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## "Dobie Doings"



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When we ask you to send pictures of your pets, we mean it! We love them and treasure them all. Unfortunately, due to limited space and our black-and-white format, we can't print them all. Please don't be offended! Sometimes the cutest pictures don't show up well because of poor contrasts in color pictures, but keep them coming. Every one is saved and revisited many times.

We have exciting news about our new kennels, which are coming along nicely. (See Adobes for Dobies, p. 7.) This progress is made possible largely by your generous donations. In addition to your wonderful holiday gifts, we also had donations of several very nice vehicles, including a large motor home. Thank you so very much!

Finally, our Doberman adoptions have finally surged ahead and are neck-to-neck now with our small-dog adoptions, thanks to our spiffy web site, dobierescue.org, which was recently redone by webpro Susan Schionning. We're now finding homes for 4 to 8 Dobies and a like number of small dogs almost every weekend.

Don't forget to let us know of any address changes, and never forget that if you can no longer keep your dog, we want our dogs back.

Have a wonderful spring!

Sincerely,

Ardis Munck  
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## Adoption Updates

Of the five dogs featured in our last *Dobie Doings*, three have been adopted!

### "EVE"

We had a call from Rusty Hunt of Vacaville a few weeks ago because he had been looking for months for an older female companion for his 10-year-old male Doberman, Reuben. He had checked the other California Doberman rescues to the north of us without success. We spoke to him about a newly-arrived red female, Samantha, and prayed he would consider her because she was so miserable in her kennel.

Rusty and his fiancée, Jennifer Luttinger, decided to make the drive to Fillmore one Saturday morning, and they decided to adopt not only Samantha, but Eve as well. Both dogs were a little iffy with our resident "test cat," but



"Samantha" & "Eve"

Rusty decided that shouldn't be a deal-breaker.

Two weeks after their adoption, we got the following e-mail from Rusty:

"Eve has been a welcome addition to my home. From the time we were driving Eve to her new home in Northern California, she showed her high level of affection and joy of life. At home, she enjoys an acre of fenced yard, nearby wooded areas to explore, and the two other older Dobermans (Samantha, 7 years - adopted at the same time as Eve - and Reuben, my 10-year-old male).

It took only a few days for Eve's shyness to melt away. She desires to please and is recalling obedience training she has had in the past. Eve likes to remind me of 'cookie time' and that I have stopped petting her (by putting a paw on me). I look forward to witnessing Eve's further growth in training and her acceptance that my home is her home.

Eve is a great gal. I thank you for rescuing her and letting her have a 'life' until someone came along to adopt her....

A little on Samantha. Samantha has come to accept her new home and surroundings. One can still sense the shock she must feel after being taken away from the only home she had even known (her previous owners had to give her up for adoption because they were moving into a retirement community that did not allow dogs her size). Her defensiveness of her space and things has subsided. She has learned that the two Dobies she lives with have their own space and do not mean her harm. It has been fun to watch her start playing with my other Dobermans and with a small neighbor dog who likes to make himself welcome at my home. She too loves to please and desires that I never stop petting her.

There is one unfortunate item I would like to share about Samantha. My male Dobie, Reuben, has always howled at sirens. He has taught Samantha this habit, however, she was not blessed with a nice singing voice. With time she may get the hang of it.

Keep up the great work."

## "HARLEY"

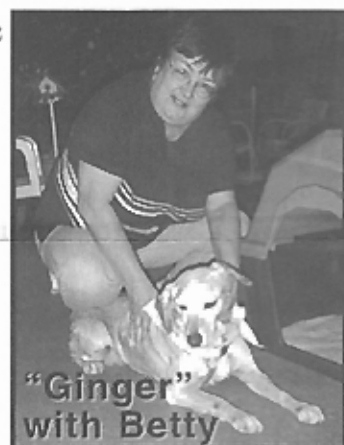
Our near-perfect Pug mix with the adorable face that a lot of you called about, was adopted by Helen Davis of



Torrance. Helen says she "doesn't believe in spoiling 'em," but she cooks for him! He gets to spend his evenings with his head in her lap while she watches TV. Sounds like a pretty rough life to us....

