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The holidays seem to creep up on us faster every year! For us, that's really good news, because that's when our generous donors remember us most predictably with holiday gifts that help to keep us going through the first half of the next year. We are eternally grateful for your support.

Paula Cwikly is again hosting the Deck the Halls with Bones and Balls fundraiser party for us at her beautiful Toluca Lake home on Sunday, December 18, at 3:00 p.m. Please contact her at pcwikly1@earthlink.net or call her at 818-985-5698 if you are able to attend. It's a good idea to check our web site closer to the date in case the party needs to be rescheduled due to some emergency. All that's needed to attend is to bring a nice gift for our dogs. Please see our wish list for the items we need the most. We do not need dog treats or toys; we'd prefer that those dollars be spent on blankets from thrift stores for a few dollars each.

The MadeWest fundraiser in October was a delightful evening, with more than 30 attendees, featuring great raffle prizes and the chance to reconnect with fans and adopters, some of whom we hadn't seen for years. The donations and raffle ticket proceeds bought us about a month of dog food.

On Sunday, November 6th, some of our volunteers and supporters ran and walked to raise money for our dogs. Some of them ran the half marathon, some of them ran a 5k and a few of them walked the 3k. This fundraiser was a success also, so plans are already in the works for the next one!

The volunteers came up with a new idea called The Forgotten Dog project, which features adoptable dogs who are unnoticed time and again here at the rescue, usually because of their age, appearance, behavioral issues or lack of social skills. Some of these are dogs that become our favorites during their extended stay at the rescue but they are truly overlooked by most adopters. We will be launching The Forgotten Dog on our website in hopes that if even a few of these worthy dogs can be adopted because of the extra showcasing they get this way, we'll all be thrilled.

Thank you again for everything you do for us. Wishing all of you and your pets a happy and healthy holiday season.



Sincerely,
Ardis Braun

ADOPTION UPDATES

Two of the nine dogs we featured in our last newsletter were adopted into great new homes!

SHERMAN,

our playful big juvenile Dobie boy who recovered from an awful case of demodectic mange, now lives with Joyce Bonaime of Cabazon. A few weeks after adopting him she wrote: "Sherman is a love and I'm so very happy to have him in my family. He has good house manners and is oh-so even-tempered. I've taken him hiking at the Pacific Crest Trail and he loved it, as did I. He does very good with Junior (the other dog in the home); he's gentle and sweet. They bond in the front yard with their toys (we call them their babies).



Thank you again for your help finding my newest furry kid!"

SOX

is the other happy adoptee, and he went home with another lucky little dog featured in a previous newsletter, Maggie. Both are terrier mixes; Maggie is a senior lady and Sox is a middle-aged guy we placed as a puppy who was returned at 4 ½ years of age. The adopters, Ken and Karyn Fish of Santa Barbara, came to choose one or the other to keep company with their other dog, Jack, but failing to be able to rule out either one, Ken chose to adopt both.

From his recent e-mail: "Sox and Maggie are settling into their new home fine and have become the best of friends. Even choosing to sleep in the same bed at night snuggled up together.



Both dogs are loves and like to play with anyone who comes along. If there are no people, they will play with each other, rolling around and tussling with their tails wagging the entire time. Maggie likes to stand up on her back legs to get a better view of the world...I'm sure we will be able to teach her to dance as we move along in her training.

While three dogs is a bit more than I expected, I can't imagine giving any of them up, and hope that Sox will have a long and healthy life."

Sox has been diagnosed with a significant heart murmur, so we too are hoping for several good years ahead of him.

WAITING FOR HOMES

Kennedy

is a handsome male who came in from an animal shelter where he was surrendered by his family. They said he was 5 years old but we have a really hard time believing that because his teeth are beautiful and he has a youthful spirit so we think he is probably closer to 3 years old. Either way, Kennedy is a good-looking boy who is reported to be good with kids and semi-housebroken. We introduced him to several other dogs and he was wonderful but we thought he did much better with females. He seems to have a bit of training, a sweet disposition and an eager-to-please attitude, so he should make a wonderful addition to a loving home.



