

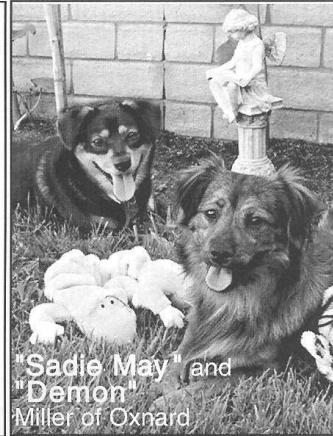


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As of this writing, we've passed the 7,400 mark in number of dogs placed from our facility! We thank those of you who have referred your friends and neighbors to us, and we promise to always do our very best to place the right dog in each situation. Hearing back from you about how happy you are with your dog is such a pleasure!

Several of our dedicated volunteers hosted two booths for us at the Pet Expo held at the Orange County fairgrounds recently. Colleen Anderson, Trisha Frederickson and her husband Marc Martinez, Jo-Anne Saunders and Sharon Dean handed out literature, told people about our rescue sanctuary, informed people about Dobermans and our other rescue dogs seeking homes, and even brought a small petting zoo consisting of a couple of little dogs and several great Dobies. Though we don't adopt dogs out at events like these, our volunteers' efforts resulted in several adoptions during the following week and an unmeasurable amount of good will toward the Doberman breed.

Dr. Russ Pisano and Leo Santa Maria are having a fund raiser dinner party for us at their beautiful Studio City home on July 23 from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Please save the date, and see our web site, www.dobierescue.org (or call us) for location and details. Suggested

tax deductible donation is \$35 per person.

Several of you have inquired about our ability to receive donations via PayPal. We're happy to announce that we can now do this, and you don't even need to have a PayPal account. Just go to our web site and follow the instructions. Many thanks to all of you who donate financial help, unwanted vehicles, and gifts to our sanctuary. We also take motorcycles!

Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

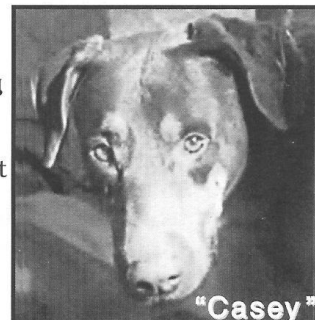
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WAITING FOR HOMES

CASEY

has been waiting for his own home since October, 2003.

One family that spent time with him in our visiting area said that he was so well behaved and quiet that they felt he wouldn't have trouble finding a good home.



"Casey"

(They chose a harder-to-place dog.) That was nearly 6 months ago, and he's still waiting. We've always kenneled him alone because he couldn't be "free-fed," but he's coexisting very well with a smaller female at present, as they are fed separately. Casey is about 7 years old.

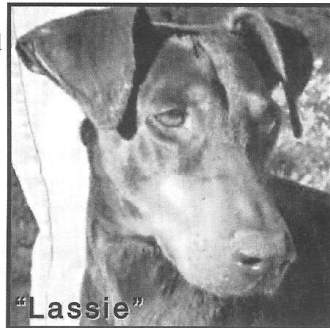
VALENTINE

is a happy little Border Collie mix. He's been kenneled with various female dogs during the year and a half he's been with us, and he's never fought with any of them. In general he's a quiet dog who loves attention. Valentine is about 7 years old and weighs about 25 pounds.



LASSIE

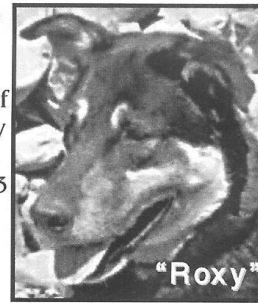
has spent time with several families in our visiting area and she's always been well-behaved and good with the kids. She was turned in to a shelter for unknown reasons, and the owners gave her age as 3. That would make her 4 years old now, as she's been waiting a year for her own home. We actually think she's a bit older than that, though, as she's beginning to show a little gray in her muzzle.



ROXY

ended up in an animal shelter through no fault of her own. Her owner died, and the party who turned her in to the shelter filled out an information sheet with nothing but good things to say. The shelter called

us with a plea for help placing her, as they were all fond of her and she had run out of time. Roxy is probably a Malamute-Australian Shepherd mix who is 3 years old, housebroken, good with kids and dogs, obedience trained, and loves to go for car rides. The parting comments on the information sheet were "Roxy is a wonderful dog who will add joy to your family."



