innocent appearance, and the fact that we actually had an empty kennel, kind of drew us in. He had been impounded 6-4-13, but he had a microchip, so he was held longer for his owner to pick him up...which didn't happen. We

picked him up 7-2-13.

After he spent a couple of months in our kennel, we saw that he wasn't flying out of here with any anxious adopter, so we freed him from his kennel to be a "free-roamer" on the six acres fenced for the enjoyment of social dogs that love to run. And RUN he did! Round and round the kennels, teasing the other dogs, chasing and body-slammng other dogs, he had a blast.

That all worked quite well until, having access to my house through a doggie door, he began to challenge a couple of the old males that are also free-roamers here. At that point he was again relegated to the kennel.

One Saturday we had a visit from a young man

named Calypso Jaie, a college student in Claremont. He was a volunteer dog-walker that day, and when he spotted a name sign on Calypso's kennel bearing the same name as his own unique name, he couldn't believe his eyes. The two Calypsos went for a several-hour outing that afternoon, and Calypso (the human) said he would be trying to find somewhere to rent that allows dogs. Some time later, Calypso (the human) e-mailed to ask if he might be permitted to take Calypso (the dog) out for a week of playtime on trails and at the beach during his spring break. That sounded like a whole lot of fun for both of them, so we agreed. He showed up on March 15 to take his namesake for a week of serious fun. Both Calypsos seemed a bit sad a week later when the dog had to go back to his kennel.

On July 5th, Calypso was chosen by Shaun Partlow and Karen Johnston to live with them and their other dog, Moxie, in Richmond, CA. The dogs have not stopped playing since. From an e-mail Shaun sent:



"They are getting along wonderfully. Our biggest problem is that they simply will not stop playing if they are together....They get a ton of exercise in the yard that way. It's really a bunch of terraces, no big flat place. Well, they just run up and down and on the largest square they take turns keeping the high ground while they wrestle. I want



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to put a cape on Moxie and take a picture of her leaping off the one terrace into the bigger part of the yard.”



Around the first of June, we got a return: a 17-year-old Chihuahua named Penny, that we had placed about 15 years prior. The adopters had split up and the husband ended up with Penny, but he was renting a room



from someone that didn't want her there, and we always take our dogs back.

After a plea on Facebook to try to find someone who would take the little old girl into their home, Erica Lake of Los Angeles

responded and took Penny home on June 14. The picture above shows Penny in her new digs.



Less than a month later, we had an inquiry from Brandalyn Robison of Santa Paula about our 15-year-old Spaniel mix, Fiona. Having lived approximately a decade at the rescue, most recently with Colleen, Fiona was still posted on our web site, but we didn't really expect a mostly-blind, mostly-deaf dog her age to be adoptable. Brandalyn wanted an old dog though. She traditionally has a middle-aged dog, a second dog somewhat older than middle age, and a very senior dog. Since she was down to two dogs, she figured that Fiona would fit in well with her little pack.

From Brandalyn's recent e-mail: "Everyone is getting along great! Though if the younger dogs get too rambunctious she lets them know. I never expected that she could have so much energy! She spends most of the day asleep on the couch or in her hammock outside but when she's excited about something it really shows. I had a lab panel run

on her and everything is normal, but she seems to have a little neck pain so I'll be taking her to work this week to have that checked



out. She loves having her back scratched and isn't at all afraid of the goats, though she'll steal a chicken egg (or even a chick) if given the chance. Watching her try to crack open an egg is hilarious!"

Sometimes all you need is...a nap!



"Bella" Stafford of Visalia