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Another beastly hot and dry summer is almost over, and fortunately we have so far been spared any risk due to fires this year. Quite a few people called to make sure of that when the Santa Clarita fire burned, but it was at least 45 minutes to the east of us, and we didn't even see or smell smoke. We hope all of you and your pets were spared evacuation and worse.

Our amazing lady-of-all-trades, Colleen Anderson, has been immersing herself in various new training ideas and techniques to help make us more of a resource for canine behavioral information than ever before, as well as to help identify issues and help dogs already in our care. Please feel free to utilize our resources to the extent that we are able to help. We learn new things every day, and some of these are shared later in this newsletter.

Finally, as always, your donations and help of every kind are the only way we are able to continue. Please do not ever feel it isn't appreciated.



Sincerely,
Ardis Braun

ADOPTION UPDATES

Of the nine dogs featured in our last newsletter, only one has been adopted, not unusual for the late spring and early summer when adoptions are typically slow.

CAPRI,

our sweet blue Dobie female who was so well-behaved at the Orange County Pet Expo this year, was adopted by Lucia Xu of



Valencia. Her new name is Viola, as Lucia is a fan of Shakespeare. From her recent e-mail:

"Viola is doing well...she follows me around everywhere and just lies down where I am until I get up....Also she's housetrained and fairly housebroken....she loves small dogs and is so gentle with them! We think she thinks they are pups, it's so cute."

WAITING FOR HOMES

Juno

is a tall, attractive Dobie girl of 6 years (DOB 10-18-09) with an AKC pedigree, who unfortunately became homeless when her owner died. She is housebroken, good with most other dogs and older kids, knows her commands, and is good off leash. That's a good thing, because she apparently can jump a 6' fence! We don't personally know this, as we have her in a kennel she can't escape from, but her ex-owner's family did mention it. Juno also isn't a dog for long trail hikes or jogging, as she was diagnosed with a deficient rear knee that does not appear to bother her if she isn't over-exercised. Juno is a good watchdog and companion for the right owner with a tall block wall, a dog run, or someone who is a homebody that will keep her company most of the time.



Scrubs,

also called Scrubby, was found by a local woman about six months before she turned him over to us. She tried to locate his owner and debated about keeping him, but her cat was unhappy and she finally made the decision to surrender him for adoption. In the meantime, the finder housetrained him; a big plus. Scrubs is fairly dog-social and a very joyful little guy. He weighs about 15 pounds and is about 2 years old.



Sherman

is a young adult who came to us from an animal shelter with a terrible case of demodectic mange as well as entropion (a condition where the eyelids roll in and rub on the eye). Thankfully his medical treatment worked, his coat has filled in, and he had surgery to correct his eyes. Sherman is super sweet, super



friendly and full of life. He will need a little help with training, as most young Dobies do, and an inclusive home where he can be a part of the family. He is dog social unless he is aggressively challenged, and loves to play, but his energy level probably makes him better suited for larger, playful dogs.

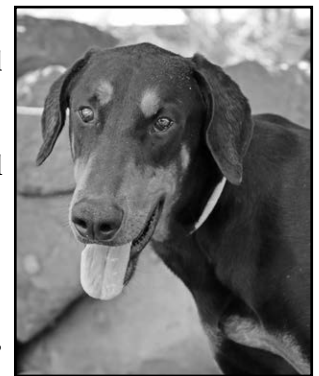
Snickers

has a face that is clearly a bit different as her nose skews to the side, causing her face to look a little lopsided. Snickers is only 1-2 years old and she is quite the little spitfire!! She is extremely affectionate, loves people and is very playful. She would be a wonderful addition to an active home since she has the energy to go running, hiking, and exploring. Snickers has some issues with other dogs so we aren't sure if she can share a home with another dog. She can also be reactive on leash and dominant with her food so a strong owner committed to training would be ideal for her. She has shown that she has some dog social skills and is playful if not challenged. She is an amazing companion and her unconventional beauty will definitely keep a smile on your face! Oh, and she's housebroken.



Harley

is a large, beautiful Dobie who is about 3 years old and a volunteer favorite. He was fostered by adopters of another of our dogs for several months, and we all believed he would stay, until one day he and the family's male pit bull got into a nasty fight. It's unknown which dog started it, but surprisingly, the pit bull was the one who was badly injured. Harley has always been fine with people and female dogs, though he's more of a "people dog" and would do well as the only dog in the home. The day that Harley came in from his foster home, there was an incident which could have led to a strange medical condition for him, but the vet's possible diagnosis is very uncommon and is one of those things that is arrived at after ruling out everything else. Harley's appearance is that of a healthy dog, but we'll be happy to discuss this with anyone interested in him. Veterinarians welcome!