ZETA

is a funny little fuzzy-faced girl Terrier mix who would make a great companion for almost any other dog. It's clear she's never been the "only" dog, as she's a bit shy and always follows the leader. She's full grown at one year, weighing about 35 pounds. Once she overcomes her initial shyness, we would expect her to be a willing learner and gentle enough to be a good family dog.

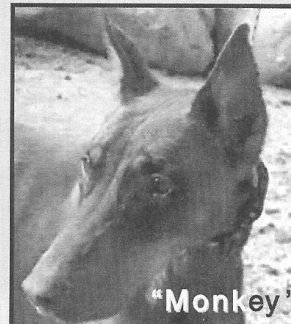


Adoption Updates

MONKEY

spent about 5 months with us despite her beauty and youth. First, she is diabetic, a fact which scares most potential adopters. Second, her ex-owner had deemed her very aggressive toward other dogs.

We had hoped to attract a diabetic person to adopt her, as an owner like this would already be familiar



with the routine and be able to cope with it much better. When we got a call from Staci Brown of Ventura, who is herself diabetic, we were very excited. The only problem was that another dog shared the home: a female Miniature Pinscher.

A little apprehensive, but always willing to hope for the best, we suggested she and her significant other, Sean Penney, come visit Monkey and bring their Min Pin along. If they liked Monkey, we would be willing to try introducing the two dogs with Monkey muzzled.

The muzzle turned out to be unnecessary. After an initial burst of dominance toward the little dog, Monkey chose to behave herself completely and has continued to do so in her new home.

TOBIAS

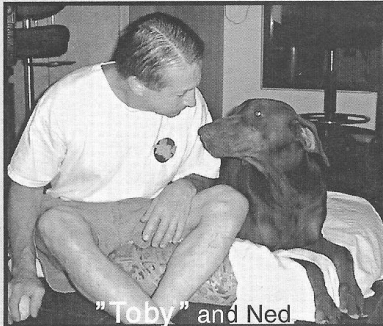
became a very lucky dog because his predecessor didn't live very long after his adoption. Many of you will remember the story of Marty, a.k.a. Ruf, who waited 4 years to be adopted by K. C. and Ned Meislin of Manhattan Beach. Ruf got to enjoy this A-plus home for only four months before he succumbed to cancer.

The Meislins, as always seeking to offer their home to a Dobie who really needs a home, chose Tobias, who had waited a year and five months to be adopted.

An excerpt from Ned's recent e-mail:

"Tobias is doin' great! He loves the little dog park near our house. Plays just like a puppy. Won't touch the slimy tennis balls there, but at home he'll chase one around the house all day long. Been running him with the bike mornings and he's picking up the pace.

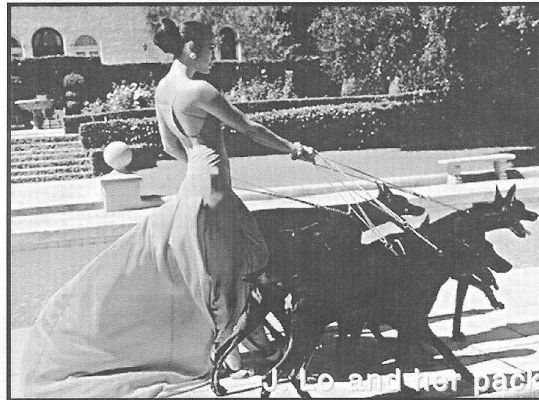
He's in good physical shape as far as I can tell. This dog seems WAY too easy."



"Toby" and Ned

COVER STORY

Over the years we've placed a few dogs with dog trainers who use dogs for movie work, commercials, magazine ads, etc. The beautiful Dobies on the cover of this newsletter are all dogs who work for Studio Animal Service in Castaic, though they all live in private homes when they're not working. The boy in the middle, Zeus, came from Dobie Rescue. He's very dog-social and has excelled at his training since being adopted from us about a year ago. He (along with four other Dobies) recently did a "still shoot" for Vogue Magazine (January, 2005). The woman at the other end of the leashes is Jennifer Lopez!



MEDICAL MATTERS

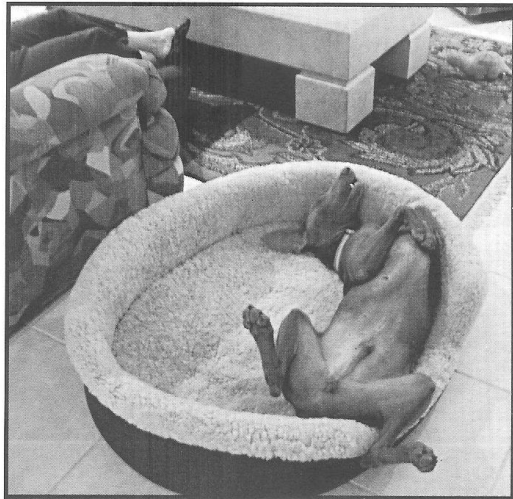
We've tried a few times before to stress how important it is for our dogs to get enough exercise, just as it's important for humans. It's particularly important for active dogs, even small ones like Jack Russell Terriers. They need a constructive way to release energy, just as they would in the wild. Without a positive way to release energy, many dogs turn to destructive and/or aggressive behavior.

