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All of us at Dobies & Little Paws want to thank all of you who share your dogs' stories with us on Facebook, by e-mail, or any other means. It means a lot to us! Even if you are sharing sad news such as your loved dog passing away, there is still a bright side: your dog was loved and lived a happy life, and you have those happy memories.

Since Colleen Anderson is the one who runs our Facebook page, I don't personally see what's on it unless she specifically forwards something to me. This is mentioned because if you send a darling picture you hope will make it into the newsletter, you should send it also to dobierescue@earthlink.net, and you will nearly always get a response so you'll know it was received.

Sometimes adopters send us pictures of their dogs in the mail, and now and then those pictures fall out of their envelopes and later we have no idea who the dogs are! (Especially Dobermans; after 11,000 adoptions it is impossible to remember each and every dog's face.) So if you send pictures in the mail, please write on the back the dog's name, your name, and your location.

Adoptions have been pretty good, with a few slow weekends here and there. We have a great team of dog-walkers now, so that even some of our less-social dogs have learned that various different people can show them a good time.

Summers have traditionally been our slowest adoption time, but with an actual increase in the numbers of dogs needing rescue, so we have started a new campaign called "30 Dogs in 60 Days." Please read about

it on the home page of our web site.

If this issue reaches you before July 4 and you don't yet know how your dog will respond to loud noises like fireworks, please assume the worst and stay home if possible; otherwise put him or her somewhere that it would be hard to escape from, perhaps play some loud music, and remember that most vets will prescribe sedatives or tranquilizers for dogs known to be extremely frightened.

Thank you for all of your gifts of every kind, and have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

Ardis Braun

ADOPTION UPDATES

Three of the seven dogs featured in our last newsletter have been adopted: two little ones and one Dobie, all girls.

JODIE,

our scruffy little Terrier mix now called JoJo, was adopted by Janice and Dave Basch of Oxnard. They said they love her hairdo and asked the groomer to keep her "topknot;" it's part of her charm. Her fuzzy little face must have appealed to quite a



few folks, as we had multiple inquiries about her. Janice recently wrote: “JoJo is a wonderful addition to our family. She and her big brother, Bodie, a yellow Lab mix we adopted from Dobie Rescue nearly 10 years ago, are getting along great. Bodie was a little leery of her at first, having been the only pup in our household for all these years, but he loves her now. Her sweet, playful nature is bringing out his inner puppy!”

BOO,

our beautiful dark blue Dobie girl, was adopted by Jasmin Yang of Los Angeles and Chatsworth. Jasmin took it sort of on faith that we know she is a good dog (actually one of our very favorites), and she has proven that to be true. From Jasmin’s recent e-mail: “She is walking very nicely on leash now...She is a very smart girl. And we found out the other day that she can turn door handles with her paw! Thank you again for letting us take her. We are enjoying her and she is a good girl.”



SCALLOP,

now called Pumkin (on the right in the picture), went to live in Ventura with Peggy and Martin Rogers and the other two other little girl Dachshund mixes they adopted here. From their recent e-mail: “We want to



thank you for a wonderful addition to our family. Pumkin, as we call her now, is doing great, she has been so good for our other two dogs. She loves to play and keeps them going. Thanks again.”

ANOTHER HAPPY ENDING

Since you all love happy endings so much, here’s another one that’s hard not to love:

IZZIE was a stray dog at the Sonoma County SPCA, and she showed up on our Doberman message board that tries to list and keep track of every shelter Doberman in the state, so that those of us that can help in one way or another (transport, word-of-mouth referral, or actual rescue) know where they are and how urgent they are. Isabella, as she was initially called, had a lot of trouble walking. She wasn’t old, but she was afflicted with Wobbler’s Syndrome, a progressive spinal paralysis that isn’t uncommon in Dobermans.

While Izzie stayed at the shelter during her stray hold period, the shelter staff became quite enamored of her sweet, gentle nature, and they began medicating her and working with her, hoping that if she was unclaimed by her owner, someone would take her in. Dr. Christi Cambor led this effort, developing a bond with Izzie and continuing to treat her after her stray hold had expired.



The shelter did amazing things to accommodate Izzy. As you can see from the picture above, they furnished her with her own room, complete with a soft bed and non-slip rubber floor covering so she wouldn’t slip and slide. And, just as importantly, they did major outreach to any and all groups that could spread the word and help to make people aware of what a deserving Dobie she is.

