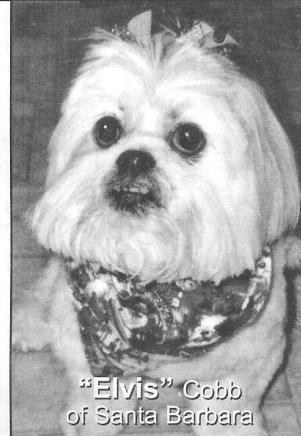


"Scooby Doo" Brose of North Hollywood

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We have just completed the grueling task of getting our conditional use permit (CUP) renewed for our kennel license for another ten years. There are new conditions to be met, however, among them the removal of all of our "adobe" kennels, which are almost all decommissioned now and ready for pickup by interested parties. We also voluntarily decided to discontinue using our group of kennels closest to the adobes because the concrete kennel floors were being undermined by water and breaking up.

The bad news about all this is that we will be bringing our population down quite a lot, at least for the time being, and we need all the help we can get to get our excess population into adoptive and foster homes as soon as possible. In general, foster homes are desirable for dogs that are not very adoptable for a variety of reasons: dog-aggressiveness, old age, skittish or unpredictable temperament, health, even just unattractiveness. Dogs that are quite adoptable don't need the same level of "showcasing," as they are typically adopted promptly. The others frequently have to spend months or years in our kennels, waiting. If you or anyone you know can provide a good, caring home for such a dog, please consider doing so now. We provide free food and medical care for our foster dogs.

Also in accordance with our new conditions, we have installed a new drainage system for animal waste which is much more pleasing to the eye and nose. We've also built several new exercise areas for the dogs, so all the dogs in smaller kennels get a chance to stretch their legs and run a few times a week.

We hope some of you got to see the Dog Whisperer show on February 4 that featured one of our adoptees, Dong Dong, a Border Collie mix we took in from Taiwan. Unfortunately, we were unable to alert you ahead of time about the date, as we did not yet know what date it would be shown when the winter newsletter was sent.

Thank you all for your gifts during the holiday season. Your blanket donations kept many dogs warm and cozy during the cold nights. Your financial donations helped make it possible for us to construct the improvements above and to continue to provide good food and medical care for our dogs. Many wonderful cards and e-mail greetings came with updates about your adopted dogs, and pictures! Keep them coming!

Blessings,  
*Ardis Braun*

## ADOPTION UPDATES

We featured four "ugly ducklings" in our last newsletter. Two of them were adopted, though one was returned (Razberry, our red Dobie girl with home-cropped ears) for being unpredictable with children.

### **CHIPPENDALE,**

our big red Dobie boy with bowed front legs, has a great new home with Pat and Milt Kolchins of Calabasas. Pat had hoped for a play companion for their other adoptee, Diva, for some time, but Diva behaved like a diva and was very hard to please. Our experience with Chippendale, whose new name is Teddy, was that he was a big teddy bear who could handle a little "attitude" from Diva until she learned that he wasn't a threat to her status as queen. It was a special pleasure to us that he worked out well, since he was a favorite who had been with us for a couple of years. This is from Pat's recent e-mail:

"Yes, Teddy is a keeper. He is a sweet, gentle soul. He loves to be petted ALL THE TIME by anyone willing to do it... Must be making up for his lack in the past. He looks up at you with those sorrowful eyes or wrinkles his brow when trying to figure out what you want from him....His waddle-run is just adorable, with long ears flying behind him....He's not nearly as fast as Diva and tuckers out quickly, but his whole body wag (no tail at all) is just too cute for words. He has certainly become the companion for Diva that we had hoped. He and Diva have several play sessions every day....They seem to be well-matched temperamentally. Diva is a benevolent dictator...she will stand over him and sometimes bark for a toy/chew that he has, but he usually doesn't release immediately and she waits patiently in case he does. Teddy has taken over all her floor

beds...he uses all at different times and she will now not use any. Yesterday, she stood over him as he was on one of her favorite beds and he did not relinquish it. She gave up and went on the lounge. Life's tough in our house.