Cynthia Fish of Acton adopted a young, active large dog from us a year ago: Sadie, probably a Greyhound-German Shepherd mix. Cynthia has a fairly large lot, but it still seemed that Sadie wasn't really running enough, especially in the warm weather. So Cynthia bought a tread-

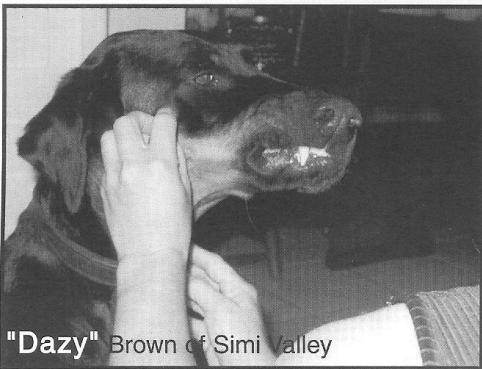
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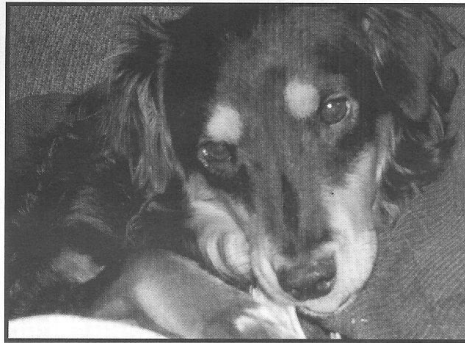
"Munchkin" Verrillo of Canoga Park with Dayna



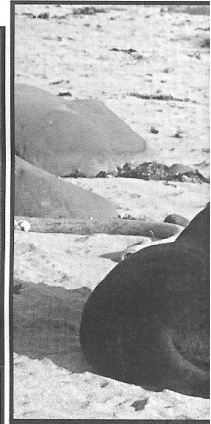
"Cooper" Jastremski of Rancho Mirage



"Dazy" Brown of Simi Valley



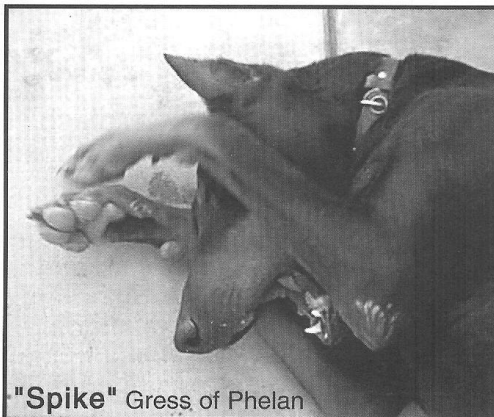
"Timmy" Cavalli of Fillmore



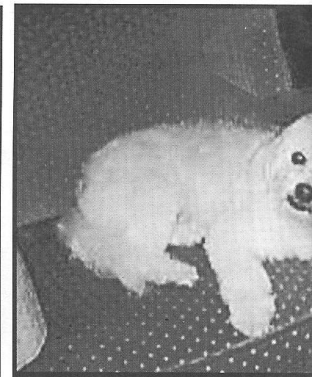
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"Boo" Rockwood of Simi Valley with Jack



