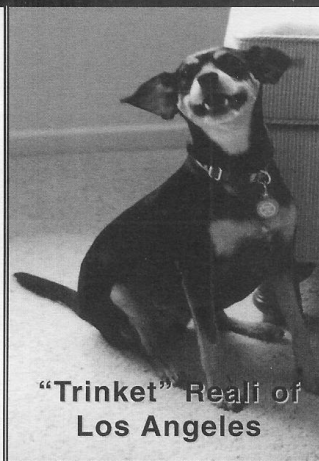


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**W**e are changing our name! Our new name will be Dobies and Little Paws Rescue. We felt that since we are downsizing our Doberman population and 80% of our adoptions are now small dogs, it hardly seems fair to simply call ourselves "Doberman Pinscher Rescue." We still specialize in purebred Dobermans, but having a wonderful foster program has enabled us to house approximately fifty small dogs at any given time, and they account for the majority of our adoptions because we post them on the Internet (PetFinders.com), and thereby appeal to a large number of breed aficionados. We truly love all breeds. Our new motto, coined by Eric, is "Saving lives, four paws at a time."

Spring is with us again, with its delightful milder temperatures, longer days, and pretty flowers. We in Ventura County miss the perfumed air that used to herald orange blossom season. Sadly, most ranchers ripped out their orange crops due to lack of demand for California oranges, so there aren't many trees left to fragrance the air.

Our kennel situation is improving weekly. We have abandoned over a dozen of our dog kennel areas which had deteriorated to the point of being barely adequate, and the remaining kennels have been improved to make the dogs more comfortable. We have built a roof over the majority of these areas and we're continuing to cover the

remaining areas as this is written. If you haven't come for a visit lately, remember we're open Saturdays and Sundays from 11 to 3, and no appointment is needed. We're always happy to see you!

Have a wonderful spring, and a heartfelt thanks again to all of you who diligently help to support our work with your donations of all types: money, vehicles, time, blankets and towels, toys, and also for referring your friends to us for adoptions. We love you.

Sincerely,

*Ardis Munck*  
Ardis Munck

### TRIBUTE TO A LOVELY LADY

In the June, 2000 issue of *Dobie Doings*, we printed an article about Irma Eubanks and her special Doberman, Josh, whom she had pulled through bone cancer with an intricate and incredibly complicated natural cure. Josh lived for years after his cure, and Irma never replaced him, because to her he was truly irreplaceable. (If any of you would appreciate a copy of that newsletter issue, please let us know.)

A few weeks ago, Irma herself passed away, a victim of cancer. Though she was married to a

well-known television personality, Irma was her own woman, proudly hosting a fabulous Western art show every year and keeping involved in a variety of fascinating interests. She was a tiny lady, less than five feet tall, but she had a "big" soul. She was a good friend, and she will be sorely missed.

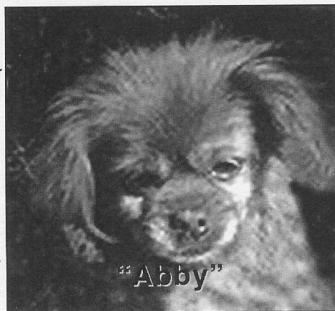


Irma and "Josh"

## Adoption Updates

### ABBY:

the tiny Pekingese mix who was orphaned when her owner became disabled, has a wonderful new home with Kathy and Gary Grimes in Palmdale. She has fit in beautifully and has bonded completely with Kathy, who is delighted that her new little senior dog is so obedient and



"Abby"

loves to keep her company in the car on errands. We think Abby has it made!

### MISS LUCKY:

has a great new home with Deborah Schade of Walnut. Her new name is Raven, and she has two other female dog companions, a Dalmatian and a Cattle Dog, to boss around.

Deborah has a huge heart for special needs and older dogs, having once rehabilitated her Dalmatian from an emaciated adult size

of twenty (!) pounds to her current well-rounded stature. Raven, too, has it made

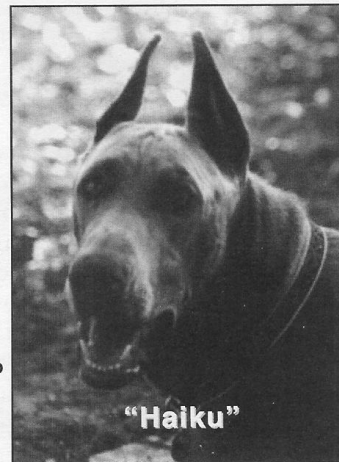


"Raven"

### HODU:

the dear older blue Dobie whose owner had to move to a cold climate, has a great new home with Margaret Green of Carlsbad. She changed his name to Haiku, because "he is poetry in motion. He loves to go to Fiesta Island

(a huge open space down near Mission Bay) to run his tail off....He hasn't a mean bone in his lovely body," and he coexists beautifully with her two cats and lab. And he gets to sleep inside and stay in a nice warm climate!



