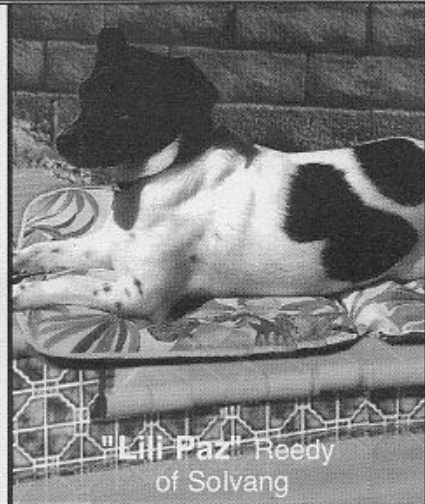


"Dino" Puccini of Simi Valley with Galen and Jessie

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It's such a pleasure to report that we have replaced a group of our old kennels with new welded wire ones, fifteen of them, and they look great. They're virtually indestructible! Many thanks to volunteers Skip Mobley and Mike Klee for helping us put them up. We welcome everyone to come visit and see our improvements!

We're also happy to report that our kennel supervisor, Colleen Anderson, and her friend, Angel Johnson, finished the L. A. Marathon. Thanks to those of you who sponsored them! They were two very tired and sore puppies the next day, but they're already talking about the next one.

Susan Schionning, our webmaster, started her own dog rescue operation for senior and special needs Dobermans called Doberman Pinscher SOS, as many of you already know. It is now a qualified 501(c)3 non-profit corporation. Susan has done a wonderful job of caring for many senior dogs and dogs with various disabilities, actually finding good homes for quite a number of them. She has also started her own newsletter, which she'll be publishing twice a year. We have provided her with names and addresses of some of you for her mailing list, but if you would like to receive her newsletter, please e-mail her at [dobiesos@earthlink.net](mailto:dobiesos@earthlink.net), and she'll add you to the list - if you're not already on it.

A reminder to any of you who are having

trouble with homeowner's insurance due to owning Dobermans or any other breed deemed "aggressive": give us a call, as the people who have thus far acquired Farmers Insurance through an agent who is actively pursuing this type of business are very satisfied!

Enjoy your summer, and don't forget to send pictures and updates about your pets. We love them!

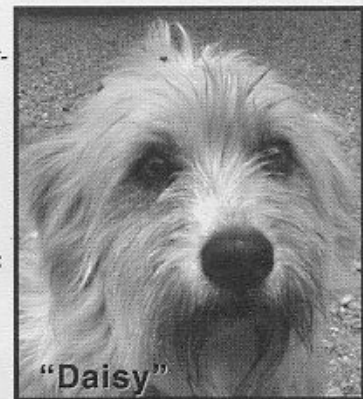
Sincerely,

*Ardis Munch*

## WAITING FOR HOMES

### DAISY

is a good dog with an unfortunate problem: she's incontinent. (When she's resting, she leaks urine.) She spent a long time at the vet's while various medications and tests were tried to remedy



"Daisy"

the problem, and nothing worked. She is otherwise a healthy, loving, and social dog. Daisy craves attention, and our fondest hope would be that she could be adopted as an outdoor dog by an outdoorsy family, with another dog to keep her company when her humans are away. She's 3 years old, probably a Bearded Collie mix, and she weighs about 35 pounds.

## ROSIE'S

story is one of those that makes you aware, if you weren't already, that you could never work in an animal shelter, where stories



like hers are a common occurrence. Her owner died, so Rosie and her long-term canine companion were taken to an animal shelter. Her canine friend was adopted, and Rosie was utterly without a familiar face for the first time in her 7 years of life. That's why, though she isn't the type of dog we generally rescue, we couldn't refuse her. Her expression was so heartbreakingly sad, and her demeanor so depressed, that we had to try to bring happiness back into her life. Rosie is a Collie-Australian Shepherd mix, a fairly large dog, who is housebroken and social with other dogs.

## OSCAR

is a large-boned blue male Doberman who is 5 years old. He was given up by his owner in July, 2005 (almost a year ago) because



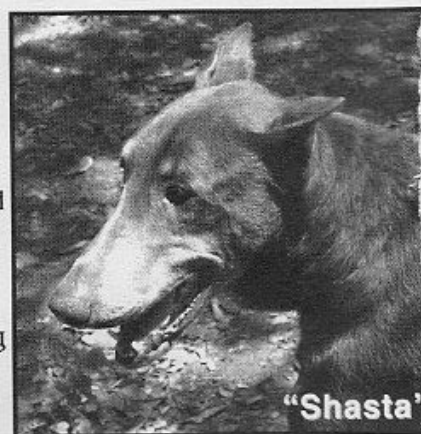
he argued with the other dog, also a male. He's housebroken, good with female dogs and kids, and not destructive. Oscar takes a small thyroid pill twice a day to make him feel and look his best.

