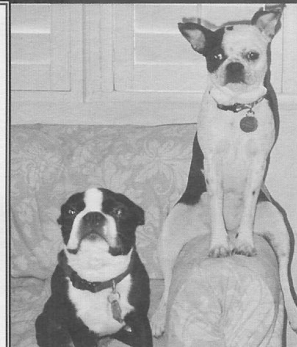


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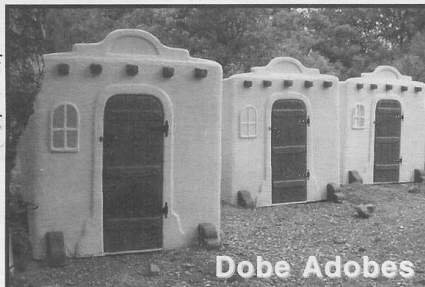
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This is a very special issue. It is devoted to handicapped and "imperfect" dogs: those we have already found loving homes for, and those who are still waiting. Some of these imperfections are birth defects, some are probably the result of accidents, and others, we are sad to say, are from injuries intentionally inflicted by humans. We've always felt that people who adopt imperfect and handicapped dogs are a special breed, particularly those with dogs that bear the marks of human cruelty, as they must so often face the judgments of others who may think they were the perpetrators of such cruelty.

Please be glad for these great dogs, because, despite their shortcomings physically, they are alive and well, and those who have been adopted are loved and treasured in their forever homes.

As of this writing, we have received our first ten adobe houses, with another sixty to go, which will ultimately house all of our rescue dogs. When we have all of them and have completed our southwestern landscaping, we plan to have an open house so that all of you within driving distance can come visit and share our joy at being



able to offer these deluxe accommodations to our critters.

We also plan to make these available for private purchase, so call us if you have any interest. They can be used as playhouses, trendy tool sheds, Harley-Davidson garages; the possibilities are endless. We hope to have a web site for them by the time you read this (www.adobeadobe.com).

We have been hearing from a few of you that own Dobermans concerning your homeowners' insurance; namely, that your carriers are no longer willing to carry your policy as long as you own your Dobie. If you are having this problem or know anyone that is, please contact us.

Thanks again to one and all that continue to support our efforts with your generous donations!

Sincerely,

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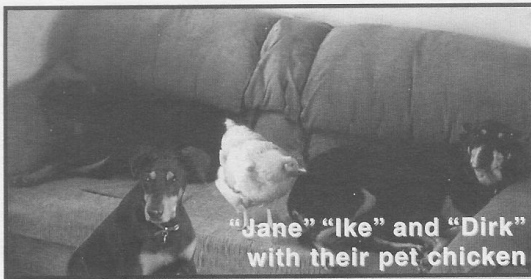
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Adoption Updates

We featured five dogs in our March issue; all five have been adopted. Life is good!

WOOKIE,

our dear older boy Dobie, was adopted by Jill, Greg, and Paul Black of Ramona. They have



two other dogs of ours, Dirk and Jane Doberman (a.k.a. Darla), whom some of you may remember because of their "home-cropped" ears. This family definitely belongs in the category of special people who take in dogs that are "imperfect" but deserving, regardless of the judgments of others.

A short excerpt from Jill's recent e-mail: "All is well in the San Diego Chapter of the Doberman Gang. Wookie/Ike is really doing well. We call Dirk, Ike and Jane 'The Three Amigos'..."

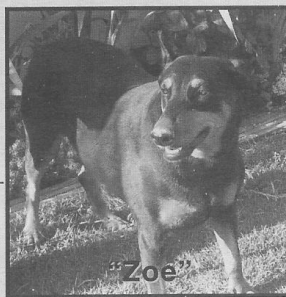
All are in excellent health (they each get a carrot every morning - for some reason they're all carrot crazy - go figure). They also enjoy hanging out in the barn with the horses and, of course, they enjoy their chicken-buddies!"

NEGRA,

our sweet girl Dobie who came in a couple of years ago when her owners moved to an apartment, has a great new home with Cathy and Jim Bell of Oxnard. Her new name is Zoe, and this is from a current e-mail:

"We are thrilled with Zoe. She is such a love and wonderful addition to our family. There is one problem with Zoe; she tells little fibs. Jim feeds her first thing in the morning. When the next person goes out to see her a little while later all her food is gone and she tells them that no one has fed her yet. So they believe her and she gets more food. She always says she is starving and hasn't had a bite to eat in ages. One look at her tells you that Zoe has not been missing meals, but Zoe has a very convincing story.

