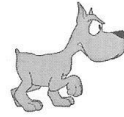
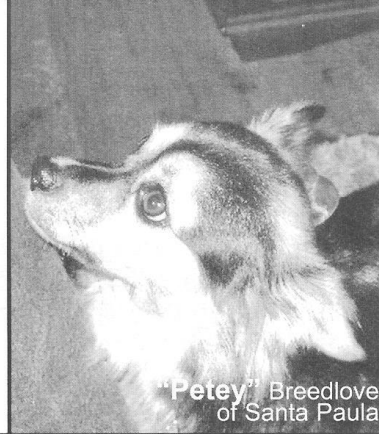


"Remus" Allred  
of Newbury Park

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"Petey" Breedlove  
of Santa Paula

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This winter was brutal for our dogs due to the rain and cold weather. We all walked the kennel areas constantly to make sure everyone was inside a dog house, warm and safe on a dry blanket, moving to new areas the few dogs with neuroses about small enclosures. A few trips to the local thrift stores yielded a trove of comforters and blankets at rock-bottom prices, and our recently-donated washer and commercial dryer enabled us to recycle the bedding that wasn't entirely destroyed. Needless to say, we are very happy to welcome sunny, warmer days.

Many thanks to all of you who helped us with your wonderful gifts during the holidays. Your financial donations continued to be generous, even with the dismal state of the economy. We also received dog beds, jackets, blankets, food, toys, and many other things to keep the dogs happy. The number of committed dog-walkers who show up to help the dogs stretch their legs and sniff around the neighborhood has grown to a pretty constant dozen or so every week.

It's difficult to know if our urgent plea in the last newsletter about reaching out to people who might be interested in adopting a dog, actually helped. Adoptions have been quite good, though, so we would like to think you all helped to spread the word that dogs don't just need more kennels to get them out of the animal shelters, they need more homes to permanently adopt them. If your voice was one of those doing this outreach, we and the dogs all thank you!

Don't forget how much we love and treasure your pictures, even if we can't print them all!

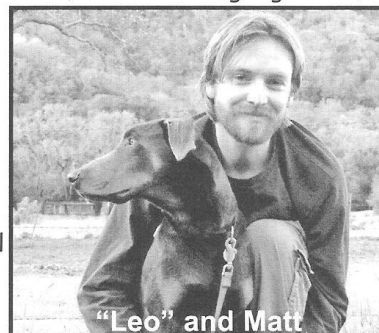
Sincerely,  
*Ardis Braun*

## ADOPTION UPDATES

Three of the darlings featured in our last newsletter have been adopted!

### TRIPPER,

the blue Doberman boy with natural tail who spent two years with us, was just adopted as we were going to press by Katie Golus and Matthew Graham of Santa Barbara. By the time you read this, he'll be having a great life hanging out on acreage around Lake Cachuma, if he played it cool with their cats. (If he is still on our web site, he



"Leo" and Matt

didn't play it that way.) So far it's looking good, though. Two days after his adoption, we received this from Matt and Katie:

"We've finally settled on renaming him 'Leo' (short for Leopold, which we think is a perfectly distinguished name for such a handsome boy!), and he's done amazingly well with adjusting to his new life. He's very eager to please, play, and explore, and he's been quick to learn the rules. He's decided he enjoys giving the cats chase, which the cats aren't too keen on, but it's clear that he's doing it out of playfulness and not out of prey drive....He's displayed an impressive level of patience and calmness throughout, especially considering what a big change this is for him. We've been very proud!...All in all, he's already proven to be a brilliant companion, brimming with personality, affection, and playfulness, and we couldn't be happier with our decision to adopt him. Thanks so much to you, Colleen, and all the other staff and volunteers."

## **SPOOKA**

(no, we didn't give her that name),

is the most social female of six Dobie siblings we received from their breeder when they were 1 ½ years old. She was adopted by Marianne and Chuck LeCompte of Fresno.

This is from a recent e-mail from Marianne:

"We are absolutely thrilled with her. Her new name is Sunny, and she is sitting beside me with her head on my lap as I type this E-mail.

She is adjusting very well....She and the cats leave each other alone and that seems to make them all happy. She has adjusted to my hus-



band's wheelchair and is now friendly and comfortable with him. I am the food person and he is the treat person, so as soon as she comes into the house each time she runs right to him....She and I play a tag game each day...She is such a pleasure to walk. She is the most non-aggressive dog of any breed I have ever owned. She ignores the neighbors' barking dogs, cats, people, and the neighbor's loose chickens....Thank you so much for helping adopt such a perfect dog to our lifestyle, and such a loving companion."

## **BUCKY,**

the little Terrier mix who spent most of his life tied up outside a mobile home, was adopted by Marilyn Buck of Monterey.