## SHASTA

was apprehended by one of our volunteers, from a "free to good home" ad. She was unwanted and unloved, and a week in a dog lover's home made a happy dog out of her.

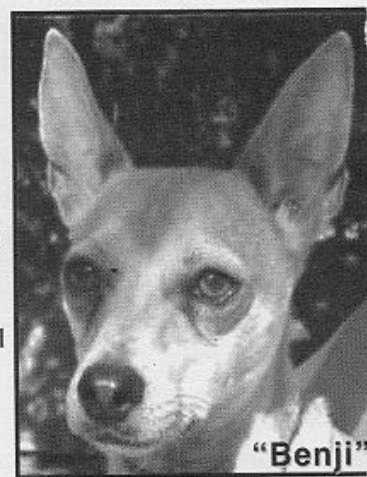
Unfortunately, our volunteer already

had a large female dog who was offended by the presence of another female, so she was unable to keep her. We have kenneled Shasta with several male dogs since her arrival, with no problems. She's much more a "people dog," though, than a companion for another dog. Shasta is a blue Doberman with cropped ears and a healthy coat, and she's about 5 years old.



## BENJI

is a cute little 3-year-old Chihuahua mix who has been given up by two homes. At first, he was a chewer, largely because he was still a puppy. He's also quite timid of men, though he'll bond well with women, and has no problems with kids, either. He is housebroken and good with other dogs. We think Benji might actually benefit from being adopted by someone with another dog, an outgoing one, to show him by example that men are okay also.





## SHIRLEY (sporting her summer haircut)

is a dear little Westie (West Highland White Terrier) who has more health problems than any dog should have to endure, yet she remains happy, friendly and bouncy. She is diabetic, requiring two shots of insulin daily, she has progressive cataracts due to the diabetes, and she has a moderate heart murmur. She's good with other dogs (not cats), and she's about 7 years old. Shirley needs a devoted owner who can reliably give her shots approximately every 12 hours and monitor her glucose level regularly.

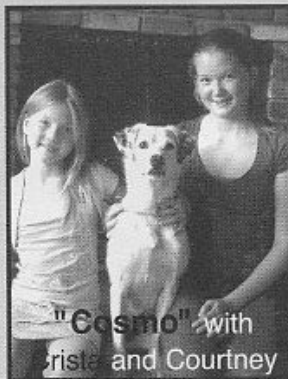


## Adoption Updates

### PAPADOT

The Walters family has adopted a number of dogs from us over the years, mostly Dobermans, and they love dogs. When our last newsletter came out with the picture of Papadot, a charming Dalmatian mix who was very lucky to be "sprung" from the high-kill Tulare animal shelter, daughter Courtney spotted him and pleaded with her folks to bring him in. They have a great property in Camarillo with three other very social dogs for company. One of them, Hunter, a young male Doberman, badly needed a play-buddy.

Bonnie Walters called and said that, since Courtney had been a straight-A student who works hard at all she does, she



wanted to do something to reward Courtney, and she wanted it to be a surprise. Adopting Papadot would definitely accomplish that!

We brought Papadot over one afternoon for introduction to the other dogs, and all three dogs immediately welcomed him, marking the yard and wagging their tails. Nothing was said to Courtney about her surprise. When she came home from school and saw Papadot, her eyes bugged out of her head. She immediately recognized him...and screamed with delight!

From a recent e-mail from Bonnie: "She has renamed him Cosmo! He's definitely a cosmopolitan kind of a guy. He looks so sharp with his white coat and dots. Cosmo is very sweet-natured and loving. He blinks those big liquid brown eyes at you and you melt (even when he has chewed a hole in your down comforter)."

