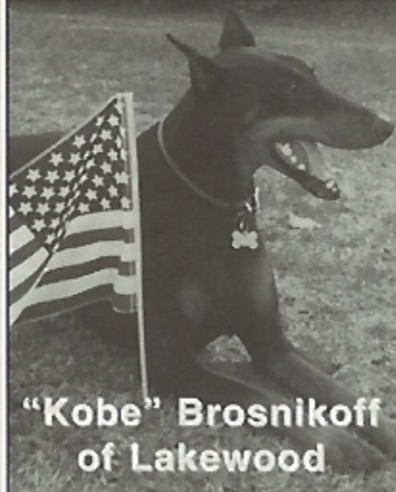


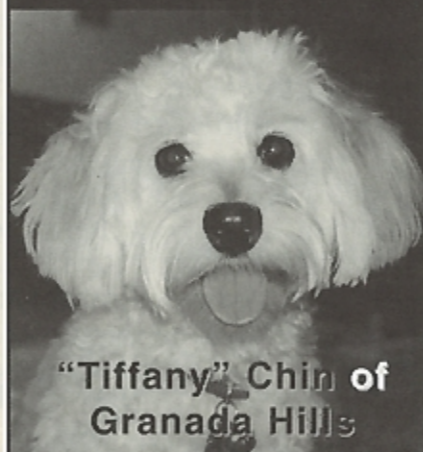
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**T**here is not much new to report from here. We are continuing to downsize our Doberman population and consolidate the remaining kennels.

Adoptions, particularly of the small dogs, continue to be strong and to delight their new owners.

Again we want to thank all of you who continue to support our work with your gifts. A special thanks to Jennifer and Rudy van Zyl of Hollywood; Rudy ran the LA Marathon this year and obtained sponsors who donated a total of \$1,100 to Dobies and Little Paws.

Please keep in touch with your calls, letters and e-mail, and remember how much we love your photographs! Also remember to take special precautions on the 4th of July to keep your pets safe. Many are afraid of loud noises and will try to bolt and escape!

Have a pleasant summer.

Sincerely,

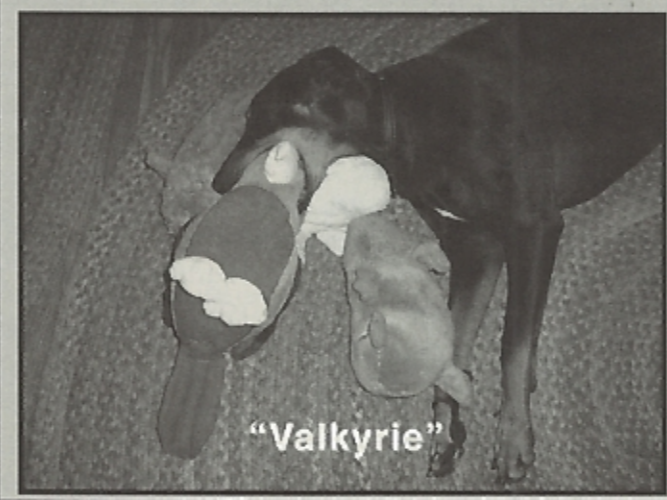
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## Adoption Updates

Of the dogs featured in our March issue, only Chaka found a home, but what an incredibly wonderful home he found! This story is a little lengthy, but it's such a profoundly moving story that we really want to share it all with you.

Last year we were contacted by Janice and Ed Senior of Mountain View, California, near the Bay Area, because they were desperately trying to locate a large dog kidney donor to save their dear Valkyrie (see picture), and time was short. They required a dog weighing at least 100 pounds and 5 years old or less. The donor would be welcomed into the



"Valkyrie"

"If your dog thinks you're the greatest person in the world, don't seek a second opinion."

-Jim Fiebig

Seniors' home after the procedure to live out its days as a member of their family.

We were happy to cooperate, and we chose two dogs as possible candidates, one of them being Chaka. The dogs went to the vet for lab work to ensure their suitability to be the donor, and Chaka emerged as the one to go to UC Davis for the procedure. Just before he was due to depart, Valkyrie took a turn for the worse and the Seniors decided to have her put to sleep.