Meanwhile, Liz Huszarik of Studio City, a several-time adopter of ours, had recently lost her beloved Dobie girl, Whitney, and was looking for another precious gem like Whitney. She contacted Carol Dailey, a friend of hers and ours who had linked us up in the first place, inquiring about a dog named Eve that was available for adoption here at that time. A few days later Liz decided not to adopt Eve because she was probably entirely too young, active, and adoptable for Liz’s more tranquil home environment, and it was about that time that we suggested to Carol that she explore the possibility that Liz might consider Izzie. Izzie is not a dog that could live easily in a kennel waiting for that rare home that would consider a “special-needs” dog.



Initially Liz was concerned that the floors in her home would be difficult for Izzie to navigate, but Izzie’s sweet face and rave reviews were pretty hard to dismiss. It certainly didn’t hurt that Izzie strongly resembles Whitney. So Liz put down a few non-slip runners and got ready for her new dog.

Carol and a trainer traveled to Santa Rosa to meet Izzie and evaluate her. Liz rarely goes to animal shelters herself, fearing that she might end up bringing home an entire busload of desperate dogs instead of just one.

It didn't take long for everyone to agree that this was a dog that was meant to live out her years in a loving home, one that Liz Huszarik could provide. It's a beautiful home on a sprawling property, and we know that Liz's passion, first and foremost, is her small pack of canine lovelies.

Talk about being in the right place at the right time!

WAITING FOR HOMES

FINN

is an extra-large 5-year-old fawn male Doberman Pinscher who is good with kids and housebroken. His bio said he is good with dogs, but we have found he does better with large females than with males. He would probably be quite content as the only dog. Finn knows commands and isn't destructive, but we've observed that he needs a secure fence and gate. This guy would do well with an active

family that has time for him, which the ex-owner didn't, and that was the reason he was given up.

HEIDI

was a stray at a park for a week or so when one of our rescue friends took her in. She was compatible with the other dogs (two female Dobies) if they gave her space. She has since been introduced to other dogs and kids here, and she's been fine, though clearly not wishing to go back to her kennel. Heidi is about 7 years old and in good shape, and she appears to be housebroken and well-behaved indoors. She is a tall blue Doberman Pinscher with a good coat, and she probably weighs 75-80 pounds.



UNO

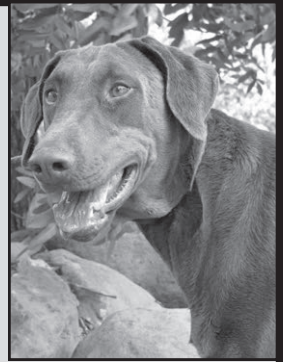
was turned in to a shelter with 2 other dogs because his owners were moving to an apartment that didn't allow dogs. He originally gave a whole lot of attitude in his crate but once out, he gave nothing but kisses. He is the cutest little guy that loves to be held and is the perfect size for a lapdog at only 5 lbs. He's only about 2 years old and quite active. He needs a home with a very secure fence because of his size and one where he can be kept safe from predators. Uno is the funniest boy with an inquisitive nature and a desire just to be with his person.



GRETCHEN & RACHEL

have been together since they were young puppies, and it seems to be the opinion of those who know them that

they should be placed together. They were owned by an elderly woman who passed away and requested that we take them in. Unfortunately, she never socialized them very well and didn't let them in the house. They are now three years old, red Doberman Pinscher girls, and though they're not nippy or aggressive, they are a little hesitant with strangers. Gretchen, though



larger-boned, is the more shy of the two. Rachel will approach readily and smile. Neither dog was walked on leash, so they require coaxing and gentle, but firm, handling. We have recently "married" them to a young male Doberman Pinscher to see how they would react with another canine personality in the mix, and they both appear submissive to him, not fighting for



food. The girls opt to sleep together in a large doghouse.

FINNLEY

is a cutie who was found with his mother (Heidi) and sister (Cassie) between a large concrete pipe and a wall. They were covered in mud and absolutely terrified. Thankfully, they got to spend time in a foster home where they got good socialization. Only the sister is still quite skittish.

Finnley is a plump little Dachshund mix, but his mom looks like a 15-pound Spaniel or miniature Golden Retriever. We estimate his date of birth at about 1-15-14, so he's still very much a puppy, very social with other dogs and tolerant of handling. He deserves a much better life than he's had so far.