Love from the pooches and us,  
Pat, Milt, Diva and Teddy"



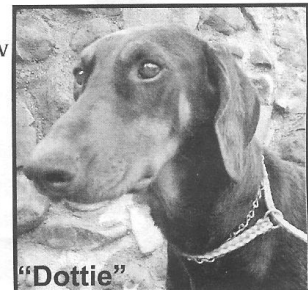
"Diva" and "Teddy"

## WAITING FOR HOMES

We're devoting a larger-than-usual section of our newsletter to dogs waiting for homes this time for reasons mentioned in the introduction letter. These dogs are all worthy and will make good pets for the right home.

### **DOTTIE**

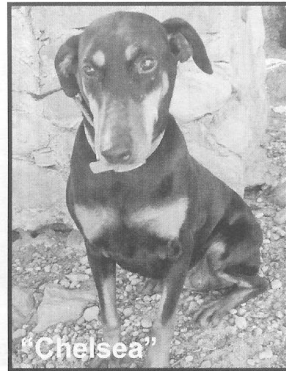
is an attractive black and tan Dobie girl, about 3 years old, that probably should be adopted by a person or family with another dog. It's obvious to us that she's a "follower" dog who must have had a pack leader dog to follow before she ended up as a stray in an animal shelter. Dottie is never nippy, just shy and a little on the skittish side at first. She will enjoy her own calm and caring new home.



"Dottie"

## CHELSEA

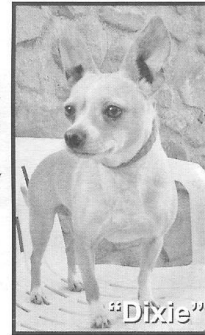
is a sweet senior Dobie, 7-8 years old, black and tan, who has spent a full year with us. She lives with a large male dog and never argues with him. We don't think she is a troublemaker in any respect, just a deserving dog that would enjoy the comforts of a home during her senior years.



older kids. Stretch is a big red boy, over 90 pounds, who is now about 6 years old, having spent two of them in our kennel.

## DIXIE

is a precious little bug of a dog. She's mostly Chihuahua, very dog-social, small, and about 2 1/2 years old. One of our dog-walkers tries to take Dixie every time he comes because she enjoys her walks so much. She's happy, affectionate, and she would be a good pet for a family.



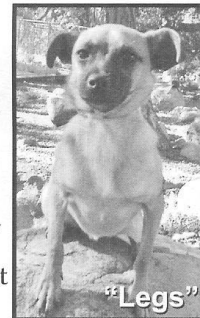
## TIPPY

was taken to a vet clinic by his owners because he had some sort of bowel prolapse that they were told would require surgery. They opted to put him to sleep, but thankfully the vet asked that the dog be relinquished to him, and he promised to do the surgery and find a new home for the dog. After a month of hanging out in the vet's office, they were unsuccessful in finding Tippy his "forever" home, so they called us. He's a great little Rat Terrier mix who has now been with us for another year! He's about 4 now; good with dogs and cats.



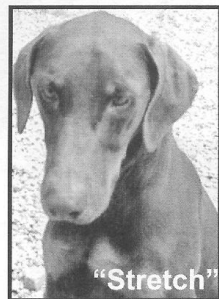
## LEGS

has been with us since he was a puppy, and he's over 1 1/2 years old now. He's really a lot of fun, and, like Dixie, would make a good family pet. Legs is a conglomeration of breeds, probably including Whippet, short-haired Terrier, maybe a little Chihuahua. He's just over 15 pounds, and he's dog-social.