## "GINGER,"

who waited nearly two years for a home of her own, found it just before we went to press. Early reports are that it's working out well. Betty Haslett of Garden Grove is the new owner, and she reports that Ginger is a mellow dog who, other than being afraid to step into the house, seems content



with her new surroundings. They are working on the 'creature comforts.'

## WAITING FOR HOMES

### "Wookie"

is an older male Dobie who is very social. He's been kenneled with many other Dobies, male and female, and he's never had an argument with any of them. He was fostered by a woman with a small child, and that also was never a problem. He's 7-8 years old, not a fence jumper, not a barker, and is affectionate without being needy.





## "Negra"

is a chubby 6-7-year-old Dobie with poorly cropped ears. She was given up with two males from a home when the owners had to move. Several small children lived in that home, and she was good with them.

She currently is kenneled with two male Dobies, and she has also shared a kennel with at least one female, all without incident. Though we're unsure if she is housebroken, she aims to please, and she's a good watchdog.



about 30 pounds, and she's about 4 years old. She's great with other dogs and children, and she has only one bad habit that we know of: she's a "door darter." This means that she'll need strict obedience training on "come" when called, and/or she needs a fenced front

yard (so that if she runs out the door, she's still confined). She gives "high-fives!"



## "Lady"

was turned in to the pound when her owner moved. She had been recently groomed and we believe she does not shed. She is about 30 pounds, good with other

dogs and, we're sure, with kids as well. She is a terrier mix with a high activity level and loves to play. Her only negative trait that we know of is that she will bark at dogs on the other side of "her" fence.



## "D.O.G.,"

pronounced Dioji, is a wonderful little Terrier Pomeranian mix. He is 7-8 years old and weighs just over 12

pounds. We are aware of absolutely no bad habits! He was turned in to the pound by an owner who had "no time" for him. He deserves an owner who has time for him!



## "Risa"

is a precious Cocker/Afghan mix weighing

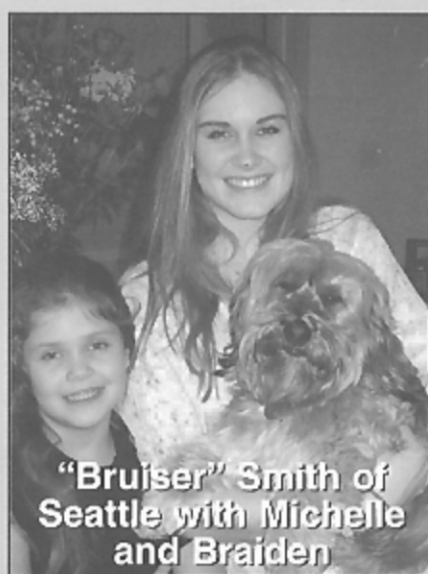
## SO FAR SO GOOD

Sometimes it's just love at first sight.

Ever since we've been posting photos of our dogs on Petfinder.com and dobie rescue.org, people nationwide have been falling in love with a particular face. We don't ship dogs, but we do occasionally adopt them out of the area.

Take the case of Paula Smith of Seattle. She fell for Boogie, a Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen mix, whom she saw on Petfinder. Boogie had been turned in to the pound by his owner SIX WEEKS before we rescued him, and fortunately for him, someone at the pound really liked him, so he was not put to sleep after the usual four days. But he had not been adopted, probably because of the dreadful condition his coat was in. We got him groomed, and he felt better immediately.

Paula called a few times and we discussed Boogie's personality, size, and appearance, and then, one Monday morning last October, Paula came to pick him up. She had to fly from Seattle to Burbank, rent a car and drive to Fillmore, to the vet clinic, where she picked up Boogie, (now known as Bruiser), loaded him in the crate