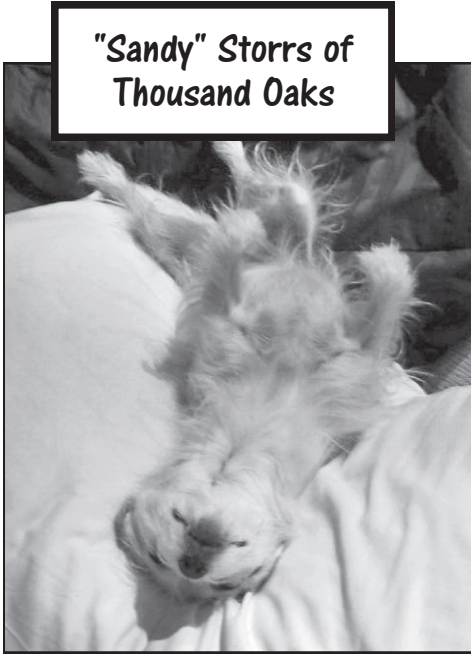
DIESEL,

a middle-aged red male, has become a favorite of many of our weekend volunteers. He is shy with new people but he bonds tightly to those he knows and is incredibly affectionate. He's been good with all of the females we've kenneled him with and shows no aggression toward any dogs while on walks. Diesel is a tall, handsome boy that we know would make an amazing addition to just about any adult home, and he's a great watchdog with some obedience training.

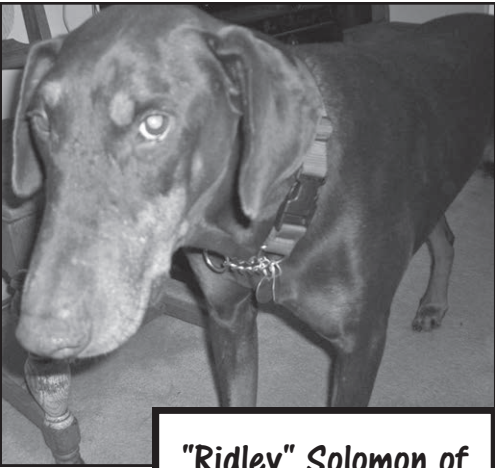




"Soco" Scholar of Sherman Oaks



"Sandy" Storrs of Thousand Oaks



"Ridley" Solomon of Westminster



"Jack" Mattoon of Moorpark



"Oenomaus" Matthews of Santa Maria, with Jordyn



"Gracie" Bloom of Goleta, with Pearl

"Cucumber" Fischer of Huntington Beach, with Andrew

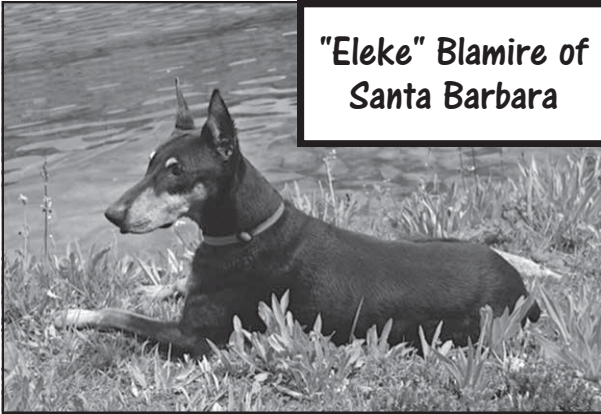


"Sadie" Barton of Thousand Oaks with Jada, Tori, Chantel and "Ariel"

"Bella" Cavalli-Baratta of Fillmore, with Rich Baratta



"Rascal" Alton of Salinas, with Ann



"Eleke" Blamire of Santa Barbara

"Koa" Puterbaugh of Hemet



"Lizzy" Yamakawa of Sacramento

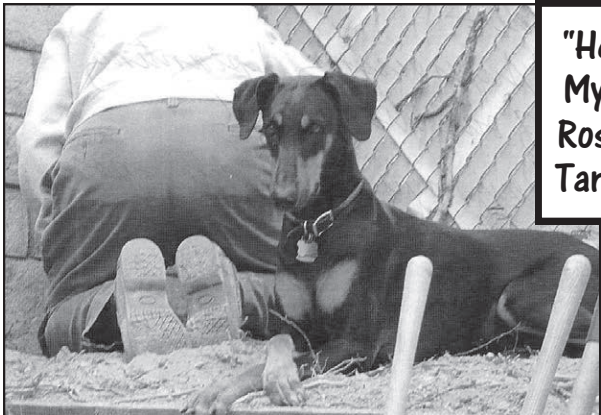
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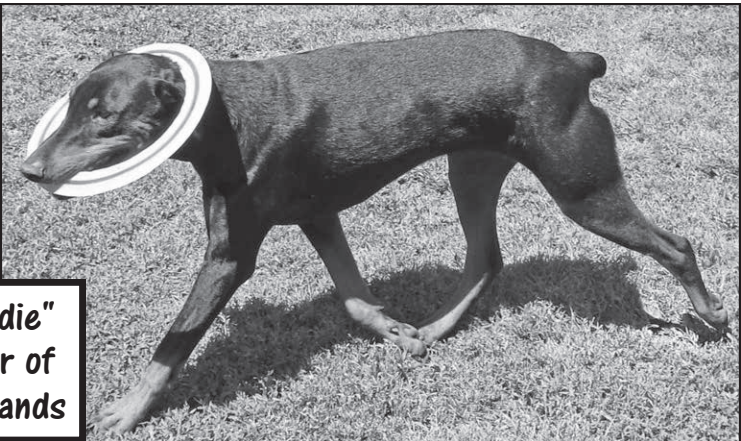
"Yoli" Upah of Redlands