We remember when we first brought Zoe home. It was days before we heard her bark and were beginning to wonder if she could bark. We are happy to report that Zoe is a fabulous barker."



LADY,

our bouncy mid-sized terrier mix, was adopted just as we were going to press by Susan and Dan Rice of Simi Valley. It sounds as though this home was made-to-order for Lady. She turned out to be housebroken, so she

is mostly indoors, though she does get her morning walk every day. While she was with us, she perfected the art of dancing on two legs, and she now entertains her new family this way. She also gave them a good chuckle when they caught her looking at herself in the mirror. Here's a picture of Lady in her new digs.



RISA,

our funny little Cocker-Afghan Hound mix, was adopted by Christi Blodgett and Sean O'Neil of Palmdale. She has a big yard to play in and a nice warm bed in the garage. And those folks get to enjoy her "high fives" now!



D.O.G.,

our precious older Pom/Terrier mix, was adopted by Kristi Stevens. She says: "D.O.G. is a wonderful little guy!! He is having so much fun here in Tehachapi, playing with our two other dogs, a horse, and now two goats (although he doesn't quite know what to make of the goats yet).

He and I will be moving to Bakersfield in June, upon completion of my house....He always looks like he's smiling, it's so funny. He greets me at the door with his ball when I get home (a little hint to play catch!). He has so much land to run around and play on....He is definitely the best dog I could possibly ask for! Keep up the great work!!"



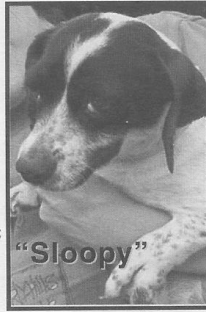
WAITING FOR HOMES

(Handicapped and "Imperfect")

SLOOPY

is a tiny little thing, probably a mix of Beagle, mini-Dachshund, and perhaps some Rat Terrier. She weighs less than 10 pounds, and

she has a deformed foot. She also has "cherry eye" in both eyes, which is not truly an impairment, but is unattractive cosmetically. This is easily fixed with surgery. When Sloopy arrived she was afraid of everyone; it took weeks before she let familiar people touch her. She is now an active, affectionate, playful little dog of about 1 year old.



"Sloopy"

THUNDER

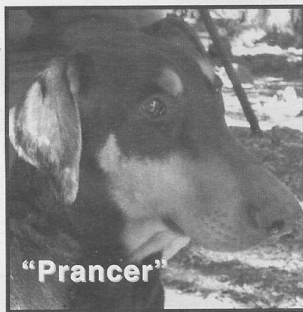
is a good-looking 5-year-old black male Doberman Pinscher with nicely cropped ears and a happy temperament. His problem is that he has "megesophagus," which is a pocket in his esophagus that traps food and causes him to regurgitate it. We put him in the hospital for a couple of weeks to find a solution other than surgery. Their recommendation is to feed Thunder four or five small meals per day; this completely resolves the problem. So, the home we're seeking for Thunder is with a person or couple who work at home, or a retired couple who could maintain his feeding schedule. Thunder is otherwise healthy and loving, and can live with a female dog. Poor Thunder has been with us for years. He deserves a real home of his own.



Thunder

PRANCER

is a 3-year-old large male Doberman Pinscher who just borders on being a "special needs" dog. We believe Prancer has slight neurological damage, as his bearing and movement are a little peculiar: when he gets excited he tends to hop in place or "prance" with his front legs--hence the name! Prancer is otherwise healthy and fully aware of his surroundings. He is affectionate and he's good with most other

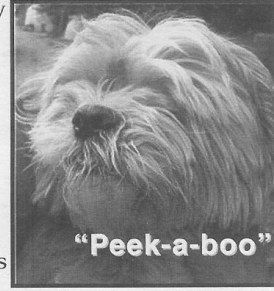


"Prancer"

dogs. All this sweet boy really needs is a family to call his own.