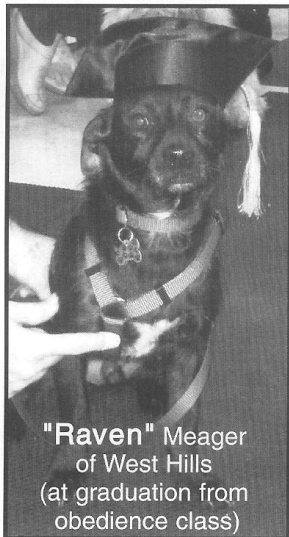
"Spike" Gress of Phelan



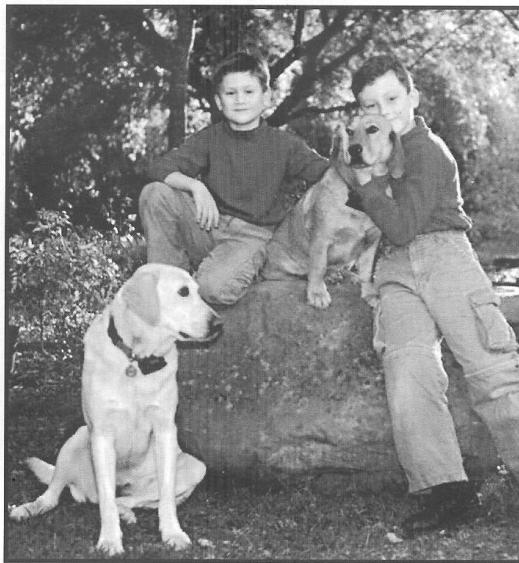
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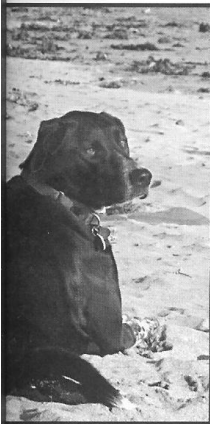
"Dinka" Thompson of Newbury Park, with Debra



"Raven" Meager of West Hills (at graduation from obedience class)



"Jake" Klausen (right) of Ojai and pal "Jesse" with Mikkel and Scott



of El Granada

A few of our happy adoptees!



"Dudley Tyler" and "Ace Tyler" Murphy of Reno, NV



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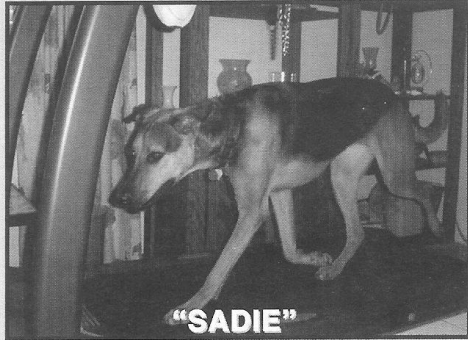


"Niko" Freitas of Aptos



"Clancy" Dickerson of Lakewood, with Bob and Marilyn

mill for Sadie, and Sadie now does about three miles a day on the treadmill. Something to think about!



Someone recently sent us another type of cancer diet for dogs, this one for osteosarcoma. If you have any interest in receiving a copy of this recipe, please contact us by phone or e-mail.

Princess Diana

Like her namesake, the canine Princess Diana has spent much of her life helping others. She was a guide dog for a blind woman until she bit an autistic boy (who had been bitten several times before) and was deemed inappropriate for guide dog work. The woman, Nancy Landis of Santa Clarita, was devastated. Diana had been her constant companion, and was soon to be homeless, or worse. She found out about us and called.

Of course we took Diana, a very well bred (Westminster Dog Show champion line) 8-year-old well-trained, intuitive dog. Nancy told us that, not only did Diana serve as her seeing-eye dog, she also alerted Nancy – who is narcoleptic as well – when she was about to have an episode of narcolepsy. Diana would stand on the woman's feet, preventing her from moving, alerting her to impending danger. We were certain that we could not only find a loving home for Diana, but hopefully one in which some of her skills could be utilized.

When Diana came to us, she became very depressed and refused to eat, desperately missing her family and her job. We placed her in a fos-

ter home with dear friend Lillian Wiesenthal of Los Angeles, whose aged male Shepherd mix, Charlie, was despondent, missing his female Dobie companion. She had passed away some months before, and he had waited days for her in the garden, finally slipping into a deep depression of his own.



Initially Charlie brightened with Diana's arrival, but it became apparent that he had serious health problems that Diana couldn't help. During this time, Princess Diana was the featured Pet of the Month on our web site, www.dobierescue.org. Nancy Crews of Tillamook, Oregon, saw her picture there and said she would be most happy to give Diana a home. Nancy has partial disability, and her hope, and ours, was that Diana might be able to utilize some of her training to assist another Nancy!

Getting Diana to Oregon took a bit of coordination, but Diana arrived at her new home in March, and, as of this writing, Nancy and Diana have bonded well. Nancy says that Diana has all the comforts, and she loves to "nest:" she takes pillows and cushions and arranges them all around herself, all but hidden in the deep hollow in the middle. This home, says Nancy, is forever.