A number of months passed, and the next bit of news we had from Janice and Ed was that they had rescued a Greyhound, whom they named Kajsa (see photo), who turned out to need major medical and psychological help to survive.



With their love and care she survived, and after a few more months, we were contacted again because the Seniors terribly missed having a Doberman in their home. Did we have any gentle Dobies who would be kind and not overwhelm poor Kajsa? Again we recommended two candidates, one of them being Chaka. We e-mailed their pictures to Janice and Ed, and they decided that perhaps fate had intended that Chaka should be their new Doberman.

The next task was getting him there.

It so happened that, at about the same time, Louise and John Gapen of Los Osos, our dear pet store owner friends who assist us with long-distance transports and always adopt older Dobies from us, had just lost their wonderful male, Charlie, and Louise could not be consoled without another wonderful male to love. She and John were scheduled to visit the ranch that

weekend to choose their new friend.

After checking with both parties, it was arranged that Chaka could travel as far as Los Osos with Louise and John, and Janice and Ed Senior would then drive the 4 hours from Mountain View the next morning to pick him up.

Louise targeted the new Doberman of her life with amazing ease and unerring accuracy. She named him Manny (see picture), and he was the perfect choice! He is wonderful with their cats, kids, other dogs, he travels well...in short, he is perfect!



Manny and Chaka made the trip to Los Osos together, and the following morning Ed and Janice arrived with Kajsa to introduce the dogs and take home their new boy.

Fate must indeed have played a part, because Chaka fit in beautifully from the first day. They named him Hagrid, after the gentle giant of Harry Potter fame (see photo). Janice said that after returning home from his checkup visit to the vet,



Hagrid must have known he was in his forever home, because he first raced around the yard, then came in the house, woofed once, and curled up in his bed with three stuffed animal toys arranged around him, his pal Kajsja by his side.

And two wonderful dogs got the homes they deserved!



## Twinkle, "Trinket", Little Star



One of our cover girls for the March *Dobie Doings* was a little dog named Trinket, whom we accidentally misidentified as being from Los Angeles. She is actually from beautiful Santa Barbara! Rather than just fix our error, we decided to say a few words about this precious little girl.

Trinket came to us as a nursing mother with five newborns, none of whom looked at all like her. (They have all matured into dogs several times her size.) No one had wished to adopt Trinket at the animal shelter where we rescued her because no one wanted to take the whole family.

We made a nice comfortable place for her and her babies, and she was a wonderful mother, kind and gentle. She nursed her brood until they could be weaned, at which point we placed them all in their own homes. Trinket missed them, but she had to spend another three weeks with us, until her milk dried up, before she could be spayed and adopted.

By the time she was ready for adoption, we had had her in our care for a full two

months, and we were all crazy about her. Obviously, we needed to find an extra-special home for her.

When the Reali family came to look for a dog, their requirements were for a small, short-haired female that would be good with kids: a very sweet dog.

As you can see from the picture, Trinket got the home she deserves, and the Realis have a pet that is a constant source of entertainment and joy for the family.

## WAITING FOR HOMES

### "MULLIGAN"

is a darling Old English Sheepdog mix. He's 9 months old and weighs about 40 pounds. His ideal home would have a big yard with a high, secure fence and another dog to play with.

Mulligan was actually adopted three times by the same woman, who absolutely adored him, but he was so unhappy when everyone went to work and school that he became Houdini.

The good news is, he is housebroken and does not shed.



### "GYPSY"

is a great little dog. She is probably Dachshund and Terrier, and she's about 5 years old. The best thing about Gypsy is that she loves to play, and will try to entice nearly any companion to play with her.