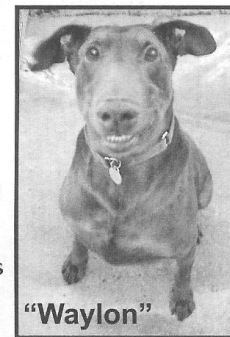
## STRETCH

has been featured before, in our edition showing our many Dobies with tails. Stretch is a great dog; happy and affectionate, smart, and curious. He probably needs to be the only dog, but we think he will be fine with all adults and

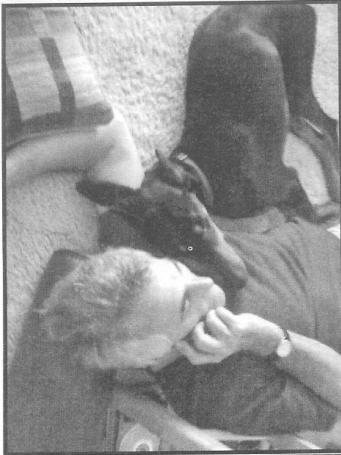


## WAYLON

isn't a very handsome dog, and the picture shown here is not the most flattering, but we're using this one anyway to show what a clown he is! He's 6-7 years old, having spent years in our kennel. His tail is docked, his coat is mediocre, but this is a dog that can live with a large female dog, and his antics will keep you laughing. He also knew several commands we didn't teach him, so he's been enjoyed by someone, somewhere, before.



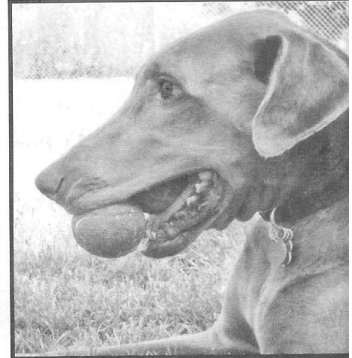
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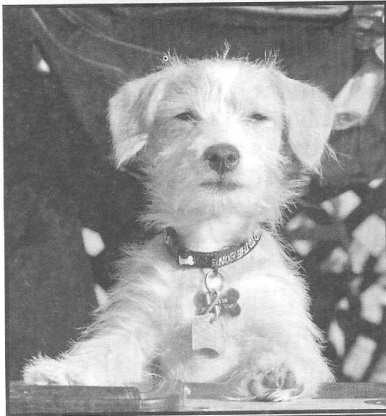
**"Andy"** Tasheff of Sebastopol, with Steve



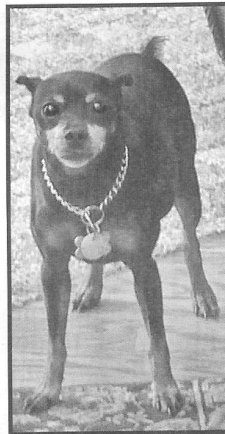
**"Lola"** Cannon of Santa Barbara



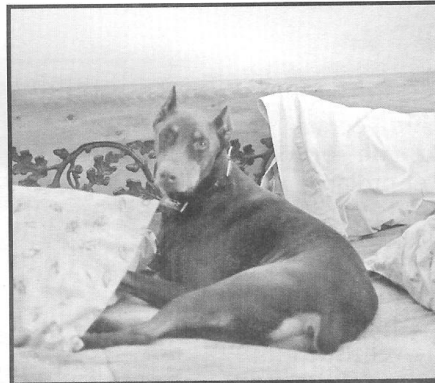
**"Blue"** Freytag of La Cana



**"Kalvin"** Buechler of Ventura



**"Mimi-me"** Logue of Agoura Hills



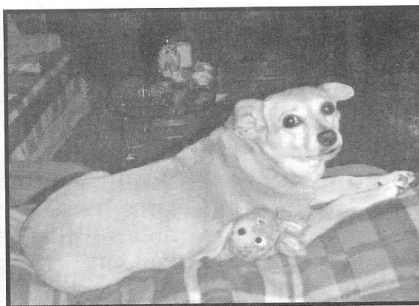
**"Buddy"** Pelczar of Norco



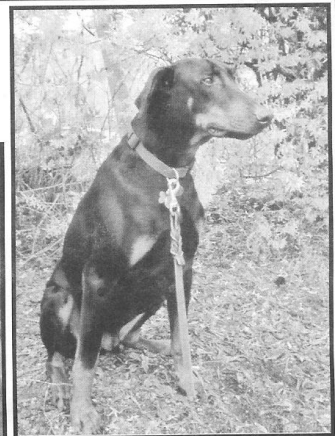
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**"Rocco"** Stagman of Costa Mesa, with Kate



