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When we put "Kuranda beds" on our holiday wish list, we had no idea how many of you would respond to our plea for comfy, indestructible doggie hammocks to get the critters off the concrete. Amazingly, the count of Kuranda beds currently in use at Dobie Rescue is 55, with more arriving every week! Fortunately, we have a new kennel employee who has become very adept at assembling them. A huge "thank you" to all of you who donated beds, funds, and other gifts for the holidays. And, of course, to those who have donated unwanted vehicles.

We had jokingly put "tow truck" on our holiday wish list as well, thinking that, as my favorite saying goes, "you can't win if you're not playing." Well, we didn't get a truck, but we did get enough cash donations to enable us to buy a tow dolly to transport undriveable donated cars to the ranch.

We have nearly completed one adobe "village," with 17 adobes on pads with drain pipes, and they're all occupied. Shortly we'll demolish more of our old kennels and prepare sites for the next village. We're in the process of having plaques made in honor of donors of \$1,000 or more, which will be placed on specific adobes.

Our adoptions continue to be outstanding due primarily to our web site and to word-of-mouth recommendations from happy adopters. Even many of our seniors and long-term residents have

found permanent and foster homes. There is almost no such thing as an unadoptable dog.

We received many beautiful holiday pictures from our Dobie adopters, but hardly any from our small dog adopters. C'mon, little-dog people, send us your holiday photos!

Have a wonderful spring!

Sincerely,

Ardis Munck

Adoption Updates

Of the four dogs featured in our last newsletter, three were adopted!

GLENDIA,

the dear little lady with bowed front legs, was adopted by Susan and Blair Craddock



"Zoey"

of Moorpark. Her new name is Zoey. Here's an

excerpt from their recent e-mail:

"It took a few days for her to attempt climbing the stairs but once she conquered them nothing stopped her racing up and down the steps. She is a natural clown throwing her toys in the air, chasing the ball across the room. We even think that she smiles. She is very loving and learns very quickly. She doesn't know she has a handicap so we rarely notice her limp and she definitely does not let it stop her.

We feel so fortunate to have this wonderful little dog in our lives."

BASIL,

the wonderful male Dobie who hated being kenneled and then lost two foster homes in a row, now has a permanent home with Dave Underwood of Orange. Dave was



"Basil"

one of several people who responded with offers to help Basil with a permanent or foster home, and Dave says Basil integrated well with his other two dogs, and that he's a sweetie!

MAUI,

our sweet elderly Poodle with one eye, was

adopted by Caroline and Saylor Milton of Ventura. Unfortunately, Maui began coughing and wheezing a bit, and a trip to the vet revealed a shadow on the



"Maui"

lung which could indicate something ominous. But for now, with a healthy, natural diet, lots of love, and a few medications, Maui is perkier and seems to enjoy her life and home, which she shares with another elderly Poodle.

WAITING FOR HOMES

JACK

is what we call an "All American Dog." He was rescued from the animal shelter in South Central Los Angeles after he had been to an "off site" adoption event the shelter



"Jack"

holds on occasion for prospective adopters. Unfortunately, he wasn't adopted. Our wonderful volunteer, Jack Haium, who drives the animals to and from these events, asked if we could check him out and perhaps include him in our program. He had become fond of him, and animals returned from these adoption events are usually put to sleep.

That, of course, is how he came to be called "Jack." He's good with other dogs, quiet, short-haired, 3-4 years old, and he weighs about 30 pounds. We think he's probably Manchester Terrier, German Shepherd, and a few other things mixed in, and he's been waiting since September for his own home.

MARTY

is a large red male Dobie with cropped ears that don't stand. He's 7 years old, and he's waited since December, 2000 for his own home. Marty has a great face, expressive eyes, and we think he would be a good pet for an adult home with no other dogs. He has started to be somewhat depressed, probably about his long stay....



"Marty"

SABRINA

is an attractive Dobie, except for her ears. They were poorly cropped and fold inward over the top of her head. For this reason,

Sabrina has waited two years so far for her own home. She's about 6 years old, she has a great personality, she's smart, and she bonds well with the people she knows.