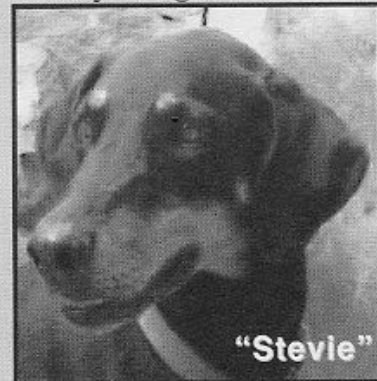
She says he loves the car, and "he is just darling....Just a pleasure....Hunter ADORES him. They were both laying next to me last night in Crista's room as she was getting ready for bed and Hunter leaned over and gave him the sweetest kiss on the face. Could've cried....THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS WONDERFUL DOG!"

### STEVIE

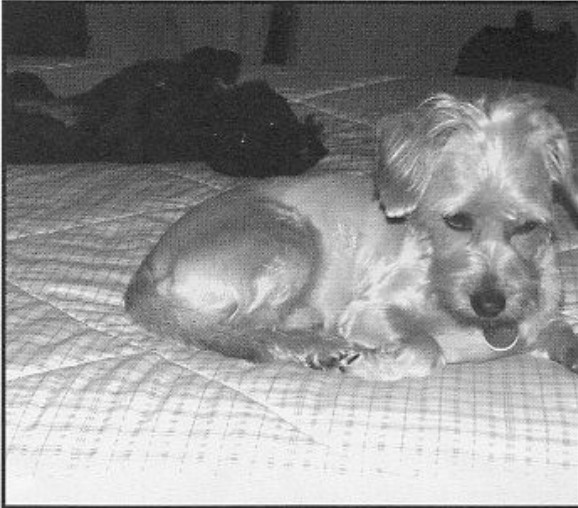
This good girl Dobie was turned in to us by her owners a year ago because she snapped at

a child who hugged her while she was resting. She had just turned 9 years old as of April, 2006, at which point her luck changed.

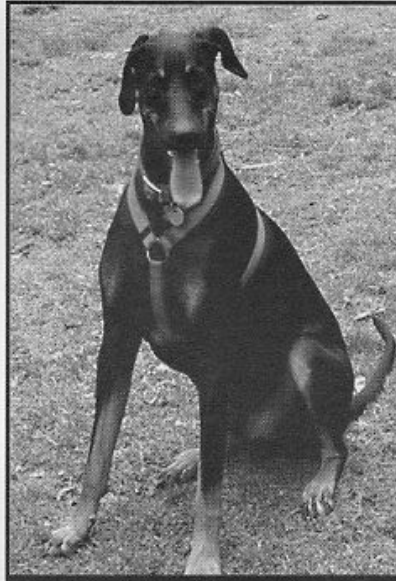
Stevie was adopted by Nancy Revy, who wanted a calm, housebroken Dobie to share her West Los Angeles



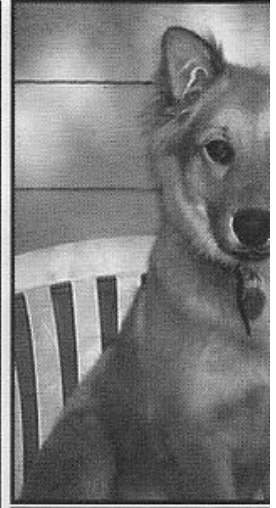
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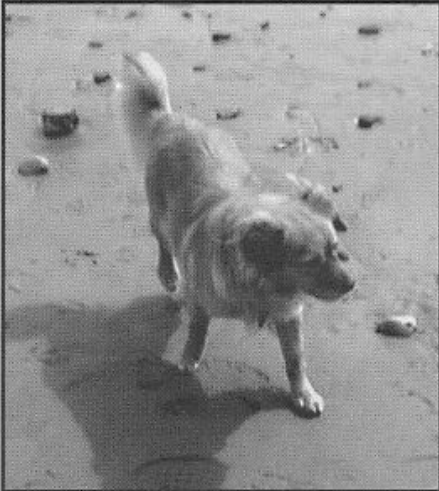
**"Molly" and "Scully"** Grace of Oxnard