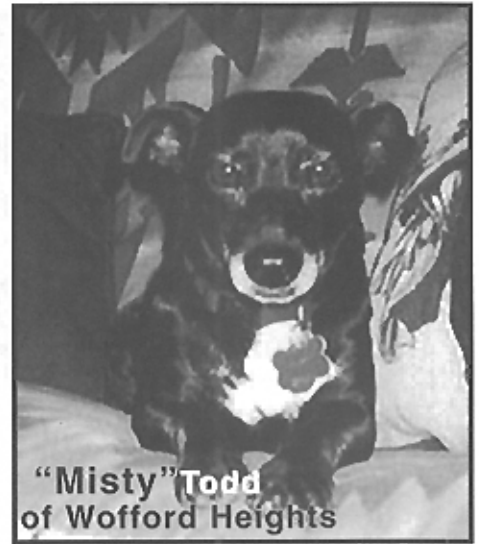
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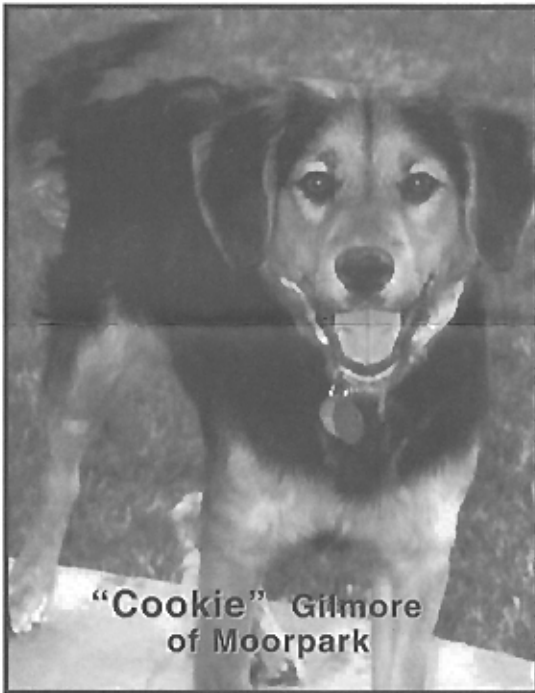
**"Max" Ryan of Santa Barbara**



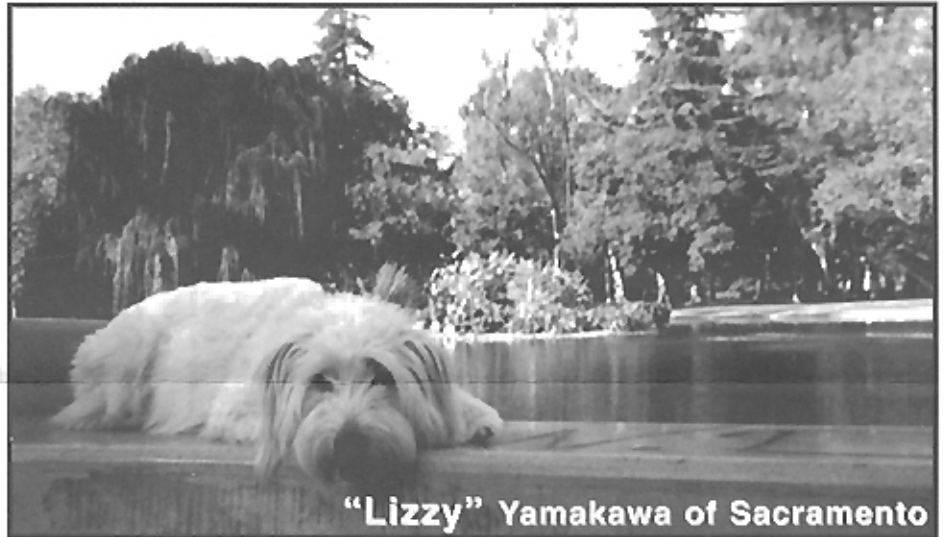
**"Ava" Gorzoch of Summerlin, NV, with owner Lydia and friend Paul**