PEEK-A-BOO

is a 4-5 year old Shih Tzu who has only one eye. (This is not only hard to tell in her picture, it's hard to tell in person also.) She is small, about 12



"Peek-a-boo"

pounds, and she's quiet, calm, and housebroken. She is believed to be better with women than with men, as she adored and followed her ex-owner (woman) everywhere, but nipped her husband and thus found herself homeless. In our experience she's also fine with other dogs (she ignores them).

PEACHES

is a 5-6 month English Bulldog-Poodle mix puppy with a club foot. She is a dark brindle, with short, soft wiry hair. She's good with other dogs and is already a watchdog. Her current weight is around 20 pounds; we think her adult weight will be in the 35-pound range.



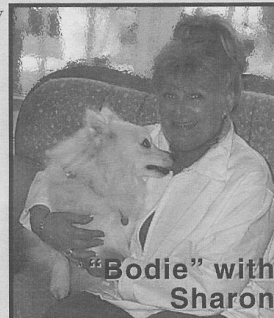
"Peaches"

She and her siblings were the result of an accidental breeding at the home of a kennel owner who retired. The woman said that a horse had stepped on Peaches' foot, but she seems to use it well and without discomfort.

OUR WONDERFUL, HANDICAPPED ALUMNI

BODIE

has only three legs, but he is one lucky dog! His ex-owner happened to see our American Eskimo-owner friend, Anita Mathews, walking her Eskimos in Fillmore one day and stopped to ask her if she'd like another. She politely declined but gave him our phone number, so Bodie came to stay with us for a few weeks, at which point Anita and her "significant other," Bob Kornoff, decided to foster him. And then it happened that Anita's neighbor knew a lady

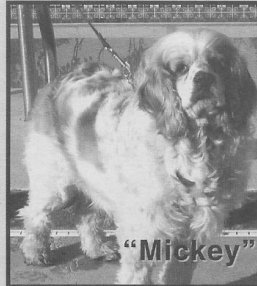


"Bodie" with Sharon

who had just lost her dog and needed another to console her. And that's how Bodie came to live with Sharon Stewart of Fillmore, who looks mighty pleased with him!

MICKEY

has one of the most amazing stories of all. He came to us as a shelter rescue, a young Cocker Spaniel with a terrible neck wound and mange all over his body. He also had premature, fast-growing cataracts that rendered him nearly blind while we were rehabilitating the rest of him medically. (We didn't know this at the time we rescued him.)



By the time he was 80% recovered from his other afflictions, he was, for all intents and purposes, blind. We kept him in a small kennel by himself, as he had gotten so intimidated by the other dogs for unknowingly offending them due to his blindness. More than once we considered putting him to sleep, as his chances for adoption and a quality life seemed just about hopeless.

About this time Karen and Norm Fort of Fillmore heard about us from Anita Mathews and Bob Kornoff (mentioned above), who had just happened to meet them at a garage sale. The Forts came to visit, hoping to find a new dog to adopt. After looking over several dozen dogs, all of whom were in better shape than Mickey, Norm stopped at Mickey's kennel and said he had chosen his dog! The more we told him about this unfortunate creature, the stronger, it seemed, was Norm's resolve to help him.

When they asked for a recommendation of a good cataract eye surgeon, we gave them the name of a doctor in Ventura who was highly recommended, and Mickey got his eyes fixed. The expense and the effort required to rehabilitate this little guy is hard to imagine, but Karen and Norm did it all without complaint. Mickey is their happy little dog now.

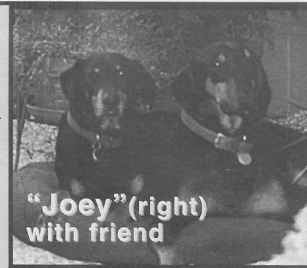
Talk about special people!!!

JOEY

was an abuse case. He was known to have been beaten in the head with a baseball bat, causing his head to be misshapen for life. The shelter that impounded him raved about his being so sweet and about his carrying no grudge

against people despite the abuse.