Some of you may recall that Marilyn was the one who obtained a court order to have a Dobie named Tripoli released to us, after he became aggressive from being tasered in a public park when he got loose from his owner.

A friend of Marilyn's picked Bucky up and drove him to Monterey. It didn't look good at first. Marilyn said Bucky had a 'tude with her other dog and was marking territory everywhere in her house. She planned to return him the next weekend, but...she didn't.

About a week later we called to find out his status, and she said they worked out all the wrinkles. (We wish everyone would do that!) After he was groomed, now looking all "foofy," her friends can't believe he's the same dog in his earlier picture. See the happy trio above.

## TAIL-ER MADE!

As mentioned in our last newsletter, and probably quite a few before, Dobermans are very hard to place when they have undocked tails. There are two main reasons usually given: (1) the dog doesn't really look like a Doberman with a long tail; and (2) everything will be swept off the coffee table.

We do think you should have what you want in a Doberman, and we try to match all of our adopters with dogs that are as close to what they want as possible.

On the other hand, how about TWELVE good reasons to adopt a dog with a long tail?

1. The dog is spared the amputation surgery when he's just 3-4 days old;
2. He'll be much more comfortable sitting if his tail can lay to the side of his butt;
3. He'll look much less scary to kids and people who are afraid of Dobermans;
4. The long tail can act like a rudder, making it easier for him to swim;
5. It's much easier to tell if the dog is wagging his tail at you, viewed from the front;
6. It's also a much more visible signal to other dogs, indicating the dog is friendly;
7. You might be able to pass him off as a Pointer-Coonhound mix for insurance purposes;
8. There's more of him to love;
9. There's something to grab on to if he's about to dash into something forbidden;
10. He can chase away flies with each sweep of his tail;
11. You'll have the knowledge that you avoided the needless suffering of having his tail amputated;
12. You'll also have the knowledge that you helped get an equally wonderful, but less adoptable, dog get adopted.

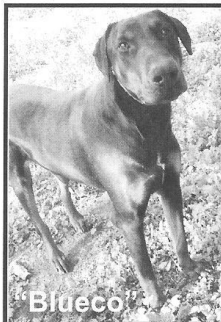
Don't the two reasons NOT to adopt a long-tailed Doberman pale in comparison to all of the good reasons to do so?

## WAITING FOR HOMES

Now that you know we are championing Dobies with tails in this issue, here are the purebred Dobies with tails that are waiting:

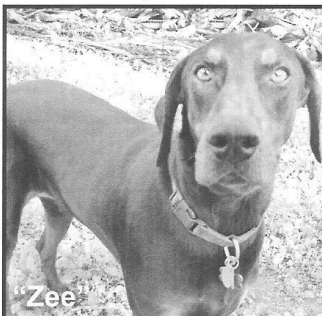
**Blueco**, black male, 2 1/2 years old; with us since March, 2009

**Stretch**, red male, 4 years old; with us since December, 2008\*

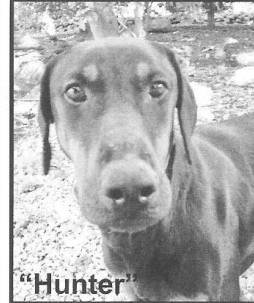
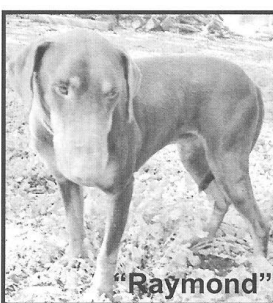


**Zee**, black male, 3 years old; with us since February, 2009

**Boca**, black male, 3 years old, with us since September, 2009



**Raymond**, red male, 4 1/2 years old, with us since February, 2008\*

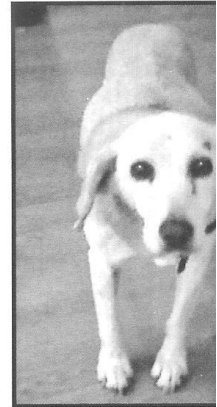




**"Tasha"** DuPont of Walnut Creek

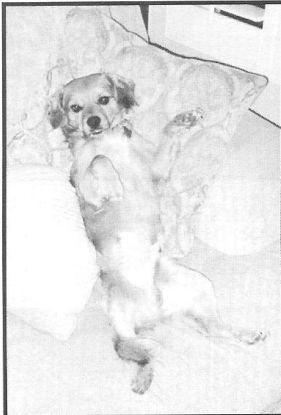


**"Bumbles"** Langley-Fern  
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**"Ginger"** Hasl  
of Chesapeake,

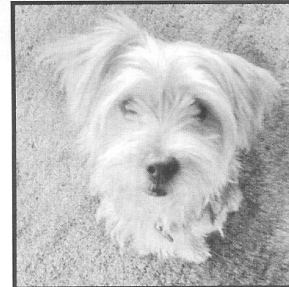
## HAPPY ADOPTEES



**"Duffy"** Jacoby of Oak  
Park



**"Shyla"** DeRosier  
of Yucca Valley



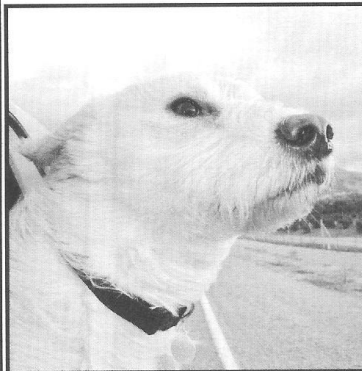
**"Teddy"** Countryman  
of Santa Barbara