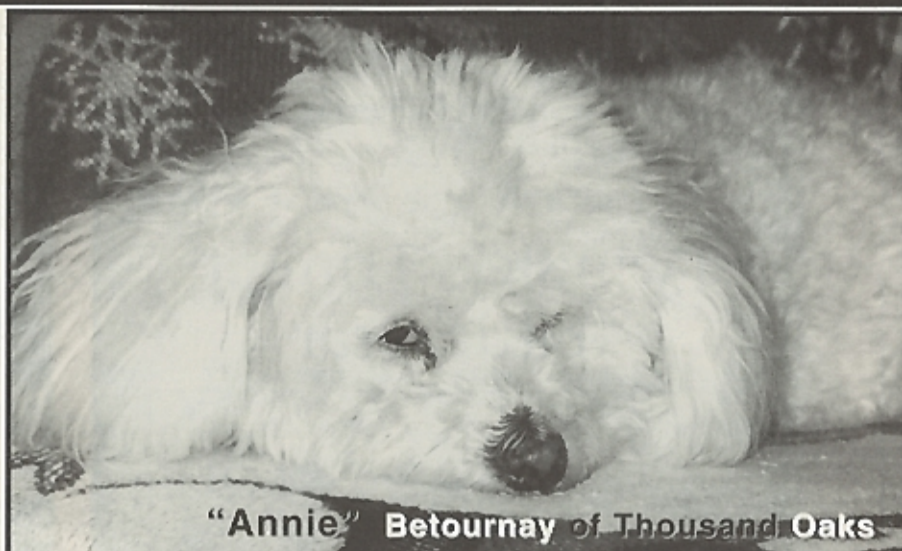


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# A few more happy Adoptees!