"Haiku"

## WAITING FOR HOMES

Here are a few of our special favorites who have waited for adoption long enough!

### “CHAKA”

is a large red male Doberman Pinscher with cropped ears that don't stand. He weighs just over 100 pounds, and he's about 6

years old. Last year, a couple from the Bay Area called, saying their Great Dane mix was dying from a kid-

ney disease and they were looking for a kidney donor to sacrifice one kidney to keep her alive. The catch was, the donor dog had to weigh at least 100 pounds and be five years old or less. UC Davis Veterinary School of Medicine was going to do the procedure.

We chose Chaka, who then underwent a battery of tests to guarantee his good health and suitability to be the donor. He passed all the tests and was set for his trip to Davis when the ailing dog took a turn for the worse and the couple decided to have her put to sleep.

Our boy Chaka would have had his own forever home if things had worked out, but he is still waiting as this is written. He enjoys kids and can live with a properly-matched male or female dog companion.



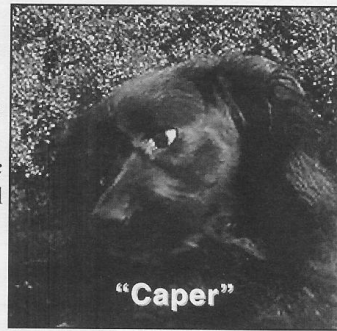
### “KATIE”

is a precious Cocker Spaniel mix who has waited years for her own home. She is about 5 years old and weighs about 35 pounds. We are not

aware of any bad habits; she is friendly and outgoing, and though we enjoy having her around, we would also dearly love to see her have her own family.

### “CAPER”

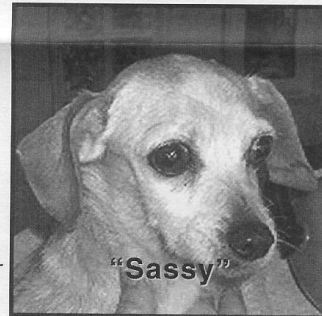
is also a black Cocker Spaniel mix. He was very ill when we rescued him from the pound; he probably had a mild distemper. He is now healthy, but the disease left him with a slight head tilt. He, like Katie, is sweet, social and lovable. He's about five years old and weighs 25 pounds.



### “SASSY”

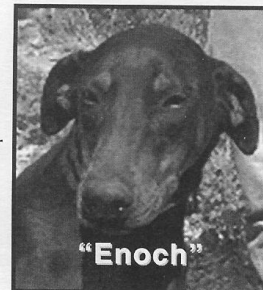
is a toy-sized terrier mix who was bred repeatedly prior to coming into our rescue. She arrived with a 3-month-old puppy from her last litter and a 9-month-old puppy from the litter

before. Both puppies were adopted immediately, of course (to the same home!), but Sassy, age 10, is still waiting. She has big, dark, clear eyes and loves everyone.



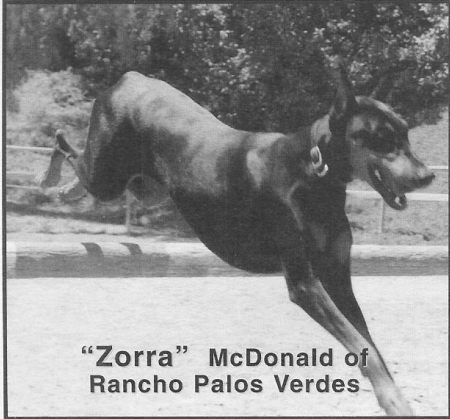
### “ENOCH”

is a delightful young male Doberman Pinscher who is social with most other dogs and people. Unfortunately, he has a crooked rear leg which is believed to be a birth defect.



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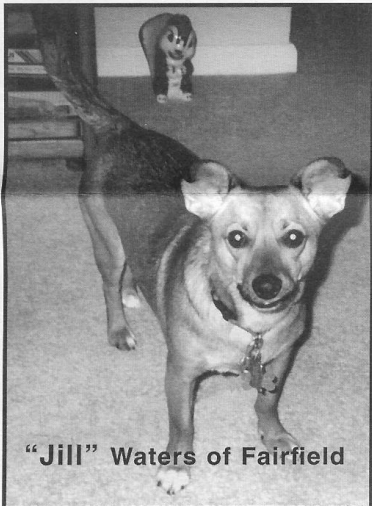
# A few more happy Adoptees!