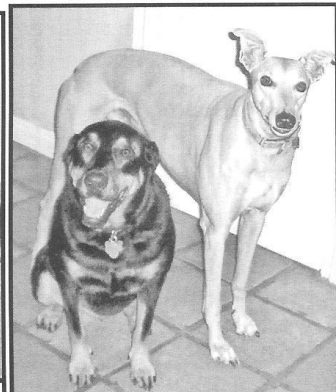
**"Katie"**  
of



**"Harley"** and **"Maggie"** White  
of Santee

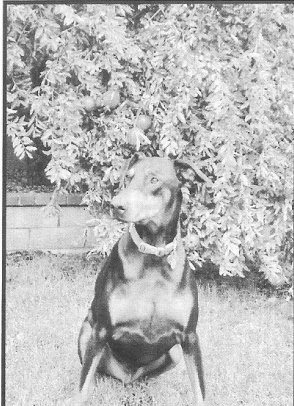


**"Cooper"** Aiken  
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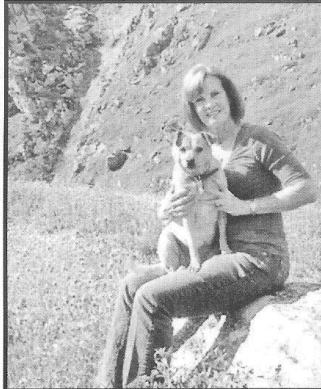


**"Sparky"** and **"Annie"**  
Sparks of Laguna Hills





**"Nic"** Kraves of Woodland Hills



**"Chloe"** Hood of Bakersfield and Newburg, MO, with Maxine



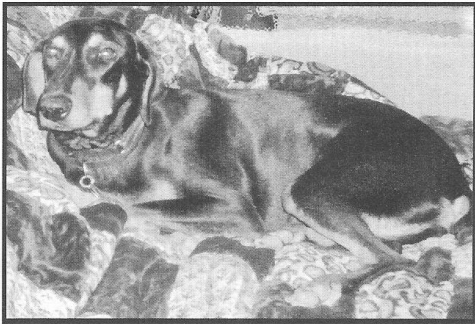
**"Charlie"** Foglesong of Santa Barbara



and **"Terra"** Siteman Westlake Village



**"Roxy"** and **"Bubba"** Gibson of Ventura



**"Raven"** Watkins of Glendale



**"Duke"** (center) and **"Duchess"** (right) Hart-Fernandez of San Clemente, with visitor **"Lexi"**



**"Jaxson"** Mittleman of Bakersfield

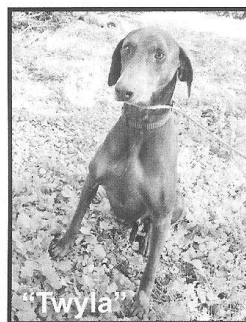
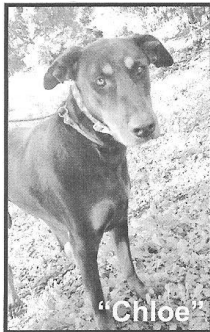


**"Henry"** Anderson of Santa Barbara

**Hunter**, black male, 2 ½ years old, with us since March, 2009\*

**Chloe**, black female, 1 year old, a newcomer

We also have **Twyla**, a blue female, 2 years old, who has been with us only since January, 2010, but we had to have her badly-broken leg amputated, so she has just three legs.



**Lozma**, black female, 4 years old; with us since January, 2009

**Mustang**, red male, 5 years old; with us since 2005\*

**Andy**, red male, 6 years old; with us since 2005\*

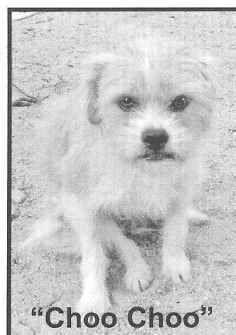
\*indicates dogs that do best as the "only" dog

We don't have enough space to print all of their pictures, but there are more particulars about each dog on our web site, [www.dobierescue.org](http://www.dobierescue.org).

In addition, to be fair to our "little paws," here are some deserving little ones.