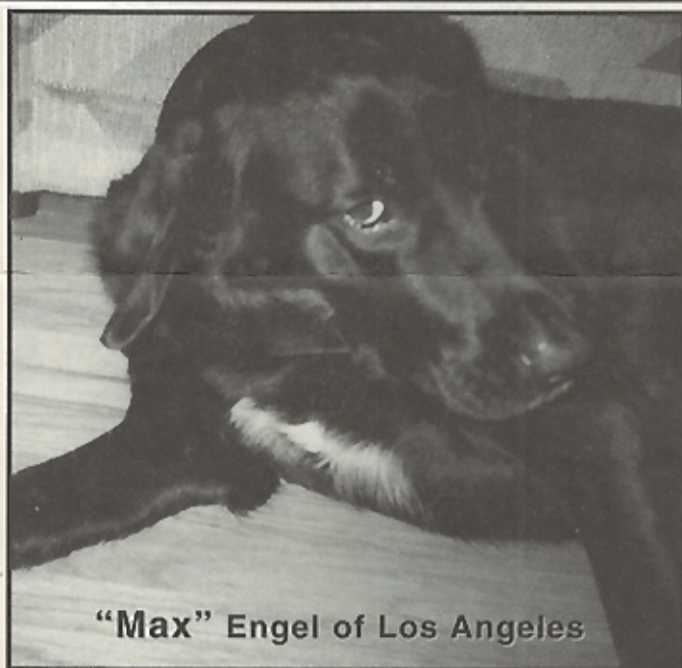
**"Duke"** Litwin of Oxnard



**"Annie"** Betournay of Thousand Oaks



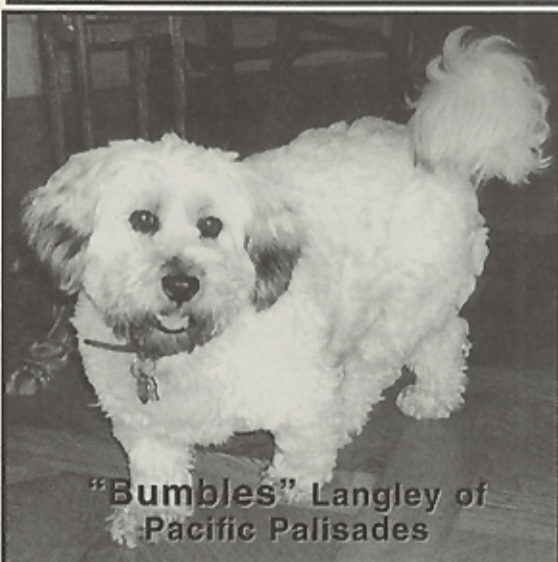
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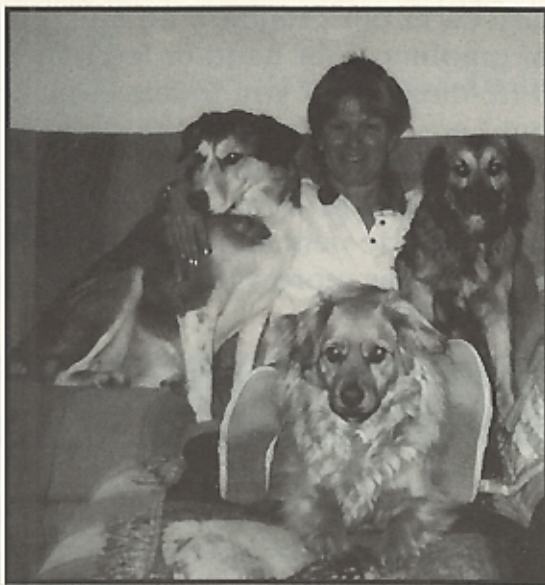
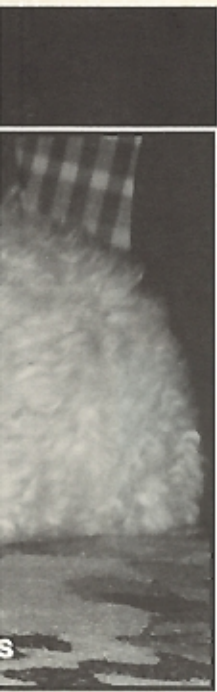
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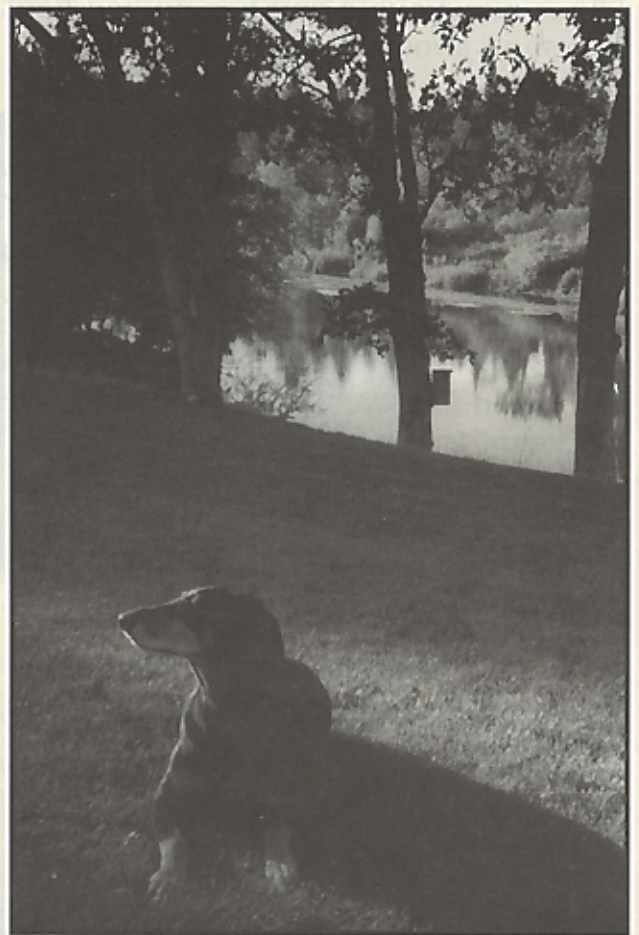
**"Bumbles"** Langley of Pacific Palisades



