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"Bridget" and "Button"
Hatch of Santa Barbara

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It was a beastly hot and humid summer throughout California and much of the country, and all of the humans at Dobie Rescue and Little Paws were very thankful that we didn't have to run around in fur coats like our canine friends did. Though the weekends often topped 90 degrees, we still had good adoptions throughout the summer and placed many of our long-term residents.

We have an exciting new line of clothing and accessories to tell you about featuring our Dobie Rescue & Little Paws logo, and another with a classic Dobie face. There are t-shirts for men, women and dogs, sweats, tank tops, underwear, pillows, mugs, caps, bags, license plate frames, and more. They are viewable on www.cafepress.com/dobierescueelogo and www.cafepress.com/dobierescue, and we get a small percentage of each sale. Shown here are a few examples of the clothing. They were designed by our kennel supervisor, Colleen Anderson.

Here is a good idea we would like to share with you: many stores that make pet I.D. tags have five lines



available for information to be engraved. We suggest you include as much information as you have room for. In addition to the dog's name, address, and main telephone number, you could also include a cell phone number, microchip number, or alternate phone number for a friend or relative, just in case something happens to you, or you move or change phone numbers and delay getting a new tag. Please check your pet's tag right now; is it current?



A big thank you is in order for the folks at Target in Oxnard, who have been donating pet supplies for many months now, and also thanks to the volunteers who pick up these items and deliver them to us.

Finally, if you haven't yet sent us photos of your dog from the last holiday season, please do, so we can include them in our next (holiday) issue!

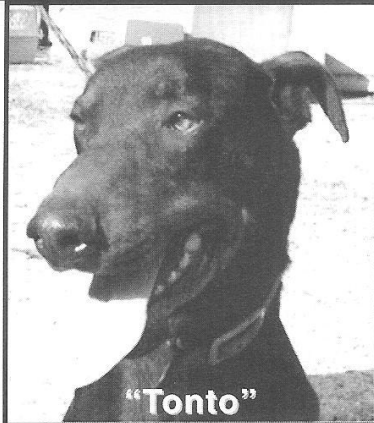
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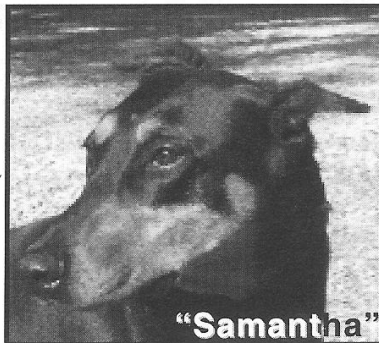
TONTO

has been in our program a whole year, and it's such a shame, because he's a young, social dog. Okay, so he's a poorly-bred Dobie, with ears that were cropped but don't stand, and his tail was docked too long, but he's a lovable goofball that we think could be a family dog and fit in nearly anywhere. Tonto is about 2 1/2 years old now, and he's about 70 pounds.



SAMANTHA

has also been here nearly a year, and she also has cropped ears that are flawed. When we rescued her from the animal shelter, we were told that she had been living with another dog who attacked her savagely, nearly ripping off one of her ears. The shelter vet sewed it back in place, but it is obviously off-center and angled oddly, giving her an unusual appearance. It isn't known if Sam can live harmoniously with another dog. She tends to be aggressive toward them on leash, though this could be the defensive aftermath of being attacked by the other dog. Sam is a large Dobie, and she's five years old.



PEARL and OPAL

are sweet senior purebred American Eskimo Dogs who came into our program

as, to quote our vet, among the worst cases of animal neglect he had ever seen. Their teeth were not only rotten (one girl had to lose 13 teeth, the other 9), but their gums and the insides of their cheeks were inflamed from abscesses due to imbedded foxtails.



Their ears, feet, and entire bodies were huge masses of imbedded foxtails. Both dogs were completely shaved at our vets, and removal of their foxtails and their rotten teeth took hours. (Our vet bill was \$990, after our discount!) The girls feel much, much better now and are looking for a home where they could hopefully stay together. They have been through a lot together! They are believed to be 9-10 years old and weigh about 15 pounds each.

Adoption Updates

Two of the sweet, special dogs featured in our last newsletter have been adopted.

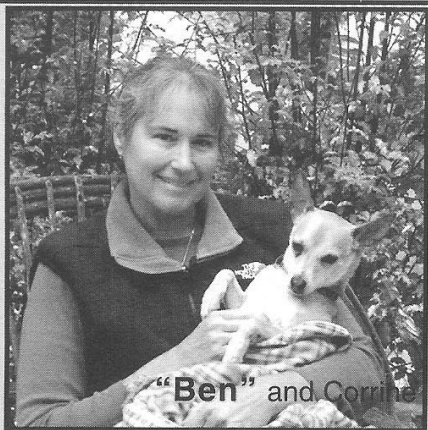
SHASTA,

the good-natured blue female Dobie who was obtained by one of our volunteers from a "free to good home" ad, has found her forever home with Frank Stanavich and Larry Brown of Los Angeles. Frank came to view a different dog, but when he spotted Shasta, it was love at first sight. Since her adoption, we've had updates that are all positive. She's a perfect house dog, and she's enjoying her new life immensely.