Phenomenal Dogs

Every now and then we're struck by how phenomenal dogs can be, whether it's because they do extrasensory things (think "e.s.p."), or whether they so clearly show how capable they are of reasoning things out. One good example is Princess Diana (see previous article); how can she know her person is about to have a narcoleptic episode or seizure? You might say that she can detect a change in body chemistry, but even so, how would she know she should stand on her person's feet to protect him/her?



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Another interesting case came our way recently. It involves Yogi, a big boy Dobie who was adopted by Pamela and Ray Penman of Malibu approximately a year ago. Yogi came with a certain amount of baggage in the form of fear aggression. Fortunately for all concerned, the Penmans are not quitters; they put in the time and training necessary to get Yogi through his issues, and the outcome is a mutually rewarding relationship based on trust and respect. The phenomenon this article is written about is best described by Pamela herself in a recent e-mail:

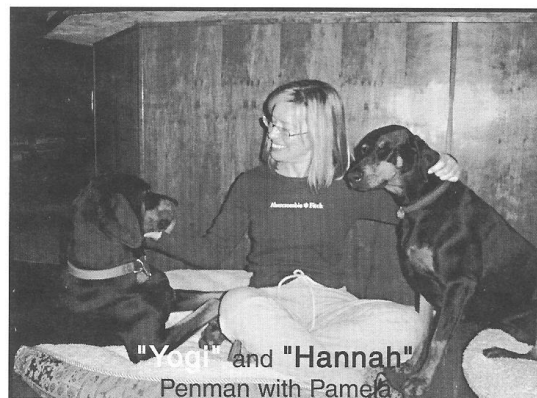
“Yogi is starting to be a mind reader. He is so keyed in to me that it’s scary. Last night he was laying in his fluffy dog bed (after circling and circling, and fluffing it up with his paws) sound asleep with a smile on his face. I looked at him with adoration, admiring his strength and in my mind giving him love. Not two seconds later when I turned my head he awoke from his sleep and came over and gave me a kiss.

Just to test my theory, I led him back to his bed, and he went back to sleep. About 30 minutes later I ‘called’ him over to me again with my thoughts, and presto—he came right back over with the kisses....”

We’re fascinated by dog behaviors like these. If you have phenomena you can share with us about your dogs’ behavior, we’d love to hear from you!

By the way, the Penmans completed their

household with another Dobie, a female companion for Yogi, and named her Hannah. Soon after Hannah moved in, Pamela and Ray were a bit unnerved to see a large coyote hanging around just on the other side of their back yard fence, apparently fixated on Hannah. Pamela described her feelings as those of a mother whose teenage daughter has just attracted the attention of a tattooed Hell’s Angels biker. You can imagine her horror to discover Hannah soon after on the other side of the fence, cavorting with the coyote. When Ray called Hannah back, she came, covered in coyote hair. After a few such episodes, they discovered Hannah’s escape route and prevented any more occurrences. Things are now back to normal, whatever that is!





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Keepers

by Eric Munck

Many thanks to those of you who sent your condolences over the recent death of my father. I was fortunate to be at his bedside when he passed away peacefully.

Among the most important things that my parents always taught me were respect, love, and responsibility toward animals. We always had cats and dogs; my mother would bring home pets she had rescued from unspeakable situations, and neighbors soon figured out we were softies and would anonymously dump their unwanted pets on our doorstep! In 1970, my parents purchased a small farm in rural Denmark. My horizons were expanded to include ducks, geese, cows, horses, sheep, and an assortment of wildlife (deer, hares, owls, pheasants, bats) you would never find in a city.

It's sad that there are so many parents who don't think to have pets for their kids; especially dogs, who give so much back! Kids and dogs are, in general, inseparable! Think "Lassie," and you get the idea....

Frequently parents come here to adopt a dog for the family because "they've been begging for a dog for years." We always wonder why it took years. To have kids that grow up without knowing the love and joy that a dog can bring is to deprive them of an entire rewarding aspect of life. Also, it causes them to not realize this is joy they can pass along to their own kids someday. If you know people like this, share this article with them!

Munck family, circa 1968. Clockwise from left: Erik (1929-2005), Ingrid, Irish Wolfhound "Freja", little Eric (30 years before meeting Ardis and the Dobermans), and cat "Kritte."



PARTING SHOTS

Some of you may recall Buster, the darling red male Dobie who was diagnosed with cardiomyopathy at age 18 months, the youngest victim we've had in our eighteen years of rescuing Dobies. Alphonzo Carl Hicks of Los Angeles adopted him as a

companion to his young female, Aida, and this is a current picture of the two youngsters loving life. Buster's new name is Samson, and he's doing very well! Keep this adorable boy in your prayers, please.