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**"Sparky," "Bailey," and  
"Jessie" Cara-Olsberg  
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**"Angel" Hubbard of  
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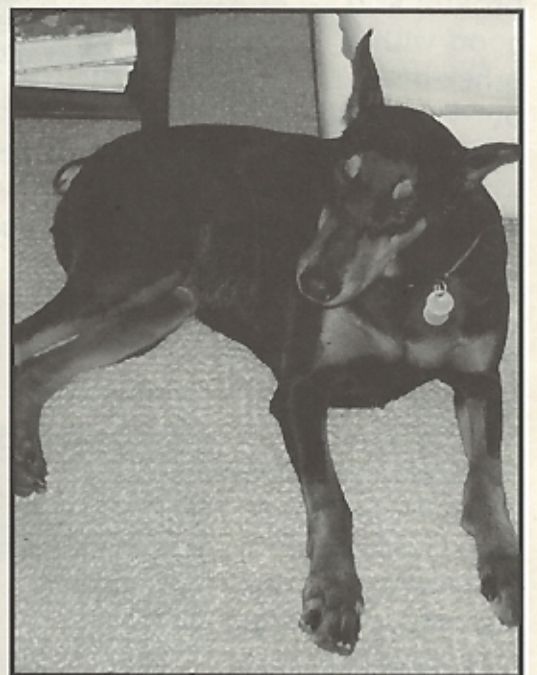
**"Willy" Grossman of  
Valencia**



**"Kyra" Brazil of  
Palmdale**



**"Dusty" Des Jardien of Reseda**



**"Meggie" Freidell of  
Santa Barbara**

She is affectionate and has no bad habits, and she's about 30 pounds.

### "GORGEE"

is a blue Dobie male, 6 years old. His owner moved to an apartment and could not keep Gorgee. For a blue, his coat is quite good, and he's housebroken and good with kids. We've been successful kenneling him with female dogs, even smaller ones, and he's affectionate and obedient.



### "JENNY"

is a smallish older female Dobie, active enough to be half her age. She is housebroken and good with other dogs, but would do best in a home with no cats or kids. She was adopted by an older couple who had to return her because she was too active; that was two years ago!



### "8-BALL"

is about 7 years old, a mixture of Dachs-hund and something else unknown (it could be black Lab, but he only weighs about 20 pounds). 8-Ball is very attentive and bonds closely with "his" person.

When he first



arrived in our program, he had a bad habit of grabbing your hand or leg with his teeth if he didn't want you to leave his kennel, but he is now broken of this behavior. He's a quiet, mannerly dog with a pleasant demeanor. We think an adult home would be best. He gets along with other dogs, but he cares far more about people than dog companions.

## Keepers

by Eric Munck

After placing over 5,600 dogs in new homes over the past 15 years, Ardis has come to understand dog behavior as well as, or perhaps better than, most trainers. We collaborated to develop the following test. Compare your opinions/knowledge to ours, for some interesting insights!

### True or False

(Our opinions appear at the end of this column):

1. When dogs lean on us, nudge us, Velcro themselves to us, and give kisses, they are demonstrating their love for us.
2. All dogs need to be dominated by us, their owners, to show them who's boss.
3. Spoiled dogs are more loving.
4. Dogs have a full range of emotions very similar to ours.
5. Many dogs, particularly Dobermans, are quite likely to "turn" on their masters.
6. Dogs can be made neurotic by their owners.
7. Starting with a puppy is always better if you have little children or small pets.
8. The relationship between two female dogs is usually the riskiest of the three possible types of dog relationships.

1. False. Nudging, leaning, and "Velcro" behavior are all actually quite controlling behaviors; the dog is thinking he/she can "make" you pet him/her by behaving this way. If it works, you have reinforced their thinking. Licking is



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submissive behavior, and also has no relationship to love.