**"Beau"** David of West Hollywood



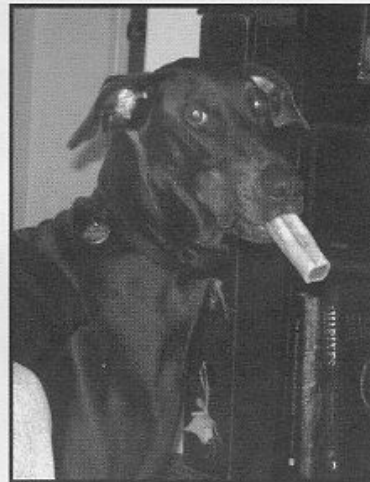
**"Lucy"** Smit of Garden Gro



**"Molly"** Tapia of Santa Barbara



**"Keila"** Ellington of Hilmar



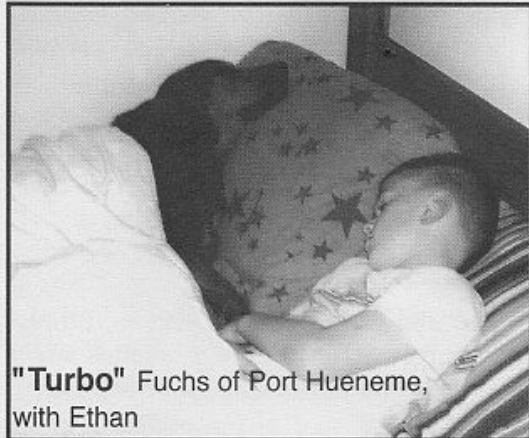
**"Rudy"** Zimmerman of Fallbrook



**"Suny"** F



**"Gretchen"** Minor of Belfair, WA



**"Turbo"** Fuchs of Port Hueneme, with Ethan



**"C"**



**"Cruz"** Eliasberg of San Diego, with (clockwise) Ginger, John, Claire and Jake



**"Jonesy"** Robbins of Los Angeles



**"Lexi"** Barndollar of Palmdale



er (Yellow Lab) of Ventura, with **"Boots"**

## A few happy adoptees!



**"Daisy Roo"** Betancourt of Goleta



**"Rocket"** Van Aacken of Santa Barbara



**"Kodak"** Brewer of Tehachapi



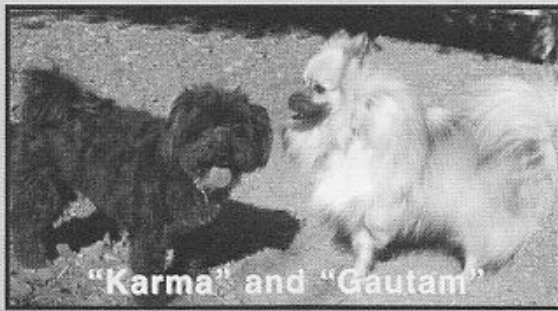
**"Rommel"** Terrell of Escondido



condo with. Thus far it's very good news. Nancy says she is perfectly housebroken, obedient, and is her "exercise delivery system," meaning that Stevie gets Nancy out for two hours and 45 minutes daily for their mutual exercise regimen. In our last conversation, Nancy kept referring to Stevie as "beautiful," remarking at length about how well she is working out. Just another example of how waiting awhile can be so worth the wait!

## KARMA AND GAUTAM

We promised the ex-owner that we would try to place them together, and this can be very hard to do! It took several months, but, just as we were going to press, they were adopted by Veronica Perez and Ashor David of Redwood City. Ashor presently has some time off work and plans to spend it with Karma and Gautam, getting them accustomed to their new home and surroundings. Veronica says that Gautam does a little circular dance on his hind legs, and Karma sleeps with them in bed, near their feet, and loves to wrestle. It sounds as though dogs and owners alike are happy campers.



"Karma" and "Gautam"

## Vehicle Donations

As most of you know, vehicle donations are a large source of income for our dog rescue foundation, making it possible for us to "break even;" i.e., our donations cover our expenses of running the rescue. We thank all of you who have helped support our efforts by donating unwanted vehicles. During the past few years we've received many cars, several trucks and

SUVs, a camper, an RV, a motorcycle, and a couple of boats.

Initially, the Internal Revenue Service rules on deductible values for donated vehicles were poorly defined, but much of that has recently changed. There is now a form, called a 1098, which we are required to send to donors of vehicles, which then enables the donor to deduct the sale price of the vehicle from his income taxes.

We've not sent out many of these forms as yet because the rules were so confusing that even accountants and tax professionals were uncertain how to fill them out and utilize them. One of the most problematic aspects of the new law is that, while a donor may give a vehicle to a charity in a specific year, he may not be able to deduct its value from his taxes until the following year if the vehicle isn't sold until then. Often people donate a vehicle toward the end of the calendar year because they want the deduction for that year. It may not sell immediately, however, for a variety of reasons, most often because it requires mechanical work to make it more marketable.

If you have recently donated a vehicle and you plan to deduct its value from your taxes, please make sure to advise us if you haven't already received your 1098 form.