Sox

is a little Terrier mix who is very dog-social and gets along perfectly with other dogs and cats. Actually, we think he needs other dogs to boost his confidence. When he was the only dog with a family we placed him with, he reacted fear-aggressively on occasion and nipped a number of people over the years. He particularly didn't like being picked up. But a volunteer at the animal shelter where he was turned in, took him home for a week and declared him "wonderful." She had even gotten him past his insecurity over being picked up. Sox is 5 years old and weighs about 10 pounds.



Johnny

is a nice older red Dobie boy of about 7 years who is on the small and lean side at about 60 pounds. Initially he was reported to not be good with other dogs, but at this point he has had two different female Dobie kennelmates and has gotten along well with both of them. Johnny is an active guy who would probably be aged much younger except for the grizzle in his muzzle. He has been friendly to people, though he hasn't been introduced to any kids as yet. He can also be reactive to some dogs on leash.



Chickadee

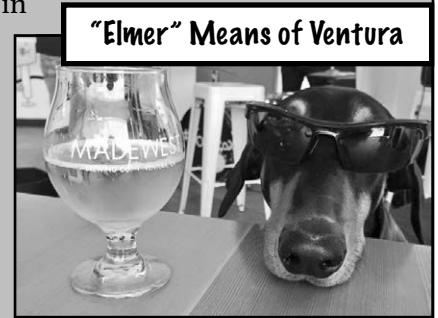
is an adorable little Chihuahua mix who will be a wonderful, pint-sized addition to a loving family. She is affectionate, playful and loves attention. Chickadee is under 5 years old and probably about 5-6 pounds so a solid fence that she can't squeeze thru will be needed. She is great with other dogs and we think she would be sweet enough to live with kids old enough to handle her gently and properly. Chickadee isn't big enough to hurt a cat but she certainly loves barking at them so no kitties please.



FALL FUNDRAISERS

We have two exciting and brand-new fundraisers coming this fall! There are many ways for you to participate even if you aren't local, so please keep an eye on our website for details.

The first fall fundraiser happens in October with a gathering we are calling OkDoberFest! Come and join us for a night of fun, Dobies and beer at Made West Brewery in Ventura, CA. We will be there on the Columbus Day holiday, Monday, October 10th (time to be announced), to raise a little money and have a lot of fun. The beer is great and we love the open, dog-friendly atmosphere. We are still working out the details but they will be posted on both our website and our Facebook page as soon as possible. Save the date!



Our second fundraiser this fall will be the Santa Clarita Marathon. Supporters, volunteers, and friends are signing up to run the marathon, half-marathon, 5k or participate in the 3k walk in order to raise money for our doggies! The event itself takes place on Sunday, November 6th at 7:00 a.m. and you can go to their website at www.scmarathon.org for event details. We will announce all of our runners and walkers on our website so you can support them (and us) by making a donation in their name. Each participant can share their fundraising link with friends, family and throughout social media so we can raise some much-needed funds for the rescue. Plus, the one that raises the most will get a prize! Not athletically inclined? That's okay! We need plenty of cheerleaders on the sidelines to keep our runners motivated so make sure you mark your calendars. Hope to see you out there!

RESCUING THE NEEDY

Many people think rescue groups operate similarly, but nothing could be further from the truth. Rescue groups are not necessarily no-kill, for example. Those that have a large number of their breed requiring rescue are the most likely to sacrifice

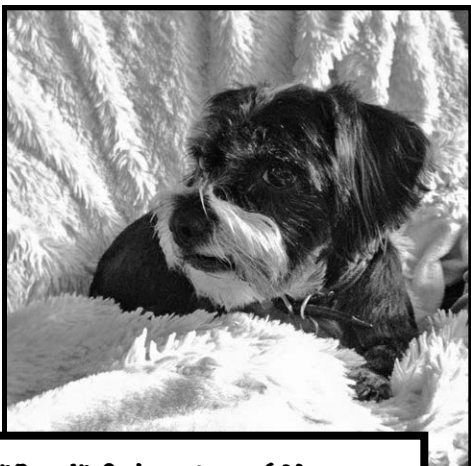
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"Carly" Miller-Peronto of Aptos