**"Zorra" McDonald of  
Rancho Palos Verdes**



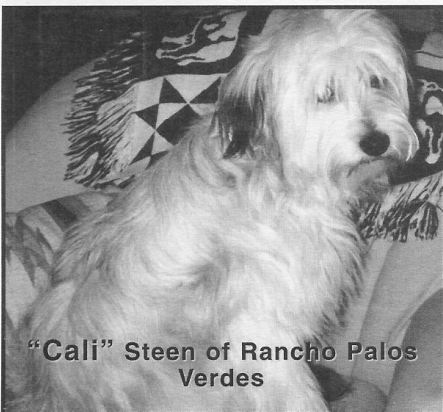
**"Abby" Kelber of  
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**"Jill" Waters of Fairfield**



**"Daisy" Doerr of Long Beach**



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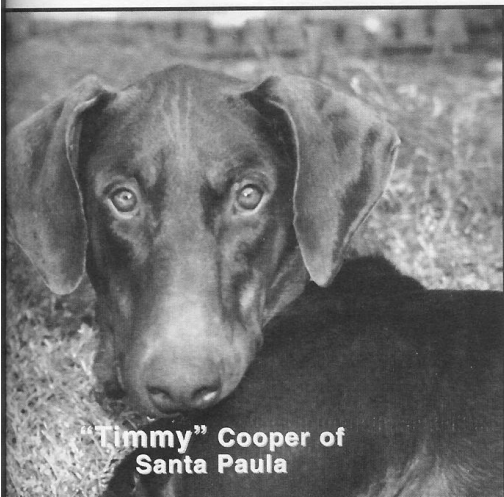
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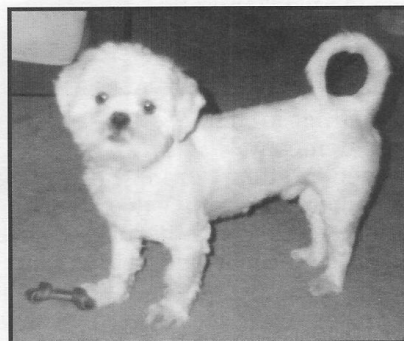
**"Bistro" Ennis of Oxnard**



**"Trixie" McDougal of Oxnard**



**"Timmy" Cooper of Santa Paula**

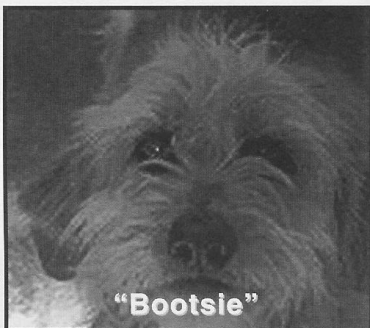


**"Dan'I" Allen of Elmore City, Oklahoma**

This does not appear to bother him at all, and certainly does not slow him down. He loves to run and has a very cute, playful side. We think he would also be a reasonably good watchdog.

### “BOOTSIE”

is a darling Terrier mix, about 5 years old, about 30 pounds. She is cute, playful, good with most other dogs, and has a lot of personality. You can't watch her and not be entertained.



### “CICI”

was originally named "Sissy," because she was afraid of everything. The first time we laid eyes on her, she

was at a low-kill animal shelter, huddled in a corner, and wouldn't look at anyone. We had them bring her out of her kennel, at which point she cowered on the ground, her eyes darting this way and that, looking for the closest escape route. Not a very adoptable dog. We told them to call us when her time was up.

A few weeks later, the call came. We had had a number of adoptions the weekend prior, so we said we would give Sissy a chance.

Not long after we brought her in, her entire demeanor changed. Putting her in a social group of other dogs helped a lot. She noticed all the other dogs gathering around us for play and petting, and then she did the most amazing thing: she starting picking up toys and branches, whatever was handy, and bringing them to us, prancing around the whole time to make us laugh and tell her how cute she was.



Cici, no longer a sissy, would be happiest in a gentle, low-stress home with other dogs to play with. Though she is dominant with other dogs, we have not found her to ever be abusive.

## Humor From the Internet

### “How Many Dogs Does It Take to Change a Light Bulb?”

**Doberman:** If it's in my territory, I'll handle it.

**Golden Retriever:** The sun is shining, the day is young, we've got our whole lives ahead of us, and you're inside worrying about a stupid burned out bulb?

**Border Collie:** Just one. And then I'll replace any wiring that's not up to code.

**Dachshund:** You know I can't reach that darned stupid lamp!

**Rottweiler:** Make me.

**Lab:** Oh, me, me!!!! Pleeeeeeeeeeeeeze let me change the light bulb! Can I? Can I? Huh? Huh? Huh? Can I?

**Malamute:** Let the Border Collie do it. You can feed me while he's busy.

**Jack Russell Terrier:** I'll just pop it in while I'm bouncing off the walls and furniture.

**Poodle:** I'll just blow in the Border Collie's ear and he'll do it. By the time he finishes rewiring the house, my nails will be dry.

