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Another summer is behind us, and besides being terribly hot and humid this year, it was mostly also a very slow adoption time for us. Summers typically are, because people move and take vacations in the summer, so adopting a dog at that time isn't good timing, not to mention those who dump their dogs because they're moving. Years ago, when I was just an animal shelter volunteer, I witnessed people turning in their dogs before they went on vacation because it would be cheaper to get a new dog on their return than to board their pet dog while they were away. Awful!

Our local Ventura County Animal Services shelters, which we are so happy to say are now "no kill," having achieved a 94% "live release rate," have the same slow adoption problem that we and most other shelters have during the summer doldrums, and they have been promoting adoptions by offering deep reductions in their adoption fees for dogs and cats.

We can't hope to match those discounts because we're not supported by tax dollars (don't we wish!), but we can certainly offer flexibility on dogs that have been with us a long time, senior dogs, and special-needs dogs.

Once again we thank all who have helped support us with financial gifts, volunteer time, and every other kind of assistance. And we love receiving pictures and updates about your adopted dogs, even if we can't begin to print them all!



Blessings,
Ardis Braun

ADOPTION UPDATES

Three of the precious pooches in our last newsletter have been adopted. Lucky dogs!

CHLOE,

whom we took as a sort of favor when her owners dumped her, was adopted by Jacqueline Grant and Thomas



Anderson of Oxnard. Initially she suffered some separation anxiety and would bark when left during the day, but these great folks are committed to Chloe and making it work.

From their e-mail: "Chloe took

some time getting used to apartment life, but she's adjusting well. She loves to go on walks and lounge around on the couch. Chloe has enjoyed meeting new friends at daycare and going to the beach with her people."

CHIPPER

went to a home with a similar-looking little dog, Cleo, which may have predisposed his adopters to loving him. Jim and Claudia Deardorff of



Ventura are his new parents. From Jim's e-mail: "He's doing great, eating and sleeping like this is his home and friendly with our neighbors who come to visit. Cleo is doing great as Chipper's new big sister....Thanks again for all you do."

MONA

spent close to a year with us for unknown reasons. She just didn't "come on anyone's radar" until Bonnie and Max Ryden came down from Crestline and adopted her. An e-mail from Bonnie: "Our sweet petite Mona...has mastered cuddling and snuggling, and lounging on the couch and the bed. She wiggles all over and stamps her feet at dinnertime. She has yet to venture into the kitchen...she takes her meals in the bedroom, where she first made her 'safe place' on a pile of laundry. She goes in and out and plays in the yard with her companion, D'Beau, who is twice her size...we're sure that with patience and affection she will settle in and become a secure part of the Ryden family. We just love her to pieces!"

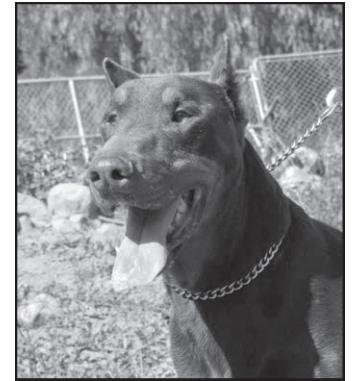


sitting on laps, he's not really a snuggler. He may be more appropriate for someone not enjoying a very needy dog. Jimmy is inquisitive, though he hasn't been good with

other dogs we have introduced him to. Jimmy is about 4 years old.

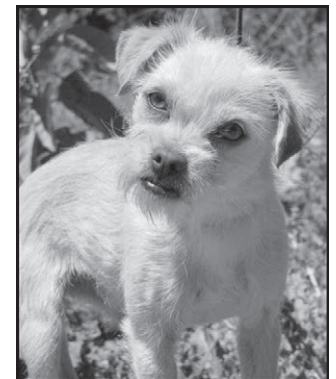
Moe

is not a big Dobie, but he's a solid one. He is a handsome red and about 4 years old. Moe wasn't able to live with another male that he came in with, but he's done well with large female dogs that aren't overly aggressive. He'll probably wish to be the alpha dog in any dog relationship, but he doesn't seem to pick fights, isn't vocal, and is a pretty easy keeper. Thus far his behavior with kids isn't known.



Little Dolly

was a "street stray" with no i.d., and her owner couldn't be found. She's a 9-pound Terrier mix under 2 years old, a little shy, and absolutely sweet and social. She's excellent with other dogs of all sizes, and the Good Samaritan who searched for her owner said she appeared to be housebroken. And just look at that precious underbite!