"Snoopy" Stoner of Ventura, with Cindy

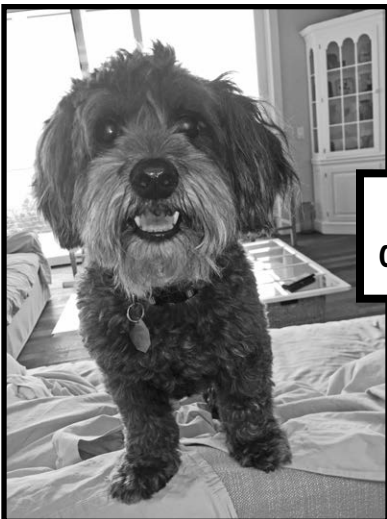


"Opal" Schrader of Ventura

"Ray" Owens of Las Vegas, NV, with Michele and Andrew



"Dobie" Nethercott of Alhambra



"Spicoli" Knecht of Santa Barbara

Happy Adoptees

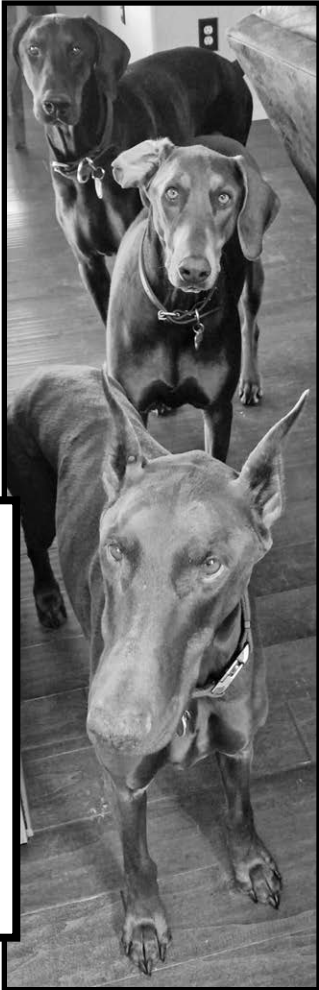
"Bully" Hengst of Encino, with Jopie



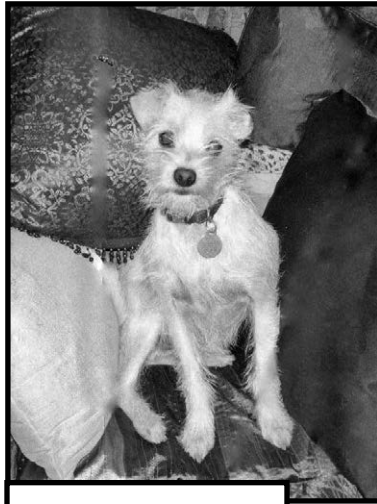
"Tessa," "Abby" and "Red Man" Bishop of Show Low, AZ



"Bella" Gould of Modesto, with Purdy



**"Clancy-Jackson-O'Malley" and
"Abby-Betty-White" Young of Santa
Barbara, with Bob and Gail**



**"Petey"
Breedlove of
Santa Paula**



**"Xena" Julian of Upland,
with Mia**



**"Marshall"
Forester of
Shadow
Hills, with
Kaarin**



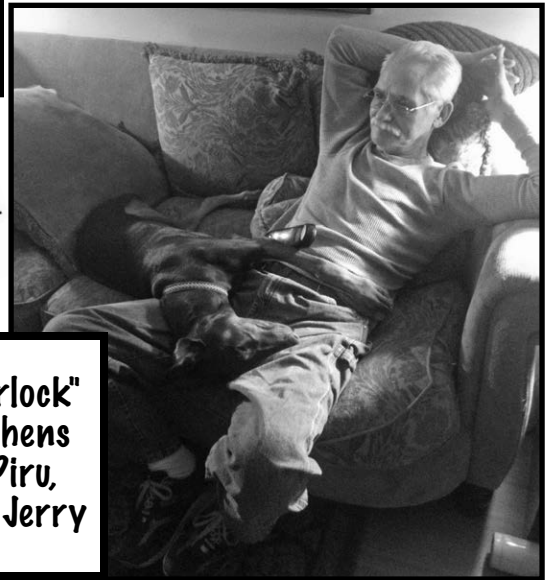
**"Lucille"
Ulrich of
Arroyo
Grande**



**"Lola"
Grant
and
friends,
of
Madera**



**"Sherlock"
Kitchens
of Piru,
with Jerry**



**"Hazel" Bockhahn of Arroyo Grande,
with Carissa and Joel**



**"Delilah" Tucker
of Burbank**



less-adoptable animals – some already in their rescue programs - in order to save more-adoptable ones. Many will not take any dog with a bite history. Some rescue groups actually try to acquire the most beautiful, adoptable dogs from shelters or owners because they feel that because the dogs are so desirable, they can pick and choose the most perfect homes for these dogs instead of allowing them to be adopted directly from a shelter by the Average Joe. Amazingly, some rescues also charge outrageous prices for these dogs, claiming that this income helps them to continue operating.