BENJI,

our little radar-eared Chihuahua mix, was adopted by Corrine Flanagan of Soquel. His new name is Ben, and he's never had it so



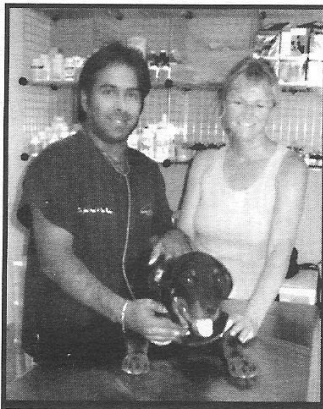
"Ben" and Corrine

good. He and Corrine take 2-hour walks daily in the woods, he swims, and he hoards his rawhide chews, stashing them in his beds all over the house. She says he's a pleaser who is totally bonded to her, and vice versa.

ST. ALISON OF ISLA MUJERES

We first heard from Alison Current shortly after Hurricane Katrina. She identified herself as a Canadian who had essentially moved 6 years ago from Colorado to Isla Mujeres, an island off the Mexican coast near Cancun. She and her husband, Jeff, had initially gone there for a vacation, but it seemed that "no matter how much time we spent there it was never enough." Then, on one visit, they saw a "for sale" sign on a piece of property on the ocean, and they bought it that day.

Alison quickly discovered that there was a tremendous need there for animal care; there were so many sick and injured animals, and the out-of-control birthrate among the animals was staggering. She began to take in unwanted strays and get them the veterinary and behavioral rehabilitation they needed. Before long, her reputation became known among the island people, and they began bringing



Alison and Dr. Vega

animals to her that needed care. A trapper named Consie began to bring feral dogs for neutering, using boiled chicken to win their trust.

Alison called us because she had rescued a couple of Dobermans who needed to find adopters, which are scarce on the island, and she wondered if we could take them if she could get them to us. We said that we would always take Dobermans, and if there were other dogs that we felt were adoptable here, we would help them, too.

Shown here are pictures of Rufus and Rudo, who are not directly related, as far as we know, but on an island where spaying and neutering was pretty much unheard of until Alison's arrival, they are probably distant cousins. Rudo was in terrible condition when he arrived at Alison's sanctuary, his



"Rufus"



"Rudo"

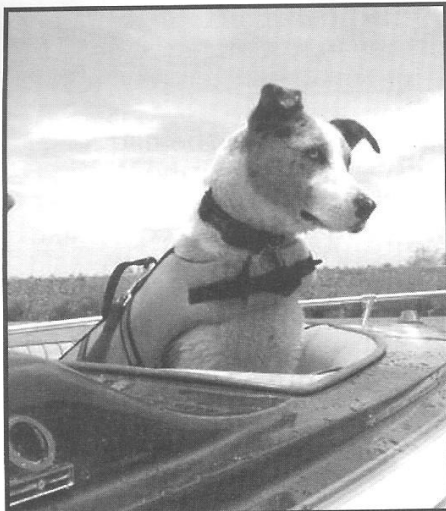
poodle-type curls matted into long dreadlocks, his skin covered with scabies. Rufus was just an outcast, skinny and not trusting people very much, as someone had apparently thrown him out in the street. Both dogs are young adults with lovely temperaments, and they were flown here from Mexico to be cared for and adopted. Rufus is a special-needs dog, as he is deaf.

In addition to our hope that these dear Terrier-Poodle mixes be adopt-

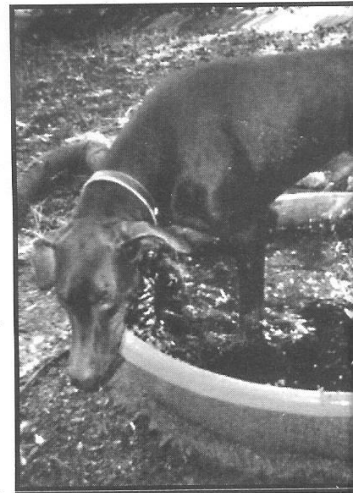
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A few happy adoptees!

Here's how some dogs beat the heat this summer!