WAITING FOR HOMES

Princess

has had at least two previous homes. The most recent one completed a surrender questionnaire for the animal shelter, indicating that they were returning her because she nipped a 3-year-old child who was on a swing set at the time. She had been there only 3 1/2 days. Their questionnaire also said that Princess is housebroken, loves playing ball, is friendly and affectionate to people, is very active, and will chase cats. They also said she did not jump their 5' chain link fence, though the previous bio posted by her animal shelter before that short-term adoption said that Princess may bark if lonely and that she's able to jump a 6' fence. She is a beautiful red, likes being indoors, knows all her commands, and likes to play fetch. In other words, she needs stimulation and exercise to be happy. Princess is now 4 years old and has been with us 1 1/2 years.



Londo

has been with us far too long (about 5 years). He's about 8 now, and one of our volunteers picked him as her favorite dog. She walks him every weekend, and she would have adopted him if he had been social with



her other dog. Londo was also adopted once, but he became insecure and fear aggressive when direct eye contact and too-soon demands were made of him. He has matured into a much more tolerant dog who is a joyful fellow and an easy keeper. We'd love to see

Jimmy

is a little 8-pound Terrier mix who is new with us. He's very tolerant of handling, and though he's fine

Londo spend his senior years in his very own home with an adult woman or couple who will give him the time he needs to adjust.

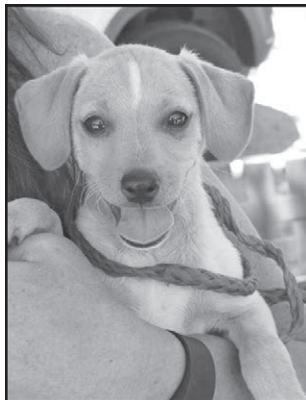
Don is a beautiful red boy and sadly, he's completely blind. He has progressive retinal atrophy which means that he most likely went blind as an adult rather than being born blind. He has proven to be sweet with the people he has met and has a gentle nature. He loves his butt scratched and likes to give his paw. It was reported that he might not be very dog social but we haven't had a chance to test him ourselves yet. His lack of sight may make him more reactive to situations he feels insecure in, but we are willing to try introductions to other dogs if necessary to make a new home possible for him, plus he may do better with a "sighted" dog to follow. We believe that dogs with special needs can do everything that a normal dog can do but a steady, low stress home would probably be ideal for him.



Kona is a Dobie mix who was surrendered back to her animal shelter two months after adoption because she was too active for her environment. She's about a year old, and we think she is mixed with Australian Shepherd. The info provided by her previous owner said she is good with some dogs (though not apparently good with their other dog), kids, and is very well housebroken. They also commented that Kona is very adaptable, enjoys car rides, and isn't destructive. Though she still has a little growing to do, she won't be very big in any event. She's about 45-50 pounds at this time.



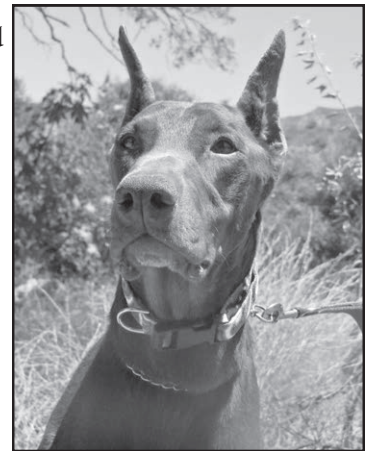
Flea was a "street stray," and he's about as cute as they come. He's just a puppy, with an estimated D.O.B. of about 6-1-15, so he probably has very little in the way of training. He's a high-energy, wiggly guy who is slippery, sliding out doors and gates between feet, so he'll need vigilance to keep him safe. We



don't think Flea would be a good choice for a family with young kids because he climbs all over people and has sharp claws. He's also been known to launch out of an adult man's embrace. We estimate Flea at about 3 pounds. Oh, and he can be quite vocal if ignored.

These next two Dobies are currently enjoying their time at Leaps and Bounds, our new rehab/sanctuary location. Although they aren't at the rescue every day, they can be there any Saturday for adoptions.

Bowe is one of our red darlings. He's about 6-7 years old and was given up by his owner with a female Dobie. We have separated them because they weren't bonded and didn't care much for each other. Bowe is mellow and agreeable with an easygoing charm. He has some elbow dysplasia in his front legs so he needs soft bedding to keep his joints pain free and his elbows from swelling. Bowe doesn't ask for much and a little loving goes a long way with this affectionate boy. He is fine around other dogs of all sizes as long as he is given his space when he is resting. He is nothing but a submissive sweetheart with people.