## Making a Difference

The dog rescue community is composed of a lot of very committed dog lovers who are absolutely passionate about making a difference in the lives of unwanted animals. Most of the dogs are good ones, and we like to believe that there is a home for nearly every one of them. We have rescued and placed about 8,200 dogs since acquisition of the ranch in 1987, thanks in large part to the internet.

People that come to visit and adopt often say "I would love to do what you're doing!" Often they are impressed with the positive aspects of rescuing deserving



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animals that would not survive without rescue efforts, but the negative aspects are many, from behavioral problems due to animal abuse and neglect, health problems for many of the same reasons, the reality of having to choose some animals to rescue and leave others behind, the fact that not all adopters who appear wonderful are, in fact, wonderful, etc.

Most rescue people become "maxed out" physically, financially, and emotionally. It is such an enormous undertaking that it's important to be fully aware how to go about it, and we recommend to everyone that they keep it SMALL. That is so hard to do!

For most people, becoming a full-fledged rescuer is an impossibility, as most people live in neighborhoods limiting the number of animals to just a few, plus they may also have a full-time job, the demands of a spouse and family, etc. What we advise people like this is to just be a good pet owner yourself! If your dog is spayed or neutered, always wears a collar and I. D. tag (and preferably has a microchip), and isn't allowed outside a confined area without a leash, then you are doing your part (especially if you

adopt a rescue animal). If everyone simply observed these few recommendations, there wouldn't be a need for rescue people. Dogs wouldn't produce unwanted litters, they wouldn't be able to stray outside their yard, and if by some chance they did dart out the door, most would be back swiftly, thanks to their identification tags.

Someone recently sent me a card that is now framed and hangs in our kitchen.

It says:

Two men met on the beach.

"Good evening, friend. What are you doing?"

"I'm throwing these starfish back in the ocean. If I don't, they'll die up here."

"There must be thousands of starfish on this beach. You can't possibly get to them all. You can't possibly make a difference."

He smiled, picked up yet another starfish and threw it into the sea. "Made a difference to that one!"

Inside the card, the caption says: "To one who makes a difference."

The truth is, we can all  
make a difference.



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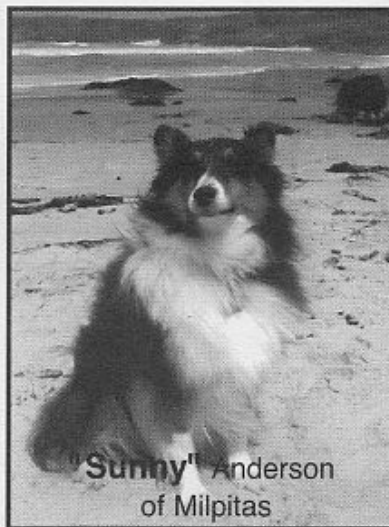
### Keepers by Eric Munck

A long-dreamed dream came true for me last month. I had bought an old Porsche in North Carolina, and there I found what I've always wanted, not only for my own business, but also for the dog rescue: a tow truck. Many of the vehicles donated to Dobie Rescue don't run at all, or don't run safely, and have to be towed. I've been using either a tow dollie or the Auto Club to get these vehicles here. Now, for a fraction of the price I would have had to pay for the same truck in California, I have a large, powerful, flatbed tow truck with its own ramps to enable the vehicle to be driven right on to the truck, and a winch to lead it there if it's not operable. Chains and chocks are built right in to the truck to secure the vehicle once it's on board. It's a gem! And it even came with a matching trailer, so I can move two cars in one fell swoop. I loaded up the Porsche and hit the road. Driving from Greensboro, NC to Fillmore, CA took me 3.5 days and was uneventful, unlike the last road trip to Arizona for the Katrina dog fiasco.

Thanks again to all of you who have made the tow truck necessary. Please keep those donated vehicles coming!

### Parting Shot

"Have a wonderful summer!"



"Sunny" Anderson  
of Milpitas

#### POISON ALERT!!

It seems there are so many things that are poisonous to dogs and other animals. There is a new one now to add to the list: Cocoa mulch. It's a garden fertilizer sold at Home Depot and other places, and it contains Theobromine, which is apparently the culprit. Dogs are attracted to it and some will eat it. An undetermined number of dogs have died from consuming it.

Add cocoa mulch to the list and tell others. Also known to be toxic: chocolate, grapes and raisins, salmon, onions, oleander leaves, and poinsettia plants.