Brianna

is a little doll that we rescued from a shelter when she became urgent due to a cold. She was already healthy when we rescued her, and she continues to do well with us, as she's very dog-social, playful, and a size that's easy to manage. Brianna is 5 months old (as of late October, 2016) and she weighs about 25 pounds. Since she's a pretty active, playful puppy, she would very much enjoy another playful dog to interact with, preferably someone larger than a



Chihuahua so she doesn't overwhelm the other dog. Kids from 8 up would also enjoy this little lady, who is probably some sort of Border Terrier mix.

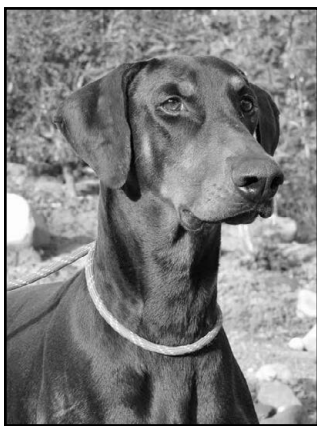
Julie

is a cute, slightly hesitant red Dobie girl with "home-cropped" ears that weren't cut properly but do stand in their own way. We think she is around 5-6 years old, so she's calm, easygoing, and done with crazy puppy behavior. Julie is sweet with people and has shown that she can tolerate the right male dog companion. She has done well with crate-training and seems to prefer having a comfortable "den" to rest in, even hoarding items inside as though she is nesting. The icing on the cake? She is a smiler!!



Cyber

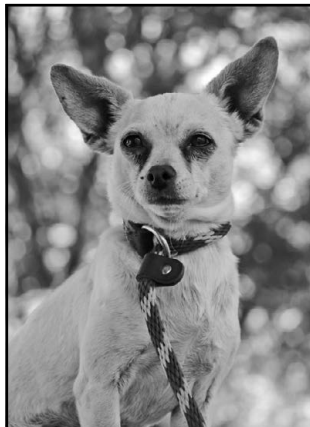
is a beautiful dobie boy that was returned to us. His owners had a worker over to the house to make the fence taller and Cyber got protective and nipped the worker.



Otherwise, he was good with the owner, housebroken and eager to please. Cyber isn't a big fan of other dogs so he does need a home as the only dog and probably one without kids. He loves being with his people but clearly he takes his job of protecting his home seriously so he will also need a home that can work with him and possibly separate him while strangers come to the home. He is a young adult, very handsome and ready to find the home of his dreams.

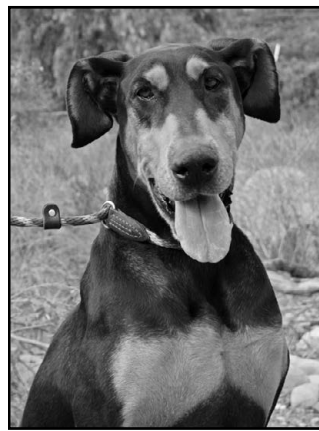
Sofie

is a 6-pound Chihuahua girl whose owner couldn't keep her, having just inherited her from someone who essentially abandoned her there. She's about 3 years old and very social with people and dogs. She allows handling by strangers without objection, but she is a "flight risk!" Sofie has been known to dart out doors or off laps in a flash, so a secure home environment will be needed for her, perhaps even one with no direct outside access such as an apartment or condo.



Marlon

is an amazing, strong and handsome Dobie mix who is a volunteer favorite at the rescue. He was adopted for a while after quickly bonding to the young boy in the family but ultimately, the adoption didn't work out. Marlon can be territorial and reactive towards other dogs so he had a hard



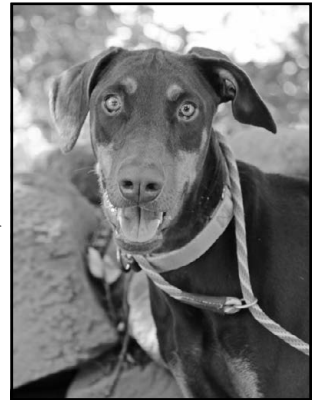
time handling all the other dogs in the neighborhood. He was great with the family, learned some obedience training and he is now housebroken. He was deeply loved and his family was heartbroken to part with him but Marlon just had too hard a time adjusting to suburban life. He can live easily and peacefully with a large female dog so he does have some social skills but he needs a home where he

doesn't have to interact with strange dogs near his home. He is now about 4 years old.