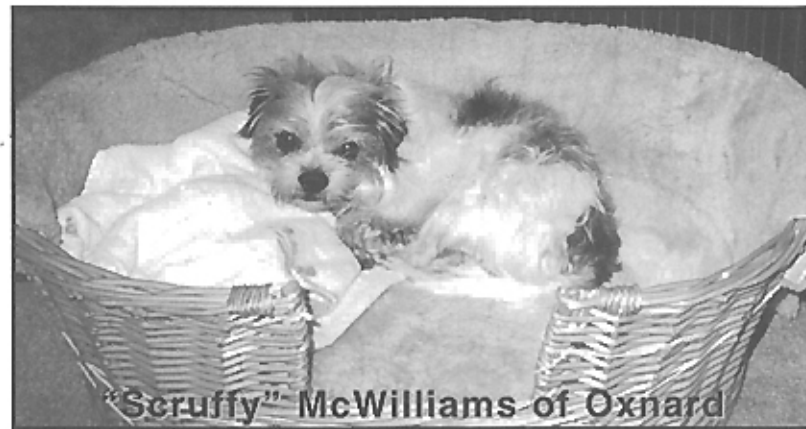
**"Misty" Todd of Wofford Heights**



**"Cookie" Gilmore of Moorpark**



**"Lizzy" Yamakawa of Sacramento**



**"Scruffy" McWilliams of Oxnard**

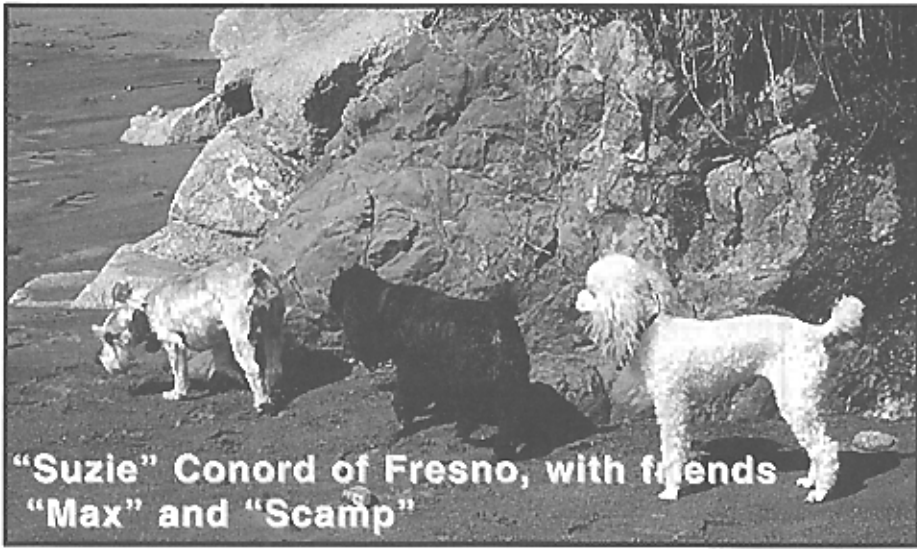


**"Red" and "Lucky" Tavares of Makawao, HI**



**"Oliver" Foley of Glenda**





**"Suzie" Conord of Fresno, with friends  
"Max" and "Scamp"**



**"Wally" Seybert of Castaic**



**"Kihei" Braden-Kaneski  
of Oxnard**



**"Calvin" and "Maxine" Sainz  
of Wildomar**



**"Abby" Katayama of Riverside with  
"Buddy"**



**"Muffin" and "Heidi"  
Strehler-Desmond of Torrance**

she had brought with her, drive back to Burbank, and fly home with him. All we had to do was get him to the Fillmore vet for his health certificate so he could fly.

Today Paula says he is the best dog she has ever had in her life.

A quote from her recent e-mail:

"The entire family is in love with this little guy. He hardly ever barks (only when squirrels or rabbits are present), and is always looking for love. He is a great companion and loves his daily walks and chasing his balls in the back yard. Bruiser brings a smile to everyone's face and the kids at school fight to get close enough for a pet and a lick. We don't know what we ever did without him."