**"Goldie"** Reed of Santa Barbara



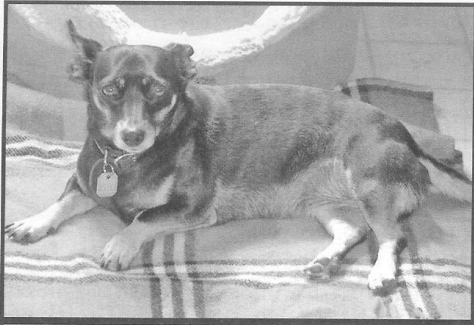
**"Buddy"** Petersen, of Edmonds, WA



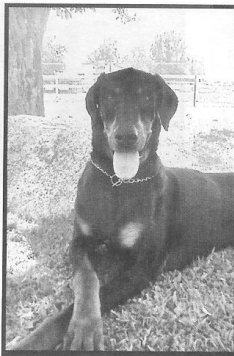
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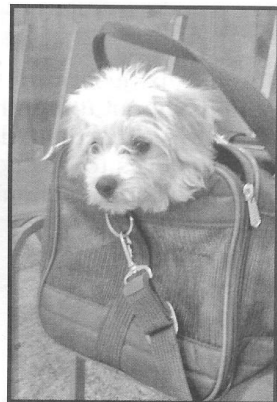
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**"Charlie"** Cohen of Carpinteria

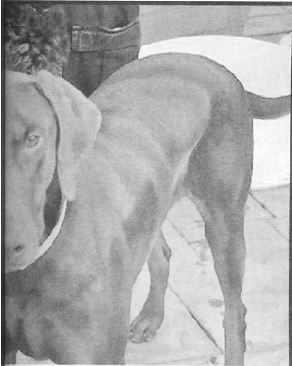


**"Sweetheart"**  
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of Bakersfield

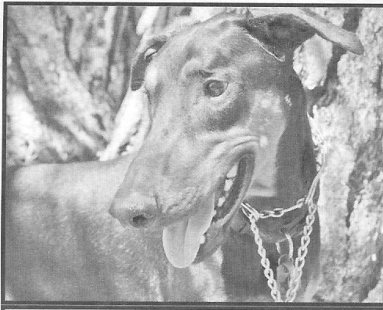


**"Spencer"** Mattaro  
of Los Angeles

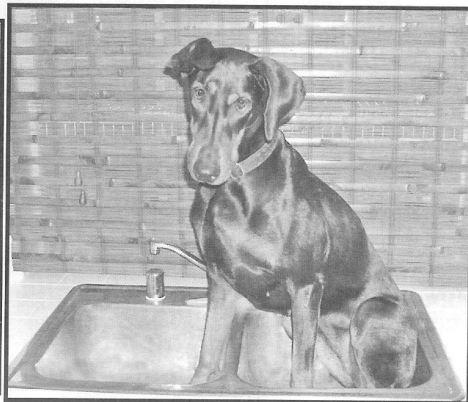
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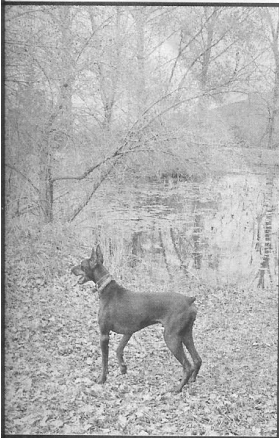
**"y"** Calvin of Northridge