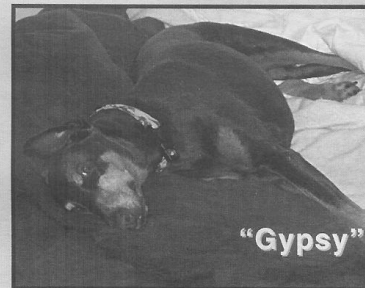
Joey has a wonderful life now with Pat Bittenbender of Wrightwood, and he'll never know abuse again.



GYPSY

was hit by a car in her youth, we assume, and her ex-owners did nothing to repair her shattered knee joint. It fused, causing Gypsy to have a stiff rear leg for the rest of her days. On January 8, 2000, Gypsy got lucky: Liz Penades

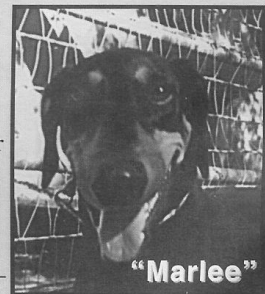
of Fremont saw Gypsy's picture on the internet and decided to make room in her home for her. This is from a recent e-mail from Liz:



"Gypsy has had her new home for three years and is completely thrilled with it. She just had a new addition to the family - last summer (we) had a baby girl. Gypsy does well with the baby, standing stoically by while the baby plays with her ears....Gypsy thinks this is OK. Her stiff back leg is in good shape and stronger than ever. Gypsy has no problem hopping onto the bed or sofa either, so her leg isn't holding her back. She doesn't have any pain and can go on a hike in the nearby parks without any problem. She also gets glucosamine supplements every day to ward off arthritis. One thing hasn't changed though, she still loves hanging out in her dog beds!"

MARLEE

is very happy girl despite being deaf. Our long-time readers may recall her story from our December, 2000 issue. She was adopted by Kristi and Robert Chismar of North Hollywood as a compan-



ion for their male Dobie, Scubi. The two dogs adore each other, and Marlee follows Scubi everywhere; he is her "ears."

MAGGIE

(See picture in Masthead)

is another little deaf girl, a young Boston Terrier. We were at an animal shelter, on another mission entirely, and an employee handed us the name and number of Maggie's ex-owner, who was looking for a good home for her little pet, then known as Amiga. We took her in, posted her picture on Petfinder.com, and within days Aileen and Ken Lamplugh of Reseda came and took her home to live with them and their other Boston Terrier, Jake. Things have worked out wonderfully, according to their recent e-mail:

"All concerns (about her being deaf) went out the window once we drove up to Dobie rescue and met Maggie in person. Just your ordinary, fun-loving little bundle of energy. She came home with us that day.

Now months later, Maggie has become a full-fledged member of the family. Jake seems to enjoy having someone around that can match his energy level (although he does get a bit annoyed when she plays keep-away with his favorite toy). And they love to curl up under the covers in bed with us....We've taught her a few hand signals and hope to teach her more in the months to come.

As far as Maggie being deaf, you'd have to look real hard to even know it -- the way she goes looking for you if you've been out of the room for too long. Or when she pokes her head in the shower just to make sure you're still in there. Also, she uses it to her advantage sometimes -- like if she doesn't quite feel like coming in from outside yet. She definitely gets a kick out of making you chase her around the backyard a few times.

So as you can hopefully tell, we think Maggie is definitely something special. Thanks again to Dobies & Little Paws and we hope more people out there will consider adopting deaf or other 'handicapped' dogs...we prefer the term 'handicapped.' "

STEWART

is an older Chihuahua with one bad eye who, because of that and because Chihuahuas are, well, Chihuahuas, Stewart spent about



two years waiting for his forever home. That day came January 5th, when Toni Tripp of Oxnard came to look for a dog for her family. One of our kennel employees, Maryanne, deserves full credit here - she picked Stewart out of the many and handed him to Toni to spend time with in the visiting area.

Here's our most recent update on Stewart:

"I am learning the true meaning of the word 'stubborn'....

It sounds worse than it is. First, he adores me. He never lets me out of his sight for more than a brief moment or two.

Second, he adores his pillow. If I need him to go anywhere - I just take his pillow. He even goes into our grocery store on his pillow. No problem. I kinda/sorta let them think he is some kind of oxygen-alert dog. This little guy is the greatest car dog in the world!

Third, he adores every kid who comes through the door. He never has a bad word for anyone. He even likes the cat and the ratties!