It took time to evolve a philosophy that we can live with, but doing so gives us peace of mind so we can sleep at night. We don't compete with the public or with other rescue groups to get the most adoptable dogs, though we do hope they are adopted by folks that deserve and appreciate them. We take the ones that no one else adopts, and we take care of them until they're adopted. The reasoning is that, though the beautiful dogs deserve to have good homes, so do the others. Placing a higher value on a dog's life just because the dog is beautiful seems wrong-minded.

Some of the "hopeless" cases are the most gratifying. On June 15th this year we received a call from Marsha Gebhardt, the rescue coordinator at the Bakersfield city animal shelter, concerning a beautiful 2-year-old Doberman girl who had just been surrendered by her owner because she was paralyzed. She couldn't walk or stand on her own, and Marsha had the dog in her office, hoping we would help. At our request, she persuaded the manager to hold Golondrina one extra day so we could get there to rescue her. The poor dog had to be carried out, and she went directly from the shelter to our veterinarian for 1 ½ days of IV steroids. X-rays showed that she had apparently been hit by a car, so her hip and rear



spinal area were broken and allowed to heal that way, making repair virtually impossible.

We picked Golondrina up from the vet on that Saturday morning, and she was already able to walk with assistance. By the next morning she was walking on her own! We took video of her about a week later, viewable at <http://youtu.be/wGsQD7KHYkE>.

Today Golondrina still has an unsteady walk and she sometimes takes a soft fall, but her spirit and joy at being alive and having so much love and attention are inspiring. She is a favorite of all who meet her. Her sweet face and acceptance of that which life has dealt her melt the hearts of people who aren't even really "dog people." Golondrina is a free-roamer here at the ranch, and we invite visitors to come meet this incredible young lady.

ANOTHER LIFE SAVED BY A MICROCHIP

She was a puppy in 2003 when she was adopted by Shayna Walker and her then-husband. The little Miniature Pinscher lived with them in Valencia until they disappeared from our mailing list some years later with no forwarding address.

Fast forward to July, 2016: we received a call from the Baldwin Park animal shelter, saying they had impounded a small dog with our microchip. Shayna's adoption agreement showed a couple of phone numbers and an e-mail address, all of which now proved to be inoperational. So, the obvious two next steps, thanks to the internet, were Google and Facebook. We tried Google, first under Shayna's ex's name, and there were dozens of them all over the country but none in Valencia. Then we Googled Shayna under her married name and found one in Williamsburg, Virginia, with a previous address in Valencia. A little more research found a phone number for her in Virginia, and she was indeed the correct adopter of Yuna, the little Min Pin!

Shayna had divorced her husband years prior and moved to Virginia five years ago to take care of her ailing mother, putting Yuna in the care of family friends. After unsuccessfully attempting to reach them following our phone call to her, she decided to reclaim Yuna herself if we could get her to Virginia. We did the legwork and supplied the travel carrier, and Shayna supplied hundreds of dollars to reclaim her from the animal shelter, get a medical certificate for her so she could fly, and pay her shipping



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We applaud Shayna's dedication to her 13-year-old Min Pin, who will now get to live out her years in this loving home, thanks to the microchip that connected her to us and to the safety net that always exists for all of our adopted pets. Without the chip, and had it not still been connected to us, Yuna would likely have had only the four mandatory hold days that strays are guaranteed to have.

Shayna summed it up: "Yuna has settled in completely with the family again. She has seen our vet twice and is on medication to lessen the effects of her heart murmur. We know she is in the early stages of congestive heart failure. While we never heard for sure, we strongly suspect that it is why the person temporarily keeping her let her go. She sleeps a lot, and is with one (or more) of us 24 hours a day. The brown dog in the picture, Nutty, is just over a year old. She bosses him around, but he checks on her every time she moves. Both of our big dogs, and the rest of the family, have all adopted her and we're spoiling



her rotten. I'm so grateful to have the chance to make her last days, however many that may be, comfortable and safe. Thank you again."

That's Shayna's daughter, Sydney, in the picture.