LUCILLE

is a comical-looking dog, probably part Terrier and part Corgi.

She's a medium-sized dog on short legs, and she's a young adult. Lucille has the Terrier personality, so she's territorial, fun, brave, and alert. We think she would be fine as a family dog with older kids. She can live with another dog her size, but she plays roughly and needs a companion who also enjoys rough play.



"Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read."

--Groucho Marx

Dogs as Prey

We've heard so many sad stories about dogs being taken as prey that it seems worthwhile to share information that just might save a life. There are three main canine predators in California and other parts of the country: bobcats, coyotes, and birds. With the exception of hawks, most of these predators are nocturnal, doing most of their hunting during the night and in the early morning and dusk hours. Whenever possible, have your pet sleep indoors at night! If the dog is not reliably housebroken, attach a leash to the dog's collar and put the loop end under the leg of your night stand. If the dog can't move around freely, it generally will not soil its immediate sleeping area, at least not without becoming anxious enough to wake you.

BOBCATS

can easily jump a six-foot fence and will kill a dog up to 35 or 40 pounds just for sport. This happened to adopters of ours with a 30-pound Cockapoo in the Hidden Hills-Calabasas area.

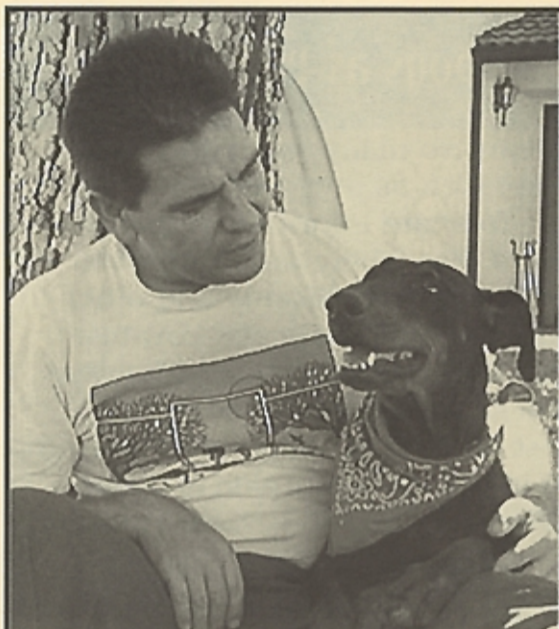
COYOTES

can also jump a six-foot fence. A single coyote will not usually attack a dog over 20 pounds, but coyotes often hunt in pairs or packs. A pair of large coyotes recently killed a 35-pound Cockapoo in a woman's back yard in Santa Barbara. Often a female coyote "in season" will lure a male dog to an area where he can be ambushed by the pack. Though it happens most often to intact dogs, it happens to curious neutered males as well.

HAWKS

are daytime hunters, and they will not usually attack a dog over 15 pounds, as it would be too heavy to carry away. The best protection is to have the tiny ones in an area with a cover over it such as a tarped dog run or a porch. A woman in Norco saw her 5-pound Chihuahua

A few of our happy adoptees!



"Cleopatra" Stevens of Ft. Worth, TX, with owner Carl



"Cookie" Ibarra of Fillmore, with owner Chano



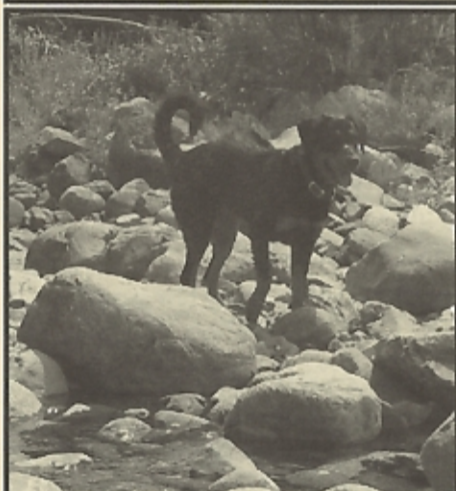
"Hailey" Newbu



"Butler" Thomas of Lancaster



"Gautam" and "Karma" Singh of Santa Barbara



"Maggie" Quillen of Greenview



"Houdini" Bernard of Sylmar



"Ginger"