## **CHOO CHOO**

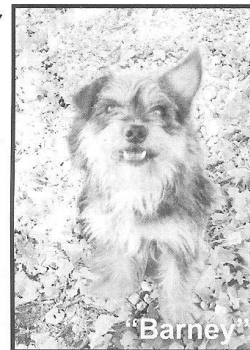
is a Terrier mix who is midway between small and medium; that is, she is medium-sized, but lightweight at 22



pounds. She's a year old, and she came in with three other dogs from the owner, who had lost his home and couldn't afford to feed them. Choo Choo is housebroken and loves children. Given her choice, she would prefer being the center of attention, rather than to share it with other dogs.

## **BARNEY**

is also a Terrier mix, very happy, friendly, and clingy. He enjoys other dogs and will play with any other dog that is willing. Barney weighs about 14 pounds and he's 3 years old. He's been with us since June, 2009, partly because he likes to "mark" his territory and would need to be watched for awhile after moving into a home.

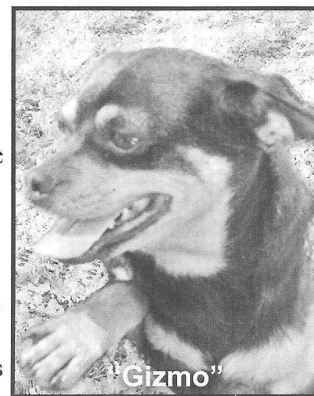


## **GIZMO**

is a funny-looking little guy because of his underbite.

He's probably Miniature Pinscher, Chihuahua, and another breed like Boston Terrier or Pug, which would have caused him to inherit the underbite. Gizmo plays with Barney, but he also enjoys his "down time."

He's also 3 years old and has been with us since June, 2009.





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## RAGS TO RICHES

We love to tell these kinds of stories!

This one is about a dog named Dong Dong, a Border Collie mix we agreed to take from the shelter in Taiwan that we've written much about in the past: the fact that they have 1,300 dogs in 4' by 5' cages, where they spend 99% of their days and nights, and the fact that very few have any chance at all of being adopted in Taiwan. There is so little space for large dogs. The shelter, TUAPA, does an awesome job of caring for the animals and doing the outreach necessary to get as many as possible out of there and into situations where they can be adopted.

One of their rescue coordinators, Johanna Quinn, approached us about Dong Dong, realizing that we have a fondness for Border Collies. She said that in Taiwan, black dogs are considered bad luck, and those with white feet imply even more bad luck. They have virtually no chance of having any sort of quality life in Taiwan.

When Dong Dong arrived in Los Angeles, he looked shellshocked. His big round eyes showed a combination of

wonderment, confusion, and terror. We put him in with a confident dog to help him learn, by example, how to cope with his new environment.

Gradually Dong Dong came to understand things better, such as what a leash is for, the fact that people can make you feel really good and give you treats, etc. Our dog-walkers that show up on weekends included Rhonda Scarborough of Oxnard, and something in Dong Dong's sweet lack of confidence clicked with her desire to help him be a happier dog. Imagine our surprise when she said she'd like to adopt him!

That wasn't the end of the surprises. A few months later, Rhonda e-mailed us to say that she hoped to have Cesar Millan, the amazing "Dog Whisperer," come to meet Dong Dong and provide his advice and expertise to help Dong Dong with his confidence.

Cesar came twice to Rhonda's home and two episodes were filmed there which will air some time around June. His staff also came here to the ranch to film a brief interview on how he came to be in the United States to begin with. Watch for this episode! If it hasn't yet aired by the time our June newsletter is sent, we'll provide the details.



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Below is a picture of Cesar Millan with Dong Dong and his new family.

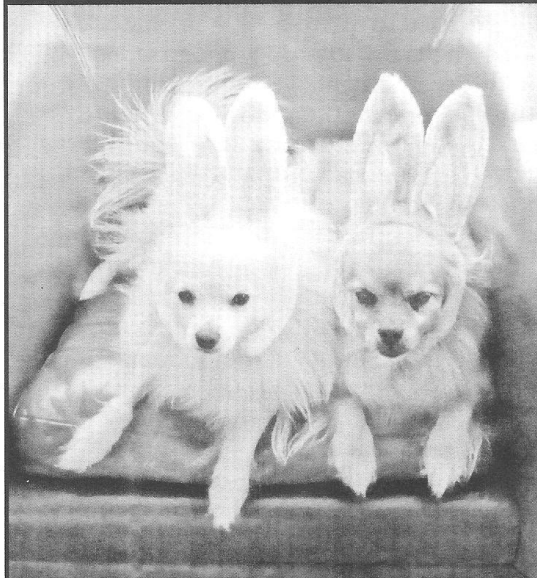


"Dong Dong"

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## PARTING SHOTS



"Edison" and "Buck" Thornton  
 of Los Angeles

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