TRAINING IDEAS - Part 1 by Colleen Anderson

Sometimes I find it hard to believe that nearly 13 years have passed since I started volunteering and working at Dobies and Little Paws. I was only 19 years old and I had no idea what kind of life I was signing up for but I am thankful every day that I did. I was just a dog lover who wanted to help even though I had no formal training or experience. I look back now and realize that most of the traits and skills I have picked up along the way weren't necessarily sought out but occurred more out of necessity. My interest in photography, veterinary medicine, and even web design have all been sparked because we lacked people at the rescue with these skills. I have enjoyed improving my abilities in every aspect over the years and my newest adventure has been in the world of dog training and behavior modification.

The information available regarding dog training is seriously overwhelming, and I think it has taken me this long to really dive into it because of the confusion involved. Every trainer is convinced that their way is the only right way, and the divide between each one is huge. I spent time being a sponge and observer, soaking up as much information as possible and deciding which direction worked best for me. One of my recent educational experiences was a seminar with a local business and



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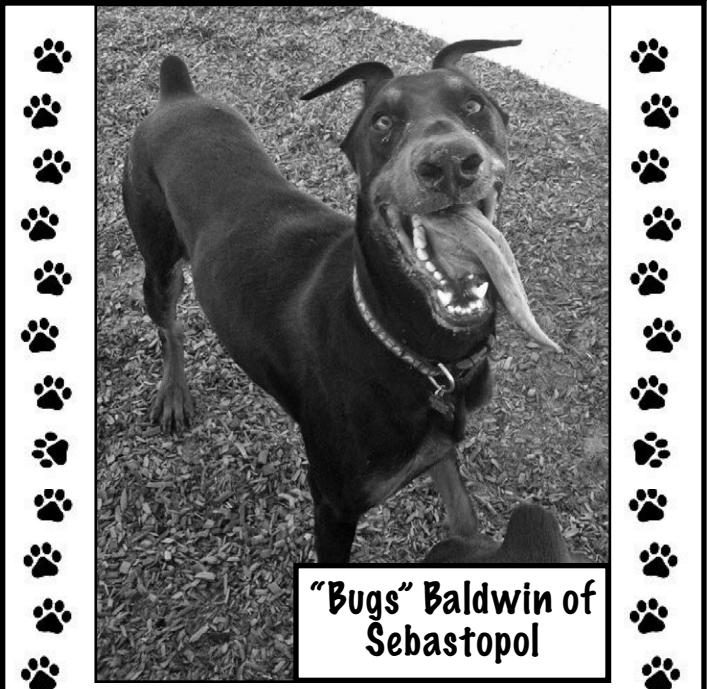
its dog trainers I have followed for awhile. I took a weekend away from the rescue and learned not only how to train basic commands but also larger concepts in working with dogs. Thankfully, I took lots of notes because I needed a week or two to fully digest all of the information and begin to put it to use. I am looking forward to sharing everything I learn with our volunteers, adopters, and all of you, but it may need to come in bits and pieces.

One of the biggest and most important concepts we talked about was the idea of dogs' confusion versus unwillingness to comply. When we ask our dogs to complete a command or do something we ask and they don't, then it is our job to find out why. Sometimes, especially in the beginning stages of training, a dog is just confused by what we are asking. He doesn't know what we want and it is our job to clearly and fairly teach him what that is. Taking things slow, remaining calm and not rushing the process is very important so that a steady foundation is created. Every dog is a little bit different and that learning stage can take a bit longer with some or require a different approach or motivation. Once a dog has a clear understanding of what is being asked, it's important to move on and hold him accountable. If a dog knows the command and chooses not to comply because there are just more interesting things to do, then there must be a consequence. It can be a really hard switch for some owners to make, but if your dog knows that he can choose not to listen without any consequences, then all of your training is useless. Making commands non-negotiable is the only way for you to have power and guarantee that your dog will comply every time.

It's a simple concept and makes perfect sense, but it can be tricky to know if your dog is genuinely confused or choosing not to listen. Pay attention,

take it slow in the beginning, and don't be afraid to correct bratty behavior. Also know that there is a ton of free content available for you to explore and learn from. Social media are utilized by all trainers, so check out YouTube, Facebook, Periscope, Instagram, and Twitter. We are happy to help point you in the right direction, and we'll be sharing helpful videos on our website very soon. Stay tuned for more!

PARTING SHOT



"Bugs" Baldwin of Sebastopol

Can you possibly look at me and NOT smile???