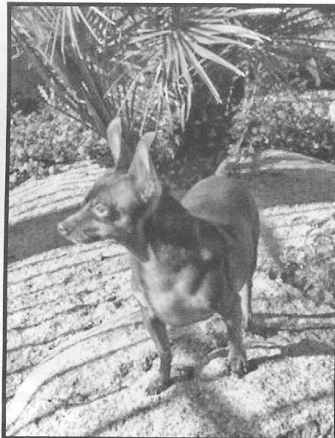
**"Vlad"** Weaverling  
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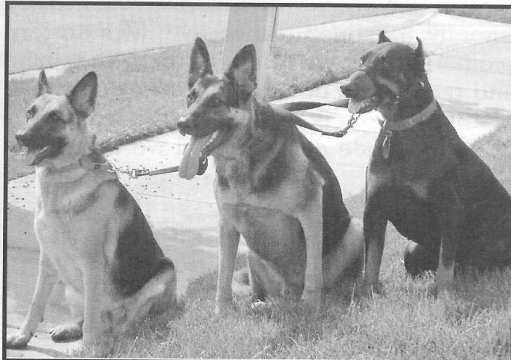
**"Luna"** Gentile of North Hills



**"n"** Garth of Wrightwood



**"Choco"** Ezor  
of Fountain Hills, AZ



**"Hanz"** Carr (right) of Yucaipa, with friends

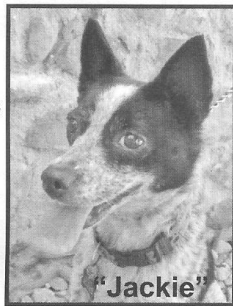
## FLOYD

is a fun, active little Terrier mix, just over 10 pounds, about 8 months old. He's cuter than his picture, loves to be cuddled, is dog-social, and should be great with kids.



## JACKIE

was returned to us years after adoption because the owner took a job that required her to work nearly a double shift every day. Jackie is dog-social, playful, about 20 pounds, and about 6 years old. She's also housebroken. In appearance, she resembles a miniature furry Cattle Dog (Heeler).



## FRESCA

is a good girl, now almost 5 years old, who has spent half her life in our kennel for reasons we can't understand. She is never chosen, though she's friendly, reasonably attractive, with no terrible habits that we're aware of. She is black and tan, with a docked tail, pleasingly plump. Fresca is waiting for the home that will have made her long wait worth it!



## TWO VETS WORTH THEIR WEIGHT IN GOLD...

Rescue organizations get to know good veterinarians probably better than most people, because almost anything that can happen to animals sooner or later does happen, to rescuers' animals. There are a few vets that really stand

out. For our purposes, these are the excellent diagnosticians and the excellent surgeons. Most of the other vetting we can do ourselves.

We've known for quite awhile that Dr. Frier at Camino Animal Hospital in Thousand Oaks is an amazing surgeon. During December he proved his mettle once again. One of our favorite dogs, Ceasar, a Dobie-Rottweiler mix who is older and has been a "free-roamer" on our property for many years, presented himself to us one day looking very bloated and miserable. Of course we know the look of a dog with bloat, so he was taken to Dr. Frier with only an urgent phone alert that his expertise was needed right away. He cancelled all of his afternoon appointments so that he was ready to operate on Ceasar immediately upon arrival.

The surgery took a long time, and Ceasar lost his spleen and quite a bit of intestine. Because Camino doesn't have 24-hour-care employees, Dr. Frier took Ceasar home with him that night to keep a close watch on him. Though he was close to death on arrival at the hospital, Ceasar survived.

Bloat isn't common here at the rescue facility because we free-feed most of our dogs. When dogs have food available all the time, they don't have the mental motivation to gorge themselves because they know the food will always be there. Ceasar bloated because he was full of gravel. Don't ask us why!