"Tuffy" Anderson of
Newbury Park



"Taffy" Hurd of San Diego,
with "Chert"



"Bruno" Holden of La Mirada



Peoria



"Derby" Cress of Sacramento



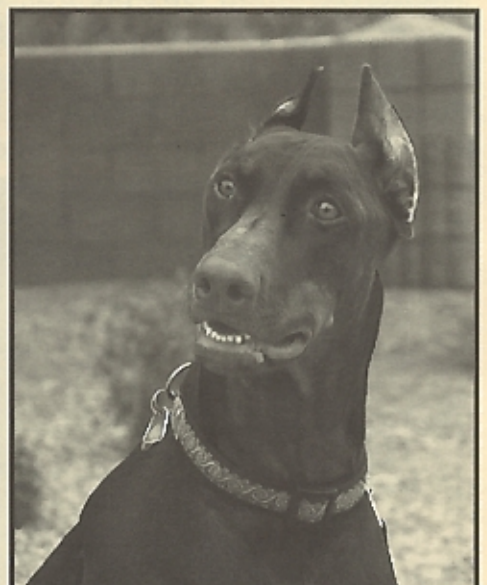
"Ozzie" Maddox of Peoria, AZ,
with owner Dave



"Bert" Bitticks of Thousand Oaks



"Sugar" Warring of Millbrae



"Ruby" Robertson
of Glendale

grabbed and carried away less than fifteen feet in front of her.

OWLS

are nighttime hunters, and many can also carry away a pet weighing over 10 pounds. They are noiseless fliers and very quick. The dog can literally disappear into thin air without a sound in a matter of seconds.

Be particularly vigilant if you're in an area near open spaces and hills or near washes and areas where wild animals come to drink and forage. If possible, put a padlock on your back yard gate, or at least a heavy spring gate closer, so that if your kids or your gardener happen to leave the gate open, your dog is less likely to get out into certain danger.

Keepers by Eric Munck

Say hello to little "Bumbles." He's the most adorable little Min Pin puppy, about 12 weeks old (dob 11/1/03) at this time of writing. But he can't walk. His front legs don't work; he has a congenital defect called "elbow luxation," which means his fore"arms" don't join at the shoulder, so he crawls instead of running around and doesn't exactly bounce off the walls.

The condition isn't painful, but the breeder was going to put Bumbles to sleep. However, an acquaintance talked them into surrendering Bumbles to us. We explored the possibility of surgical procedures, and the



responses received ranged from "impossible" to quotes of over \$10,000, as multiple surgeries will be required. Yikes!

Enter Dr. Ken Bruecker of the Veterinary Medical and Surgery Group in Ventura, who has always been very generous with both his time and expertise. Dr. Bruecker has offered to take care of little Bumbles, asking only to be paid his "hard costs" (out-of-pocket expenses). I am truly proud to recommend the surgical services of Dr. Bruecker and his capable staff, and we will keep you updated on the progress of Bumbles. If you would like to help, please write "For Bumbles," on your donation check!



The K9 911 Rescue Truck was displayed at the LA Auto Show in January, and I was there promoting not only adoptions but also the car donation program, which we have named "Cars to Kibble." Quite a few of you stopped by the booth and thanked us --and some cars were donated -- so the show was a success. Next up is the Long Beach Grand Prix in April. Yokohama Tires, once again, is our sponsor. Come see us!

It is truly heartwarming to look back on these many thousands of pooches who have gone to new homes instead of dying a miserable death in the animal shelters. It's also incredibly gratifying to witness the continuing generosity of our donors, and I am very proud to be married to Ardis, my best friend and soul-mate, whose dedication has never wavered. Because of dogs and Ardis, my horizons are wider, my outlook on life is brighter, and I am truly a happy person. Thank you, one and all!