**Cocker Spaniel:** Who cares? I can still pee on the carpet in the dark.

**Mastiff:** Mastiffs are NOT afraid of the dark.

**Chihuahua:** Yo quiero Taco Bulb.

**Irish Wolfhound:** Can somebody else do it? I've got this hangover....

**Pointer:** I see it! There it is! There it is! Right there....

**Greyhound:** It ain't moving. Who cares?

**Australian Shepherd:** First, I'll put all the light bulbs in a little circle...

**Old English Sheep Dog:** Light bulb? I'm sorry, but I don't see a light bulb?



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**German Shepherd:** Alright, everyone stop where you are! Who busted the darned light? I SAID "STOP WHERE YOU ARE!!!"

**Hound Dog:** ZZZZZZZZZzzzzzzzzzz

And (of course)...the Cat's perspective:

**Cat:** Dogs do not change light bulbs. People change light bulbs. So the question is: How long will it be before I can expect light?  
- author unknown

## Medical Matters

In our December, 1996 *Dobie Doings*, we printed an article about dog skin diseases and parasites. It is probably time to reiterate some of the information in that article, since so many of you were not among our readership then!

Fleas, ticks and mites seem to flourish some years more than others. Last year was a terrible year for all three. Probably half of the dogs we took in from shelters had an infestation of at least one of these parasites.

Fleas and ticks are relatively easy to eradicate. A good flea/tick shampoo, followed by a dose of Frontline or a Program pill, will usually do the trick.

Mites are another story. The contagious ones, called sarcoptic mange mites, are invisible to the naked eye. The dog will appear very itchy and will begin to lose hair. Often the dog's eyes will have a yellowish discharge as

well. Some dogs have very sensitive skin and will itch so badly that they literally rub their skin raw, leaving weeping sores on their bodies. Most dogs with mites will constantly bite on their legs and tail, try to scratch their bellies while standing up, wiggle back and forth on the lawn, and try to rub their faces on standing objects.

Unfortunately, this condition is difficult to diagnose. Vets will usually do a "skin scraping," which is, just as it sounds, a scraping of skin cells in various areas of the dog's body, which are then examined under a microscope. If no mites are observed, the vet will pronounce the dog free of parasites, though this is not always the case.

If you have observed very itchy behavior in your dog and know your dog does not have fleas, you may want to insist that your vet give your dog several injections of Ivermectin, approximately one week apart, to eliminate the possibility of a mite infestation. Only Collies and Collie mixes have been shown to have any adverse reactions or side effects from this medication.

We always do our best to ensure that our dogs are parasite-free when they are adopted, but if the dog is a newly-rescued animal and has a fairly minor infestation upon its arrival, we don't always know. We regret any inconvenience and expense this may have caused any of you in the past.

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### Keepers

by Eric Munch

One of the most rewarding things about being involved in rescue work is the tremendous number of unique and fascinating people we meet. Some of you have become very good friends, and you come from all walks of life. You're architects, attorneys, models, movie stars, accountants, firefighters, policemen and women, educators, doctors and nurses, travel agents, computer geniuses, automotive geniuses, psychologists, housewives and househusbands, businesspeople, and more. Here are a few of the truly unique:

- the couple in the Old West who live on a huge horse ranch and have been known to pick up and deliver our rescue dogs in their own private jet;
- the lady who lives on the top of the world in LA, is an accomplished graphic designer, artist and sculptor, educator, and pagan philosopher, who has an entire library in her bathroom;
- the dog trainer who prepares some of our beautiful Dobies for scary roles in movies such as Father of the Bride, Part II, and America's Sweethearts;
- the movie company owner (who wouldn't own anything but a Doberman) who brought her aunt and uncle "just for a visit" when they came out from New York, suggested that we pick a "special" Doberman for them to play with, and then flew

the dog back to New York;

- the Dobie foster dad who wanted to be "fixed up" with a Dobie-loving lady, and then ended up making his life with the Fresno Dobie rescue woman (a dear friend);

- the charter pilot and his wife who frequently cannot commit to social engagements because he is "on call" to fly secret missions on a moment's notice;

- the "head writer" for a popular TV show who suggested and organized our internet auction;

- the pet store owners who donate mounds of beautiful new "goodies" for the critters every year;

- the professional Las Vegas dancer/showgirl who requested that we "pick" a dog for her and loved our choice;

- the Santa Barbara jewelry-designer couple who wanted a scary protection dog to keep an eye on things while they travel abroad training new employees and attending trade shows;

- the dog behaviorist who lived all over the world studying canines in their own environments to learn how they think and what makes them tick;

- the Palm Springs couple who live with their three large rescue dogs in splendor among designer rugs and Tiffany lamps in every room.

You are **ALL** special, and we are pleased to count among our best friends those people who share our love for man's (and woman's) best friend.