Becky is an easygoing 7-year-old black and tan Dobie girl we rescued from an animal shelter, where we were told she was dumped at a vacant house. She has the calm, gentle nature of an older dog and she's low energy, so she's an easy keeper. Though fairly tolerant of other dogs of all sizes and genders, she needs to have her space respected. She has peacefully lived with many different dogs over the past few months and even made friends with a few of them, but it is clear that she is happiest in the company of people. Becky is playful, affectionate, and soaks up every ounce of love she can get.





“Dosi” Snyder of Santa Monica, with Barbara



“Minnie” Miller of Santa Paula



“Duke” Eichberger of Santa Rosa Valley, with Joe and Barbara



“Finley” Floyd of Mission Viejo



“Maddie” Sparnicht of San Gabriel



“Precious” Garrison of Victorville



“Raeder” Bautista-Lortz of San Francisco, in training



“Ellie” Schmainda of Rolling Hills Estates, with Sarah and Alexandria

“Tanner” Dagger-Kim of Laguna Hills



**"Sadie" and "Boachie"
Bradfield of Novato**



**"Ruger" Sanchez of
South Gate with Roberto**



**"Mickey" Warda of
Santa Barbara, with
Sara El Alaoui**



**"Maddie-
May" and
"Wesley"
Liddell of
Long
Beach**

**HAPPY
ADOPTERS!!**



**"Bruce Wayne" Dahl
of Oceanside**



**"Bleu" Roberts of Pacific
Grove, with Emily**



**"Mackenzie" Hansen
of San Marcos**



**"Lodi"
O'Donnell
of
Oxnard
with
Siobhan**



**"Adobe"
and
"Adonis"
Campbell
of Daly
City with
Noah and
Candi**



ANOTHER HAPPY ENDING

Almost a year ago we rescued two Dobies, a very bonded pair, from an animal shelter where they had been turned in by their owner. They were called Charlie and Sabrina. The shelter staff had requested that we rescue them because they weren't doing well at the shelter. The picture



directly below shows how terrified the white female, Sabrina, was during her impound period.

After receiving the dogs, we knew they were overstressed and needed a gentle, quiet, undemanding

home in order to “decompress” and begin to enjoy their new lives.

About the same time, we were in contact with Lisa Bermudez in Stockton, California, which is about a 6-hour drive from Fillmore. Lisa was also feeling pretty low. She said “I found myself alone for the first time in life, just lost my mother, my best friend. Then my Doberman passed – enlarged heart – my job closed and my husband up and left.” Clearly Lisa needed a new best friend, though she wasn't counting on two!

She made the long drive from Stockton, and I showed her the two dogs that needed her as much as she needed them. They are now called Brubeck and Jazzy. She recently said “the day at the rescue center, I was very intimidated by Brubeck's excessive barking at me even though I grew up with Dobermans, but I knew you can't go by how they act in the kennel at all. He already looked towards Ardis as his human, she brought him to me and he was leery, I was tired from a 6-



hour drive... in the car they went as Ardis and a gentleman loaded them up for me. Long drive home, now dark, so quiet the dogs were. Arrived in Stockton around midnight and I unloaded them in the backyard. It was November cold and the dogs were so stressed they did not lay in the bed waiting for them, they curled up in the flowerbed in a bed of leaves. I will never forget that,

brings tears to my eyes that they were so stressed that the flower bed is where they wanted to sleep, not in the house, garage, or dog bed.”

Over the following months, the dogs settled in. Lisa has a sort of turtle sanctuary, a pool, cats, and other new things the dogs weren't familiar with, and they have adapted. She was guided by an article in our newsletter around that time that quoted an adopter saying “how are these dogs to know what is right from wrong, never given a home, a chance; you never give up on a rescue dog.”

Now: “Brubeck and Jazzy love their home, they are retired in their home as I am, they guard and protect their home and yard, they never have to worry about being beaten. I cannot bend down without Brubeck kissing me on the face, and Jazzy running up and kissing my hand or goosing with her nose and running off only to smile so big. At the end of the day, they both look at each other as I cover them up...I think they need each other, they are like family more so than just shadow dogs. What would these dogs do if not for Ardis and the others that size them up with their needs, and they are so right on!!!”

We had actually thought about splitting them up when we first rescued them, because often insecure, skittish dogs will do better if each dog is paired with a more confident, outgoing dog. With these two, though, we felt the stress of separation, in addition to the other stresses they were feeling, might be too much for them.

The happy ending: “They do nothing wrong, they do not chew up things, they do not dig holes, they still have every toy I have given them, and they put them in their turtle bed, they bark only when someone is out in my driveway. Every day I am saying out loud to Brubeck and Jazzy ‘YOU ARE SUCH GOOD DOGS!!!’ When I come home, those Doberman tails are wagging so fast...I miss them and can't wait to get home. Amen.”