Stewart now sleeps in our king-sized water bed, right between hubby and me. I resisted. I liked having him in his kennel every night. He never complained. Besides, I was afraid we'd crush him! But hubby had other ideas. So now we have 2 adults, 1 cat, 1 dog and 2 kids, if they are having a rough night, all in the same bed! Thank goodness you don't rescue horses!"

PEGGY

spent a week at an animal shelter, during which time she so captured the heart of the vet on staff that he made a splint for her bad leg out of the heavy wire from one of the hospital cages. He was SO happy when we rescued her!

She then went to our vet for x-rays, and there was good news and bad news. The bad news was that she had a broken shoulder and that the

injury was not new. The good news was that she probably would do quite well without surgery, which could not be guaranteed to be fully successful anyway. In her favor was that she was small, so the leg would not have to bear much weight. He suggested waiting 8 weeks to see how it healed, and to re-evaluate then.

While she was healing, she was adopted by Carol Hemingway of Santa Barbara. Here is an update from Carol's letter of May 14th:

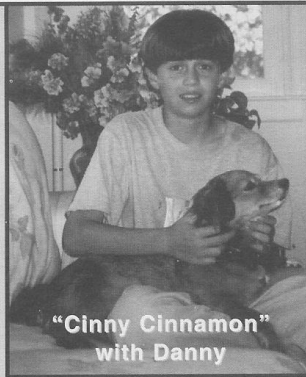
"The little dog Peggy we adopted from you quickly won our hearts and has become a most beloved family member...."

I am happy to report Peggy (we have renamed her Cinnie Cinnamon) has made almost a complete recovery in the few months we've had her. She is so smart, friendly, and well-trained. We take her everywhere. She loves to ride in the car, go for walks, go to my 11-year-old son's baseball games. I work at home, so we are great companions for each other. Even before she could walk well, she was a treasure and a pleasure to have. For her sake, I'm glad she recovered so well. We would have loved her even if she hadn't.

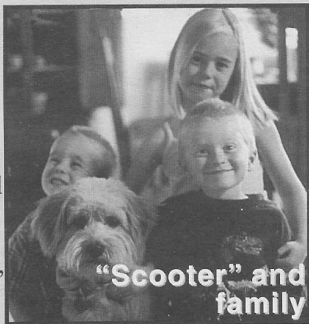
Thank you for the wonderful work you do."

SCOOTER

was another animal shelter rescue with a similar prognosis to that for Peggy, with the advantage that Scooter was only five months old and would heal and regenerate even faster. Scooter, too, was adopted while



"Cinnie Cinnamon" with Danny



"Scooter" and family

he was rehabilitating, by Amy Clark of Goleta.

This is from a recent note from Amy:

"We adopted Scooter a month ago....He had a limp but...now is doing amazingly well. Scooter has become and completed our family nucleus. He is an intricate and extremely loved member of our family. How fortunate we are to have found each other. My husband and children and I gladly let Scooter share our pillows at bedtime."

JAG

is another "home cropped" Dobie who made his forever home with Barbara and Harry Heilbroner of Westlake

Village. His happy new home story was told in our December, 2001 issue, and he's still keeping order at the Heilbroner household, where he's well loved and much pampered.

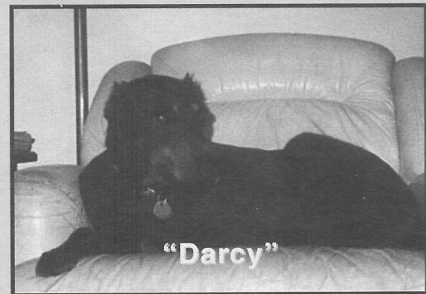


"Jag"

DARCY

is another of our "home-cropped" Dobie alumni. We featured 5 of them in our September, 2001 issue, and Darcy was the only one not adopted ~ until April of this year. But..the home she got was definitely worth waiting for! Nancy Baldock of Santa Maria is the happy new owner. We just received the following letter from her:

"We brought Darcy home and from the get go she has been my gal pal. After a few accidents, a new dog door and a crate for a short time, Darcy is beautifully housebroken. Darcy enjoys shopping at Pet Smart, hanging out at horse shows and the beach, going anywhere in any car, playing fetch with us out back (she doesn't actually fetch, she just chases our Heeler Bobo all over while he fetches), our nightly walks and mainly soaking



"Darcy"



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up attention.