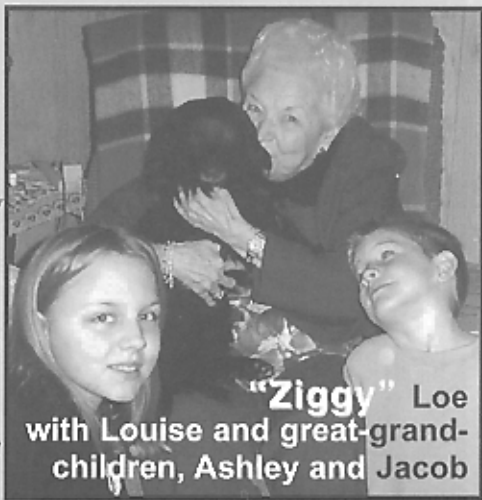
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Diana Tucker of Oakley, CA, is another person who fell for a little dog on Petfinder. His name is Ziggy, and he's a black Dachshund-Poodle mix. Diana's mother had recently lost her husband, and she was lonely. Diana said her mom had owned a Doxiepoo before, and there was no way on earth the dog would not be loved and wanted. Her plan was to surprise her mother for Christmas.

Ziggy was relayed to Clearlake, CA, in three shifts. We first got him to Susan Schionning, our dear friend, webmaster, and volunteer driver, because her mother lives in Porterville, and she makes that trip every two weeks. Susan transported Ziggy to Bakersfield, where friends of Diana's live, so that they could overnight him until Christmas Eve, when he was picked up to make the final leg of the trip to Clearlake.

The surprise was a pleasant one. Diana's mom, Louise Loe, had big tears in her eyes as she viewed her new doggie, all bedecked with red bow. Here's a picture from that joyous occasion.

And here's a quote from Diana's recent e-mail: "Man, is Ziggy a happy little dog! ...He is definitely Mom's now....He just stares at her so adoringly. He lays in her



"Ziggy" Loe with Louise and great-grandchildren, Ashley and Jacob

arms and stares up at her. She said sometimes she will be holding him in her lap for a long long time and she looks down thinking he's asleep and he's still staring at her. She said it's like he's afraid to go to sleep, like he thinks if he sleeps it will all go away and it will all have been a dream. It's the cutest thing you ever saw. She spoils him rotten. He has little stuffed animals to play with and little rawhide sticks all over the house and treats. He's a pretty happy camper....Ziggy was just what she needed!"

## Canine Celebrities

**W**e thought it would be fun to start a new column featuring canine celebrities among our adoptees. We know there are quite a few out there ~ send us your stories!

In past issues, we've told you about Dawn, the amazing epileptic seizure alert dog, and Nik D. Pinscher, the therapy/spokesdog for the anti-vivisection effort at UCSD.

This issue's dog is "Rosie" Tieri of Moorpark, who will tell her own story.

**M**y name is Rosie and I am a 4-year-old "Stilts" Terrier (aptly named due to my long legs). One day long ago I found myself in a kennel with hundreds of other canine friends, grouped together in small, cold, hard runs with no comforts. We were all sad and scared.

After what seemed like forever, I saw a finger pointing at me. "We'll take that one:" Doberman Rescue, my heroes! These wonderful people took me to their Fillmore facility where I was placed into an area where many other dogs like me ran and played with each other. We were all there waiting for someone to give us new homes.

When people came looking for a canine friend to take home, each of us waited for the pointing finger. Once they pick you out of the pack, they put you in a visiting area to explore the new relationship. I figure, once I get them there, I can turn on the charm.

Well, that day finally came for me. Janet, Jeannine and Jon pointed at me. I later found out that it was because I was the only dog not barking (sometimes it pays to be quiet). They met me in the visiting area and we checked each other out. I turned on my dog cutes (most dogs have it but don't know how powerful it is), and within no time at all, I was bathed and sent for a ride with my new parents.

It took some time for me to get used to my new surroundings and it took some time for my parents to get used to me. I had to check





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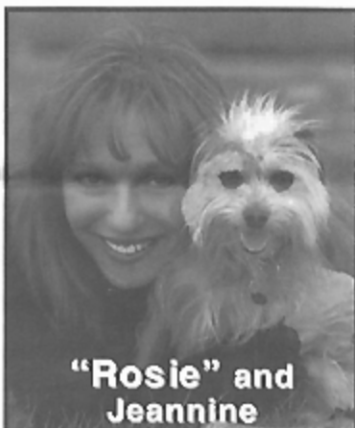
everything out so I sniffed every corner. My inquisitive nature soon tagged me with my new name, Rosie (Nosy Rosie). Within no time at all we became best friends and we knew it was going to work!