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MEDICAL MATTERS

As a rescue organization, we naturally take dogs in almost every imaginable condition, especially dogs that the public would be unlikely to adopt for medical and/or behavioral reasons. Consequently, we have become intimately familiar with dogs' medical problems, and we've explored a whole lot of remedies for those problems. Most of the "natural" remedies don't seem to pan out very well, but we're excited to tell you about breakthrough successes for a couple of health concerns: demodectic mange, and flea/tick infestations.

Demodectic mange, nicknamed demodex, is caused by a tiny mite that affects dogs with compromised immune systems, often because they are predisposed to this genetically. At any given time we can have as many as eight or more dogs with demodex, and the treatments were all pretty scary: toxic dips every week, and oral or injectible medications that are also toxic. Some of the dogs we were using these treatments on were still medically unfit for adoption after a year or more! It was depressing us to even think about what effects these treatments were having on the dogs' systems, given how toxic they are, and given how often they had to be repeated.



Enter a new product, which we're unable to mention in this newsletter because of rules allowing us to mail at non-profit rates. First we did a "test run" on a dog we took in during

the first week of June with a horrible case of demodex. Twenty-five days later and one dose of the new product, he was barely recognizable as the same dog. We're including pictures of Noah here. Six weeks after he came to us with weeping sores and crusty skin all over his body, he was adopted as a beautiful, healthy dog.



It also happens that this has been a terrible summer for fleas and ticks. We don't have a flea problem here in Fillmore, but we have always had ticks. They apparently like the country, and they like oak trees, which we still have a few of despite the drought and a beetle infestation.

Our vet recommended an oral product for ticks, raving about how successful it is in eliminating them; not just the ones living on the dog right then, but on the new ones waiting to hatch and start the cycle all over again.

Again, a test case, and three months later the dog still did not have a single tick. The product is expensive, but given that it seems to last at least 90 days, not just the 30 days it claims to last, we are impressed! We've used it on most of our free-roaming dogs, and none of them have ANY ticks.

We'll be happy to provide more information on these products; just call, write, or e-mail us!



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A DOG NAMED MIDNITE

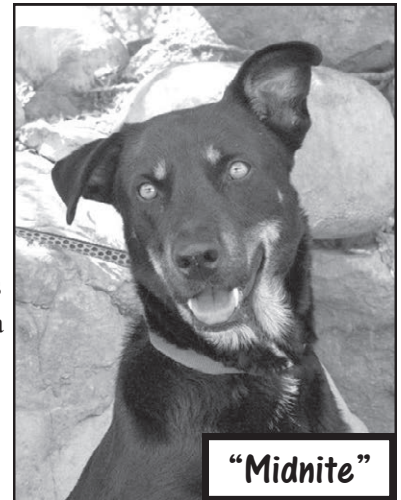
Dogs. We love them all, of course, but we rescue people try to never keep dogs that are very adoptable (or even moderately adoptable) because there is always a touch of guilt about spreading our love and attention among so many “keepers” that each individual dog doesn’t get enough of it. Old, physically-challenged, and “plain brown wrapper” dogs are just as lovable as the beauties. This is a “meant to be” story about one of my (Ardis’) own keepers that fits the bill, and we are so lucky to have each other.

She arrived at the Long Beach animal shelter in May, 2014; a 6-year-old female named Midnite. Her picture on line was awful, so we weren’t able to tell if she was a Doberman or not, so I e-mailed their rescue coordinator, who assured me that “she is definitely a Doberman.”

When our volunteer delivered her to me in Fillmore, I was sure they had sent the wrong dog. Not only was she not a Doberman, I wasn’t sure there was ANY Doberman in her. I contacted the rescue coordinator again, and she said “well... I think she is *mostly* Doberman.”

Not that we don’t love them all, as I said, but a middle-aged mutt is usually not easy for us to place, and that dog’s kennel can be tied up for a very long time, costing the lives of countless more-adoptable dogs that could have occupied that kennel in the meantime. But after I got over being perturbed at the apparent deception, I began to really like Midnite. Had it not been for that deception, which I think was intentional, Midnite would be deceased, and I would have never known this wonderful dog, who is probably Shepherd/Lab and “street,” as we call it.

I observed that her hips were weak, and she needed surgery, but she’s my girl and I did what was needed and she is recovering from her surgery. The rescue coordinator at that shelter is no longer there because of a lot of mistakes she made, apparently, but I’m very, very glad she made this one.



“Midnite”

PARTING SHOT

Sometimes we just need to change our perspective...



“Cola” Lehman of Ahwahnee