"Bruno" and "Luca" Ramos-Brown of Pomona



"Heidi" Myles-Ross of Tarzana



"Addie" Dyer of Redlands

WAITING FOR HOMES CONTINUED

CHILI

has been with us far too long (1 1/2 years!) for such a sweet guy. He's been a mellow and tolerant companion for every large female he's been kenneled with. He has cropped ears that don't stand, which add to his unique and disarming appearance. Chili is a red male, 4 years old now, and he's a bit chubby at 90-plus pounds.



BUFFY,

a cute little Chihuahua mix, came from a high-kill shelter where she was passed over, probably because of the abundance of Chihuahuas everywhere in California. We can't imagine why, because she is so sweet, social, and not at all hyper or barking. Buffy is about 3 years old, under 10 pounds, and with large radar ears that make everyone smile the minute they meet her.



MEDICAL MATTERS

It's tick season! Many of you already know this, but this year seems to be about the worst we've experienced so far. We're in the country, so to speak, so our challenges are greater than those of most city folks, but the strange winter weather must have been just ideal for tick-breeding because almost everyone we've spoken with has mentioned it.

We receive The Whole Dog Journal, and right there on page 2 of the May 2014 issue is an article by Nancy Kerns, the editor. She says: "Is it my imagination, or is a plague of ticks currently in effect? Everywhere I go with my dogs these days, they come back crawling with ticks." She mentions various products she's tried and other ways to deal with ticks, but the article is too long to quote here. If you'd like a copy of it, let us know.

And meanwhile, check your dogs carefully; ears, armpits, between toes, and underneath feet between toe pads are favorite hidey-places for ticks. We apologize to any adopters who have recently taken home more critters than they bargained for.

A CHALLENGE FACING RESCUE KENNELS

Animal shelters don't have the same problems that most rescue kennels do. When animals are impounded at shelters, they don't have an unlimited amount of time to be reclaimed by owners, rescued, or adopted. Almost all animal shelter dogs and cats have "due out" dates indicating when they have run out of time to be held, though many shelters extend their time based on availability of kennel space, adoptability of the animal, etc.

Most rescue kennels operate differently. For one thing, we don't have to take every animal that needs taking, as animal shelters are required to do. And most (but not all) rescue kennels are no-kill, meaning the animals don't run out of time.

The problem with being no-kill, of course, is that the majority of our animals aren't highly adoptable because the most adoptable ones are quickly chosen. One specific problem we have is dogs that are not good with other dogs, and that's the reason for this article. Most people want to adopt dogs that are at least reasonably dog-social, for a variety of reasons: they want to own more than one dog at a time; they want to take their dog everywhere, like the beach, the dog park, etc.; they are in a neighborhood with a lot of other dogs whose owners walk them; they have family members that like to visit and bring their dogs; and a host of other reasons.

We know there are people who don't require dog-social dogs. There are certainly people who just like to stay at home with their pets and have them exercise in the backyard. Senior citizens particularly come to mind. Our challenge is to find more folks like this to place our non-dog-social dogs with. There are so many great dogs here that would love a home like that, and if this article gets even one of them adopted, it will make our day! Take a look at our web site. Dogs like Scout, Holly, Fresca, Sandy, Frankie, Judith, Taz, Bingo, Chelsea, Archie, Burt – and so many others – are good dogs, and some of them have been here for years. Much of the time it isn't even the fault of dogs like these that they're not dog-social; many owners never bother to socialize their dogs with other dogs. However, most of them can be counted on to love their owners unconditionally, faithfully, wholeheartedly. They just need the chance.

If our plea isn't one that can work for you, maybe you know someone....?