Since I am the silent type and rarely bark, I had difficulties telling my parents that I had to go outside.

Soon, they figured out a remedy. They placed small bells on both the inside and outside of the doors, and, to this day, I ring the bell to communicate my request. Is that cool?

It didn't take long before I had them doing other tricks. All I have to do is sit, roll over, speak, sneeze on command (that really got them!), spin, dance, or balance biscuits on my nose and they give me treats. How easy is that? These guys are really smart and easily trained.

I went everywhere with them. I found myself very popular with their friends, and soon I became a celebrity! I was asked to be the Doggy Chair for the Ventura County Alzheimer's Association. The next thing I knew there was a photographer taking pictures of me for the posters that were later placed all over the Ventura and Thousand Oaks areas. I was part of an interview on the local TV channel, my picture was in the paper advertising the walks and inviting "Dogs, take your people for a



"Rosie" and Jeannine

walk." I was a feature at the sponsor media events and had a photo shoot at the Canine Social Club with my canine friends.

On the day of the walk, I was greeted by Lucy (Lucille Ball impersonator), where we both led a group of thousands to raise money to help cure Alzheimer's. There were many friends there that gave us dogs massages, handed out goodie bags and a vet did paw checks. We had a great day!

What's next? Continued happiness with my parents and meeting new friends. I often think of where I would be if it wasn't for the great people at the Doberman Rescue and the wonderful people they brought into my life. They gave me a new lease on life and I will be forever grateful.

Well, it's time to go. "Ring, ring....."

## ADOBES FOR DOBIES (and Little Paws, too)

It is finally happening with our new kennels! Instead of constructing a big ugly steel kennel building with dozens of conditions, requirements, permits, etc., we proceeded with the building of modular dog kennels, which are actually oversized dog houses. Each one is 42 square feet inside, with a comparable outside area for extra



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space and fresh air. They are made of fiberglass with special gelcoating for durability, and each one is intended to house 2 dogs. (The dogs that have to live alone will have their bungalows all to themselves.)

These adobe-style units are free-standing and will be assembled in groups of 5 or 6. They have a built-in skylight, a 1-inch foam core for insulation, and provisions for light, heat, and drainage.

We are having a total of 70 units made, at a cost of about \$2,500 each for the house, outside area, hardware, doors, etc. In order to make everything really nice, we will be doing some serious landscaping, and need help with materials (about 500 old railroad ties and a dozen truck loads of sand and pea gravel) and manpower! Does anyone have a backhoe we could borrow for a few weeks?

We'll be keeping you posted as to progress, but some of them should be in use within a few weeks! Lucky, lucky dogs!

## Sweet Jasmine

Just as with love at first sight, some things are meant to be. The longer you do rescue work, the more you come to believe it. Take Jasmine Young's story.

Christine and Ralph Young of Mission Viejo, who have adopted 5 Dobies from us since 1990, have usually opted for middle-aged or older Dobies because they are SO wonderful; but, of

course, they pass away too soon.

On Christmas Day last year, we took the Youngs' cancer-stricken Dobie, Betty, from them to put her to sleep, and gave them Envy, a darling 10-month Dobie girl. Ralph

had said they wanted a younger dog this time, and after a little chat about Envy, they decided to adopt her. (They knew right away that she was too much puppy for them, and they made the decision to return her.)

The following day, just hours after we put Betty to sleep, we got a phone call from Mindi Stark, a young lady who lived a few minutes from the Youngs. She was desperate to find a new home for her 5-year-old Dobie, Jasmine, as she was moving to Hawaii to continue her schooling.

We already knew we were getting Envy back, so we told Mindi about the Youngs and called them immediately. We were all terribly excited about the possibilities. Christine and Ralph went over to meet Jasmine and loved her on sight.

Needless to say, after Envy was back at the ranch (she was adopted a week later), Jasmine made the easy transition from one beautiful Orange County home to another, and Christine, Ralph, and their big Dobie boy, OD, added another wonderful family member to their lives.

Here's a picture of Jasmine. What's not to love?