Just after Christmas we made the acquaintance of another great vet, Dr. Kelly at Four Paws Vet Clinic in Santa Paula. It was a Monday, when many vets are closed, and we had a rescue Dobie named Cajon that had blood in his urine for over a week. Antibiotics had been given and he hadn't improved, so we ruled out urinary tract infection and suspected kidney stones. Dr. Kelly did an exam, urinalysis, blood work, x-ray and ultrasound – and charged us just \$273! (This amount of work would have cost double or triple that anywhere else.) As we suspected, Cajon had a stone, and it was the size of a walnut! Dr. Kelly removed it two days later.

Thrilled with the first encounter, we brought



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another dog, Phoebe (pronounced FEE-bee) to him. Phoebe had proven to be a diagnostic nightmare. At first she had bloody stools, which progressed to bloody urine. She had seen four vets before Dr. Kelly for fecal analyses, rectal examinations, had been tried on five kinds of medications, some of them up to three times, had been put on special diet, all without success. Phoebe was losing blood and becoming very anemic.

Phoebe's first visit to Dr. Kelly included urinalysis, blood work, x-ray, and ultrasound. We received five medications for her, some of which were the same as those given previously. The following week she was worse, urinating more blood than ever. Dr. Kelly saw her a second time and said the next two days would see her improve, or die. He gave her a big shot of Vitamin K-1 and a big shot of Dexamethasone (steroid). We got more medications to take home for her, and by the next morning, her urine was clear and has remained clear! She has continued to improve to the point that, a few weeks later, she is nearly back to normal. It took just a few short visits for Dr. Kelly to "nail" the treatment that saved Phoebe, after four other vets had failed to do so for many months.

We referred an adopter of ours, Jim Phillippe of Ventura, owner of a Dobie named Gir, to Dr. Kelly the same week we went back for Phoebe's

second visit, and in ONE DAY Dr. Kelly diagnosed and majorly improved Gir's hemolytic anemia. Dr. Kelly calls her recovery "a miracle." We call it a darn good vet.

### ...AND ONE CONTRACTOR WORTH HIS WEIGHT IN GOLD

We didn't ASK him to do our drainage project. The bid from a recommended local contractor came in so high, though, that we nearly had a panic attack. We e-mailed the info to Ned Meislin, a good friend and contractor, who lives in Manhattan Beach, asking for his thoughts on whether the bid seemed reasonable. Ned then OFFERED to do the project for us.

Ned and his wife, K.C., have adopted a number of Dobies from us over the years. The most recent ones have been dogs they haven't even chosen. Ned simply says: "Who is a good dog that needs a home?"

Our construction project was begun on Monday,

February 7th.

Ned and three of his trusted men started work, creating the deep trenches required to do our





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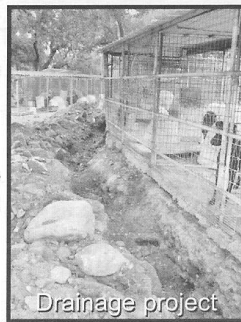
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drainage project according to plan. In and of itself this would have been a huge amount of work, but added to that was that almost every area was



Materials needed for project

packed solid with boulders (we have a very rocky environment) and large oak tree roots. Oak trees are protected, so we employed a certified arborist to ensure that the trenching did as little harm to the tree roots as possible. This was a requirement, but one we agreed with anyway, as we love our big trees for their beauty and for the shade they give our dogs.



Drainage project

At the end of the first solid week of work, Ned had gotten to know a few of our adoptable dogs, spending special time with Mystic, a white Dobie we had that



Mystic

was diagnosed with a lot of cancerous mast cell and melanoma tumors, far too many to reasonably operate on. Our vet even said that he would just rapidly grow new ones.

Ned felt so sorry for Mystic, whom we had posted as needing hospice care, that he decided to take him home for a trial with his other Dobie, Toby. So far, so good!

## PARTING SHOTS



"Joey" Pulley of Valencia

"I think we are drawn to dogs because they are the uninhibited creatures we might be if we weren't certain we knew better."

George Bird Evans