Garnet

came to us from a low-kill animal shelter that hoped we'd have an easier time placing this little 52-pound red

Dobie with her mixed-bag of behaviors. On leash, she could pull a train, and she is very (negatively) reactive to other dogs she encounters on leash. We were told that in the home situation she's fine with other dogs, cats, and kids. We would actually prefer her to be the only dog because it's a safer bet for a dog who has displayed aggression when on leash. Garnet is housebroken and non-destructive, and we think she'd be a great couch potato companion for a human who enjoys the comforts of home and would enjoy an otherwise well-behaved young dog. She's about a year and nine months as of November, 2016.



McDuff

is a newly-rescued white-and-tan Terrier mix, so he isn't well-known to us yet. We do know that he'll dig under chain link fencing if he gets lonely or bored, so a secure fence is necessary. McDuff is about a year old and weighs under 25 pounds. If he's paired with another dog, it should probably be a dog his size or larger, preferably female, and they should be separated at feeding time. He's affectionate and will win human fans instantly.





"Bug" McCollough of Lompoc with Skylar



"Maggie" Memoly of Aliso Viejo



"Zoe" Chase of Chula Vista with Christian



"Molly" Leger of Valencia



"Heidi" and **"Josie"** Jameson of Los Angeles



Happy Adoptees!



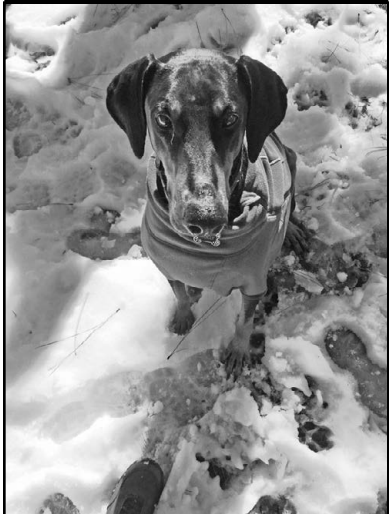
"Ariel" and **"Sadie"** Barton of Thousand Oaks, with Jada, Tori and Chantel

"Elmer," "Bella" and "Gracie Mae" Means of Ventura, with Topher and Gail

"Molly" Schwed of Sacramento



"Rocket" Riban of Lebec





"Dibu" Hunter of Palmer, Alaska



"Renegade" Blamire of Santa Barbara



"Rio" Turner of Chula Vista

"Rusty," "Bolt," "Gunner" and "Tulare Paige" Allen of Castaic



"Hubert" Grant of Santa Barbara



"Max," "Sasha," and "Allie" Soares of Ventura, with Brian and Stacey



"Pippi" Rimmele of Ventura



"Charlotte" Rimmele of Ventura

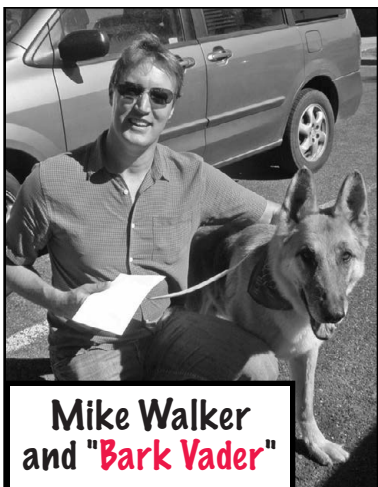


PILOTS 'N' PAWS

We can proudly say that we are the most active Doberman Pinscher Rescue in the state, possibly even the country. A lot of our success is due to the fact that folks who adopt dogs from us – not just Dobermans – are satisfied with their experience and keep coming back for the next dog, and the next, and the next. It's sad, knowing these folks have lost beloved dogs, but on the bright side, that loss opens their hearts and homes to take in another deserving dog.