"Leah" Maroney of Highland



"Chopper" Renison of



"Woody" Lemon of Santa Barbara



"Sydney Roo" and "Morgan" DeLong of Oak View in their parade outfits



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"Bubba" MacCosham of Ventura



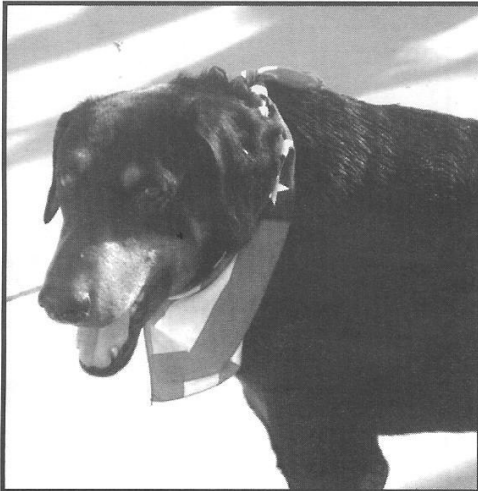
"Little Angel" and "Precious" Wolff of Thousand Oaks



"Jenny" of Sherr



San Bernardino



"Gaucho" Salmont
of Santa Clarita



"Sheila" Salzman of Goleta



"Andy" and **"Simon"**
of Santa Barbara



"Mack" Sawyer of Ventura



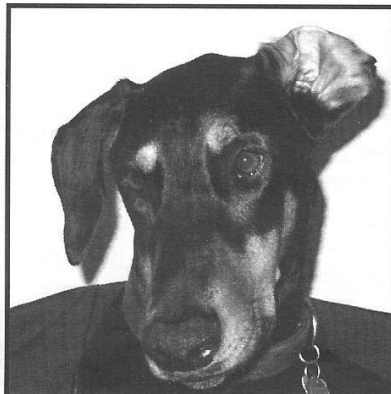
"Esther" and **"Java"** Null of Winnetka



Maguire
of San Oaks



"Dexter"
Craig-Aldrich
of Pacific Palisades



"Jake" Berglund
of Pomona



"Dewey" Manning of Goleta

ed into loving homes among our readers (not necessarily together), we're also asking for donations to assist Alison with her work in Mexico. She has built enclosures for the animals in her care, always between 20 and 30 at a time, and assisted in getting a veterinary clinic set up on the island to treat common medical conditions and to spay and neuter the animals, at her expense, with a little help from fund raisers.

Alison needs help to continue the work on Isla Mujeres; in addition, there is an area next to Cancun on the mainland called Rancho Viejo, where the animal care situation is horrible. She hopes to hold the first spay/neuter clinic there in November. Other projects she is working on include banning animal control by electrocution, building additional holding pens for strays, vaccinating all the dogs and cats, and promoting animal care education.

Any donations sent to us for Alison's work are tax-deductible, should be made payable to Doberman Pinscher Rescue, and should be earmarked in the lower left-hand corner "for Isla Mujeres animals." Alison will personally thank each and every one of you for caring.



Alison with helper Molly distributing food and collars after Hurricane Wilma

A HAPPY HOMECOMING FOR HOLLY

This is too good a story not to share, and it's certainly the happiest homecoming since the dogs we sent back to their owners following Hurricane Katrina.

In August, 2000, we placed a young female Rottweiler named Holly with a Los Angeles couple, Darrell and Geraldine Craig. We checked in with them once after her adoption and she was doing great.

Fast forward to mid-July, 2006, nearly six years later: we got a

call from the San Bernardino animal shelter; they had impounded a female Rottweiler who carried a microchip registered to us. It was Holly.

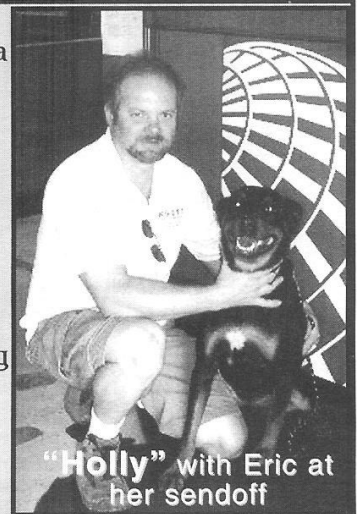
The record in our computer had two telephone numbers for the Craigs, a home number and a work number. We tried both numbers, but neither number belonged to them any more. Then we looked them up on our mailing list, and they were no longer there. That meant they had moved and didn't tell us where.

Fortunately for all, we have a personal friend who is a private investigator, and he has access to a database that can find almost anyone. His name is Larry Murrillo, and he found Darrell Craig in the database, now residing in Dunedin, Florida.

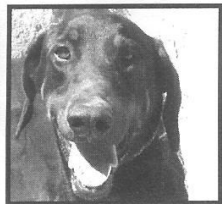
We called Darrell Craig and told him the news. He was incredulous. He said Holly had been stolen from them about three months after they adopted her from us. They had looked for her for months, eventually giving up, and a few years later they relocated to Florida. Darrell remembered Holly fondly, and yes! They wanted her back, regardless of the expense.