2. False. Dogs who exhibit strong dominance tendencies certainly need to be dominated, but many dogs are fairly submissive, and they need a buddy much more than a boss.
3. False. Dogs appear to have the closest bonds with owners who are firm and non-indulgent. The dog's version of love is much more related to respect than it is to our idea of romanticized love.
4. False. Dogs certainly appear to feel basic emotions such as fear, loneliness, and jealousy, but the higher emotions we believe to be uniquely human.
5. False. While there will, on very rare occasions, be a truly crazy dog, just as there can be a lunatic human, in the general case a dog that appears to "turn" on its master will simply be a culmination of events that were building for a long time. Usually this relates to the owner not exercising proper dominance over the dog, so the dog believes he/she is in control of each situation, and finally a showdown of wills makes the dog react as if he/she is confronting another (more submissive) dog with a display of aggression.
6. True. We have seen many cases of suspicious, overprotective, and insecure people making their dogs insecure and skittish. This behavior is sometimes misinterpreted as the result of abuse.
7. False. When you introduce a puppy into a home with small children or other, smaller dogs, you can't be assured of greater success than bringing in a kind and gentle adult dog. At a very young age, puppies' temperaments are hard to judge, and if one is chosen with that has a hyperactive, stubborn, or dominant nature, it will be difficult to make an appropriate pet out of such a dog for a home with small kids or pets.
8. True. The "safest" relationship is between a male and a female, because the male has learned through evolution that he is not supposed to hurt the female. Two males will often be better "buddies" than a male and a female will. But two females, even if they get along tolerably for months or even years, will sometimes let antagonism smolder for long periods before erupting into intolerance that cannot be eased.

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## Medical Matters

We recently learned of a possible cancer-cure diet for dogs, and we want to pass it along. It is unproven by us, but one dog in our program being treated this way is alive and well after 1 1/2 years; another recently started the regimen and we'll keep you posted.

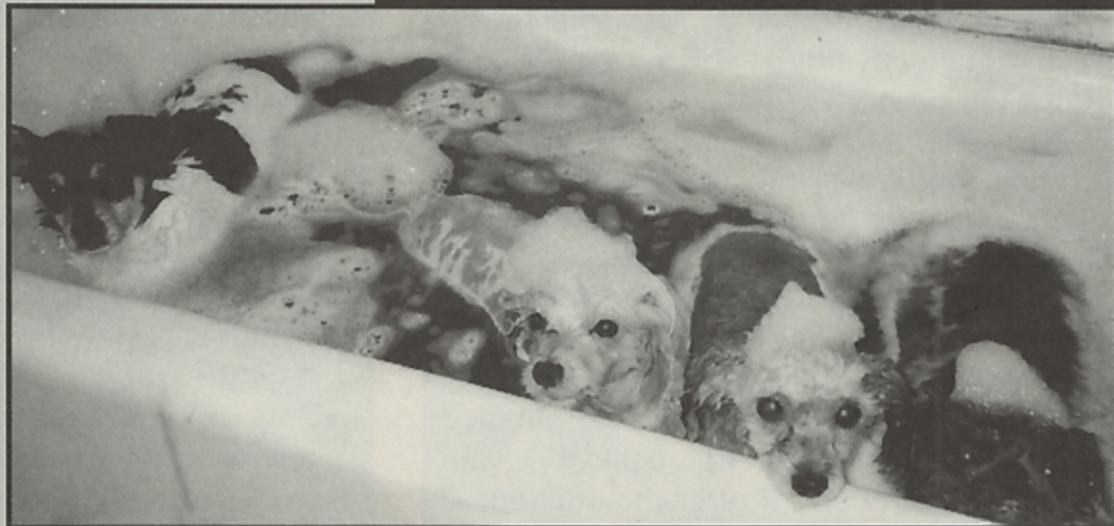
1. Eliminate carbohydrates from the diet; cancer feeds on carbs.
2. Boil chicken (minus the liver and kidneys) and veggies; give 1 1/2 cups twice daily and fill out the diet with rice if necessary to maintain weight. (Freeze the remainder in packets to use on subsequent days.)
3. Give the following twice daily with meals: psyllium seed

(for bowel function, available at Trader Joe's) and 1000 mg of Vitamin C, 400 mg of Vitamin E, 2 PetTab multivitamins, 1 beta-carotene, 1 tsp of Echinacea (also at Trader Joe's).

5. Give purified water.
6. Give no kibble!
7. Keep a positive, happy attitude that your dog can feel and observe.

## Parting Shots

Rub-a-dub-dub



"Kylie," "Murphy," "Roxie," and "Chin Chin" Doyle  
of Pt. Hueneme