So, we have been rescuing the lion's share of Dobermans throughout California. Initially we had to rely strictly on ground transport to get dogs from Stockton, Modesto, Sacramento, San Jose, and various other animal shelters many hours away. Some of our volunteer drivers are Jim Hill, in Stockton; Jim

Howell, in Fresno; Linda Shen from San Francisco; Sherry Root from San Luis Obispo; Daryl Hitchcock from San Jacinto; Pam Scholefield from San Diego; John and Janett Randle of Ontario; not to mention our regular volunteers who are closer. The list is lengthy, and the networking is endless. We often jokingly refer

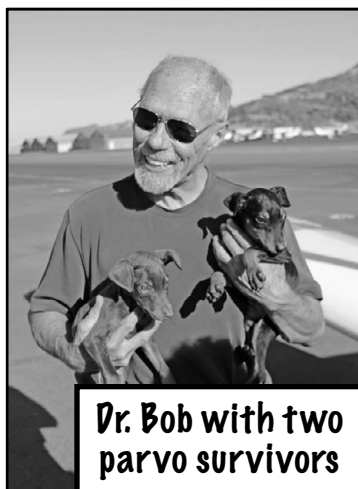


**Mike Walker
and "Bark Vader"**

to ourselves as Doberman Traffic Controllers.

Over the past couple of years, we have been able to reduce ground transports tremendously, thanks to the Pilots 'N' Paws non-profit group. Many pilots volunteer to fly animals in need to rescue groups that can accept them. The pilots are unpaid; they do this because they love to fly and they love animals.

Mike Walker flies semi-monthly back and forth from his home in Camarillo to his business in San Jose, which has helped us numerous times, and currently we have a very committed pilot, Dr. Bob Tefft, a retired doctor who makes himself available a LOT to fly



**Dr. Bob with two
parvo survivors**

dogs from Sacramento, Stockton, Modesto, San Jose, Tracy, and other upstate locations to airports within reach of our facility, usually flying into Santa Paula, weather permitting.

Airplane gas is hugely expensive, and gasoline for cars isn't cheap, either. We and the dogs owe a lot to these marvelous people who give of their personal time and resources to help.



Dr. Bob Tefft

LONG-DISTANCE LOVE

At times we have to laugh when someone as close by as, say, Santa Barbara, says "oooooh, you're so far away, let me see if I can find someone to drive with me." Santa Barbara is 45 minutes from us.

Then there are people like Kelsey Benson, who lives in Fairbanks, Alaska. She began e-mailing with us, wanting to adopt a particular Dobie girl, and we replied like we always do that we don't ship dogs. That was ok with Kelsey; she would come to Fillmore to meet and adopt the dog, and then fly home with her. She said Dobies are very hard to find in Alaska. Ok, we said.

Had there really been only one good choice for her, we probably would have suggested to Kelsey that this might not be the best idea, especially because the dog that had "reached" her, Blondie, we felt was a bit fractious and not as perfect as we'd prefer a dog traveling that far to be. But it so happened that there were a half-dozen nice females for her to choose from, so we encouraged the trip and Kelsey met a number of our picks, ultimately choosing Gypsy, a sweet girl with no known negatives.



"Gypsy"



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Kelsey flew to the Burbank airport the morning of October 14, rented a car to drive to Fillmore, met dogs and chose Gypsy, went to a nearby park with her, took her to the animal hospital to get a medical certificate for her so she could fly, bought a crate for her to travel in, and flew back to Fairbanks early the next morning.

We now have SIX Dobermans living in Alaska!

LOVE HEALS
by Colleen Anderson

One of the most interesting aspects of rescue is watching the relationships that form between the dogs. Some of the most unlikely of friendships emerge and shock us all. One of the most unlikely relationships I have ever seen blossom is the one between our long-term gal Fresca and medical mess Bowe.