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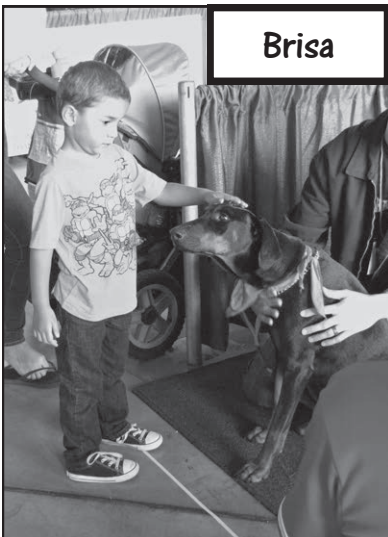
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FUN TIMES AT THE PET EXPO

by Colleen Anderson

Another April has come and gone and so has another year at the Orange County Pet Expo in Costa Mesa. It's hard to define exactly what makes an event like this successful or worth going to but we have so much fun that it's become a yearly ritual. It's an incredibly long weekend, taking up all of the last Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of April. At the end of it all, both the volunteers and the dogs are completely exhausted but we will continue to sign up for the work every year.

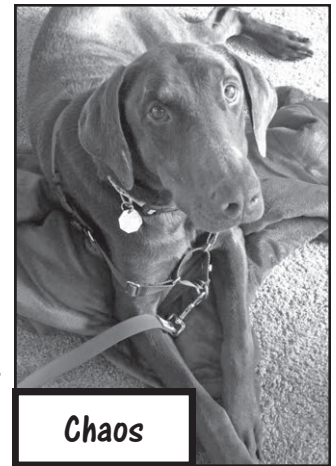
This year we had a large booth and brought 6 to 7 dogs each day. It takes a very special dog to be able to behave at events like this and we're so lucky we had some charmers ready to take on the job. Brisa, our long-term,



Brisa

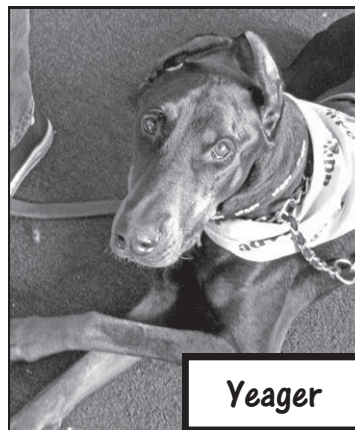
deaf female was one of the most popular of the weekend. So many people loved seeing a Doberman with natural ears and a natural, long tail. Her nose was on overdrive, checking everyone's bags for treats and leftover crumbs from their lunch. She was wonderful with kids and brought smiles to everyone she met.

Chaos was another big favorite of the weekend, making the trip all 3 days. His calm nature and soft eyes brought so many people in to pet the dogs. No one could believe that he had been looking for a new home for a year! By the end of Sunday, he had pulled a blanket over to his spot and curled up for a much deserved nap.



Chaos

Yeager, our 3-legged sweetheart, came along for 2 of the days and had a great time. He hopped around the expo without difficulty and he amazed everyone he met



Yeager

because he had only had surgery 3 weeks prior. He met many disabled people that found inspiration in Yeager's determination and continued zest for life.

Finn also made an appearance (see picture on p. 3). If nothing else, he taught the masses what a fawn Dobie looks like, as most people thought he was a Weimeraner. He was a wonderful boy but his inquisitiveness made him restless after a while so he stayed home on Sunday. He was such a ham, rolling over and exposing his belly for everyone to rub.



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While our focus has been specifically on Dobermans in the past, we decided to bring little dogs



Muneca

along this year. The good news is that Petunia, a Bichon mix that we had posted for a while, was adopted by a loving family that came to the expo. She's working out perfectly in her new home and they

couldn't be happier! Muneca and Rory also came along and were so well behaved. Many little dogs can become "yappy" at events like this with all the excitement but these two were perfect. Little kids stuck their hands into the fenced-off area we had for them and got nothing but kisses. Muneca (Ardis' favorite small dog) even took naps, nestled in the arms of the volunteers.

While we're thrilled that Petunia was adopted, we really hoped that more of the dogs we brought could have had the same good fortune. It's a lot to ask of a dog to behave in such a hectic and unpredictable environment with so many other dogs and thousands of strange people. We are so proud of them and the way they



Rory

represented our rescue. We also want to send out a HUGE thank you to all of the volunteers that gave up parts of their weekend. Many of our biggest helpers hadn't even adopted from us before but followed our Facebook page and offered their help. This huge undertaking couldn't have been possible without help from all of them. We've already started cooking up some amazing ideas to make our booth even better next year!

PARTING SHOT

Stuck your nose in anything interesting lately?



"Ginger" Dawson of Corona del Mar