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Medical Matters

Most of us humans have had bouts with terrible colds and flu this winter. It turns out that there is also a near epidemic of a canine flu called Campylobacteriosis which has been sweeping the West Coast. It is nasty! It looks and smells a lot like parvovirus, complete with watery diarrhea and vomiting. Unlike parvo, though, it is bacterial, not viral, so it responds to antibiotics.

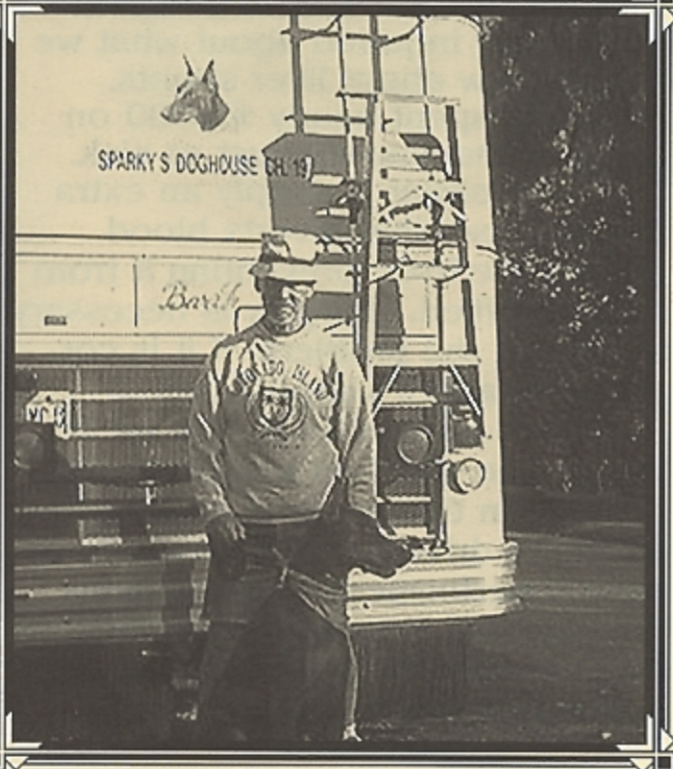
Many vets are familiar with Campylobacteriosis but rarely see it, so it's not the first thing that comes to mind when a sick dog is brought in. They usually rule out Parvo first with a simple test.

Since vets routinely prescribe antibiotics when they don't know exactly what is causing an illness, they would be on the right track. Unfortunately, since this flu is also accompanied by vomiting, pills may not "stay down." Injectable antibiotics should be given, and the dog will be back to normal in a few days.

In cases where the dog is extremely dehydrated, fluids should be given until the dog can keep down water or broth. Since several thousand homes receive this newsletter, we assume that there will be at least a few cases of this flu, and we hope this info will help!

Parting shots

"Sparky" Cothron
of Moline, IL,
with owner Morrie.
(They "winter" in Arizona.)





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Koda Needs Help!

Koda is a 6-month-old Dobie mix puppy who looks sad because she is so sick. She is not in our rescue program; she is lucky to have caring owners who want desperately to save her. Koda was originally rescued from an animal shelter, and our first contact with her owners was an e-mail in which they inquired about what we might know about liver shunts. They had spent nearly \$2,000 on her and she was still just as sick.

A liver shunt is simply an extra blood vessel that diverts blood around the liver, preventing it from being purified. Surgery is necessary to correct the problem, if it is correctable, and it's expensive.

Koda's owners located a vet in Tennessee who has a success rate of 90% on this surgery, and they are willing to drive her to Tennessee to have it performed. Unfortunately, the expense is nearly prohibitive, so we're seeking help from any and all concerned dog-lovers to help this

darling puppy. If you can help, please send your tax-deductible donation to Doberman Pinscher Rescue at the address on our masthead, and earmark it for the Save Koda fund. Or, if you prefer, you may call us with a credit card number. No donation is too small!

If you have information to share or would like to communicate with the owners directly, you can e-mail Chris Way at cway@shepdec.com, or call him at (213)494-2690.