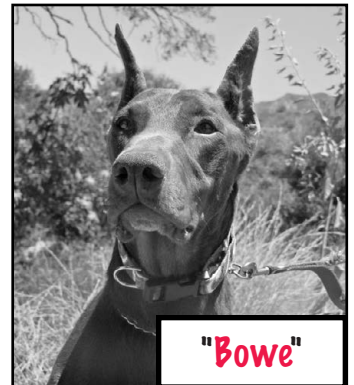
Fresca has been with us for years, mainly because of her dog-aggression issues. She always had to be kenneled alone and there were a few times over the years that she went after other dogs so fiercely that we couldn't risk exposing her to other dogs anymore. She remained solo and as she got older she became less and less desirable to adopters. It broke our hearts because she was always so wonderful with people; she was so easy to be around and loved affection. We tried getting pretty new pictures and even some video, but neither was successful. Eventually, Fresca made her way out to the sanctuary with me and I hoped that the change in scenery and low-key atmosphere would be good for her. I gave her some time to settle in to her new surroundings and I noticed that her reaction towards

other dogs was more of indifference than aggression. I had a gut feeling that something was different about Fresca now and decided to give her another chance with other dogs. Calmly, quietly and safely, I let her into a large area with some very easygoing dogs and amazingly, she was napping in the shade with them only minutes later. I knew I had to proceed with caution but I also knew that she would be much happier if she could make a friend, so the search was on for the perfect companion.

Bowe landed in the animal shelter with a female Dobie but their owners declined to reclaim them. We assumed they were a breeding pair that had become too old and were no longer productive so they were discarded. Oddly enough, they didn't like each other very much and once they were in close quarters they just became unbearable to one another, so we had to separate them. Bowe had a hard time adjusting to his kennelmates and he refused to lay on soft bedding so the calluses on his elbows were getting worse and he was having some difficulty moving around. I brought him to the sanctuary for some TLC and a vet checkup, which revealed elbow dysplasia, arthritis, and his immune system was terrible. He started enjoying having a



"Fresca"



"Bowe"



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bed and his calluses improved but his skin remained a challenge. He was diagnosed with ringworm, but despite months of treatment including vet visits, shampoos, and a few different oral medications, I just couldn't get a handle on it. At the same time, he was having a hard time behaviorally because he was constantly cranky. He would hide in his dog house and bark all day at everything and nothing. I was at a complete loss and didn't know what to do for him.

One day I was moving some dogs around when I decided to throw a "hail mary" and try Bowe in with Fresca. They had an extra large kennel run so there was plenty of space and I figured it was worth a shot. I was merely hoping that they would tolerate each other while I worked out a long term plan for each of them, but I was shocked at what actually happened. They loved each other! Bowe's barking stopped entirely, Fresca was happier and they would even play in the morning. Play! I never thought I would see the day that either dog would be so carefree and silly. The most amazing development was that Bowe's ringworm completely went away in only two weeks and all of his hair grew back soon after. I couldn't believe my eyes! Over seven months of medical care got him nowhere but Fresca and her companionship cured him.

These two seniors are not without their problems, but they have each other and a stress-free life together. They respect each other's space, don't argue over food and seem to love their new quiet lifestyle. We always hold out hope that a forever home is possible for every dog we rescue, but seniors with medical and behavioral issues are the toughest to place. The sanctuary gives them a home where they are loved, cared for, and now that they have each other, they are happy. Sometimes that's all we can ask for.

WISH LIST

- * Large heavy-duty plastic buckets
- * Leashes and flat or chain collars
- * Tarps
- * New or used dogloos of any size
- * New or used crates of any size
- * Large metal-frame beds with vinyl hammocks, any size
- * Old blankets and comforters
- * Gift cards to home improvement stores
- * Financial gifts of any size

PARTING SHOT

'Twas the night before Christmas

And all through the house

Not a creature was stirring

...not even Waldo.



"Waldo" Norwood
 of Carpinteria