Yep, she's missing a couple of ears, but it's a great conversation starter because people can't resist asking about them. Never has anyone given us even a dirty look, just curiosity. Personally I'm not too worried about her getting lost because she's so happy with us that she isn't letting us out of her sight-just try to get into a car without her. Anyway, thanks for keeping her so long for us."

ANGEL

has such a sweet face and personality. There was never a moment's hesitation on our part about rescuing her, even though her bad leg had to go. She didn't have to wait long for her new, wonderful home with Nancy Harris of Camarillo. Here's what Nancy has to say:

"When Angel joined the family about two years ago, she fit in immediately, making best friends with the cats and other dogs. She has a special relationship with each of them...sharing the couch with some, playing a rousing game of soccer ball or tag with others. She is so fast, blending in seamlessly with the activities and antics of the other dogs. In fact, she's just like the other dogs, except that she's missing a hind leg. She bounds up and down the stairs, sails across the hardwood floors, dives through the bushes, loves taking the lead in a game of keep-away, and patrols seven acres as effortlessly as her four-legged buddies, some of whom are

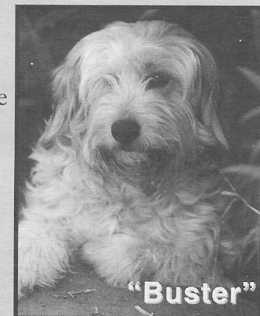
three times her size! When guests come to visit, they're amazed at Angel when they eventually realize she has three legs.

I am thrilled to have this wonderful dog in the family. She has added so much joy to my life and she reminds me every day that handicaps don't have to be obstacles."



BUSTER

is a wonderful little terrier mix who came to the ranch as a rescue, and years later ended up back at the ranch, but this time as the personal pet of Connie Revard, our kennel supervisor, who lives full-time at the ranch. Buster has only one eye, but he has a happy, full life, much more interesting and stimulating than many people's pets could ever dream of.



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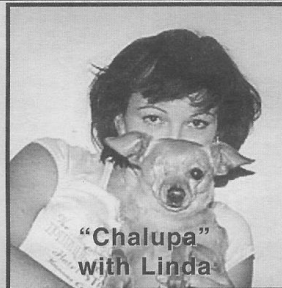
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CHALUPA

is another one-eyed darling, belonging to Linda Hvisjord of Los Angeles. They LOVE each other!



Canine Celebrities

It's such a pleasure to be able to share news about our adoptees who have gone on to do really great things. (Not that being just a family pet isn't great, because it is!) In past issues you've read about Dawn, the Doberman seizure-alert dog; Nik D. Pinscher, the Doberman therapy dog and spokesdog for the anti-vivisection movement at UCSD; and Rosie, the Doggy Chair for the Ventura County Alzheimer's Association.

This issue's celebrity is Katie, a delightful Spaniel mix that waited two years for her lucky day! We featured her in our March, 2002 issue, hoping that among our 3,000+ readers, someone would decide to take this precious little girl home. But it wasn't until April this year that she was adopted ~ by an entire community!!! It's called Sunrise Senior Living in Valencia, CA. Population: 122; average age: 86.

It all started when Program Coordinator Amber Skowronski was on the lookout for a new

community dog. She found Katie's picture and bio via Dobie Rescue's web site on the internet. She and Executive Director Dawn Smith drove to Fillmore to see Katie, and fell in love.

Here are a couple of paragraphs from Amber's recent e-mail:

"Katie has brought much joy to all of our residents! She is well behaved, affectionate. We feel an angel was sent from above and from Dobies & Little Paws Rescue!

She has a great time playing with residents' dogs, gets along great with house kitty, Inky, loves to roll around in the courtyard! Loves taking naps in the grand parlor, loves visiting residents in their rooms. She has even proven to be great therapy! Many of our residents take part in brushing her beautiful coat and love taking her on walks! Everyone that comes to visit their loved ones want to take her home with them! We even have a granddaughter of a resident that comes in just to spend the day with Katie. We can't picture our community without her! We know she was truly meant to be in all of our lives."