It was a pleasure making the arrangements for Holly's transport: getting her medical certificate so she could fly, providing a crate for her transport, booking and transporting her to a Continental Airlines flight to Tampa, Florida, where she arrived safe and sound on July 31.

Holly is fully housebroken so she has "privileges," acreage to run on, a swimming



"Holly" with Eric at her sendoff



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pool to beat the heat, and kids who adore her.

P.S. If you move, please update your information with us! Also feel free to contact us if you need a good private investigator!

CANINE CELEBRITIES

He was in a high-kill shelter, and he was too cute to pass up, some sort of Welsh Corgi mix, possibly with Belgian Tervuren. We brought him in two years ago and integrated him with a very social group of dogs. He was such a prince that we described him as “bullet-proof” with dogs and kids, the kind of dog you can take anywhere. We posted him that way on www.petfinder.com, and we named him Kip.

In July, 2004, Mary and Al Shadbourne of Torrance adopted Kip, hoping to train him to help Al with his animal assisted therapy volunteer activities. They have another dog, a purebred Welsh Corgi, Rico, who was already involved in this special work. Both Kip and Rico completed the months of required training and have passed the obedience and stress testing requirements for certification by the Delta Society as pet therapy dogs, enabling them to work with adults and children in the

most difficult environments.

Now Kip joins Rico in over a thousand hours a year of bringing smiles to people in hospitals (including psychiatric hospitals), homeless shelters, nursing homes, and at special events such as the Special Olympics and “Beach Day” at Miller Children’s Hospital in Long Beach. They have both been published: Rico in the centerfold of the Miller Children’s Hospital brochure; Kip’s photo adorns the back of the booklet that is supplied to all Long Beach Memorial Hospital rehabilitation center patients.

Here’s a recent photo of Kip (in the foreground) and Rico, doing their important work.





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Keepers by Eric Munck

This is an unpleasant subject to write about, but it's increasingly becoming a problem: DOG THEFT! In the past few months, two Dobermans have been stolen directly from our facility. We've heard about numerous others that have been stolen from adopters' yards. We've also heard that there is a theft ring going on, specifically targeting Dobermans, whether for cardio-vascular research or what, we're not sure.

Please take steps to ensure that you have done everything possible to keep your dog safe. First, put padlocks on all of your gates if your dog is left outside when you're not home. Some evil people actually pay kids to show them where there are dogs that are easy to steal. If you can't padlock your gates for some reason, it's a good idea to put heavy-duty springs on your gates so that they close automatically, in case the meter-reader or pool man becomes careless.

Second, microchip your dog. That way, even if your dog is stolen and ends up in a terrible situation, it is still identifiable. (We microchip dogs for \$10 each: our cost.) I. D. tags are also very important and will be the best path to recovery should the dog somehow manage to get away from the thief right away.

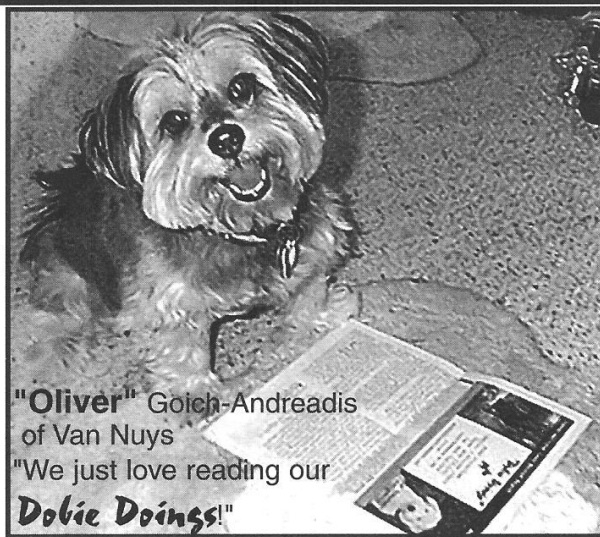
Third, try to establish some relationships with neighbors, often called Neighborhood Watch, where neighbors watch out for each other, noting

suspicious cars and people. Write down the license number of any suspicious car, just in case.

We were able to identify one of our dog-nappers, and charges have been filed. However, that person had moved to Florida, and the authorities have so far done absolutely nothing to track down the perpetrator. Apparently it's "only a misdemeanor" to steal a dog, which serves to illustrate that prevention is the best defense.

On a happier note, our car-donation program continues to do well and pays for a whole lot of dog food and vet bills. Also welcome: tools, equipment, building materials, and, at the top of our wish list, an old ATV or tractor.

Parting Shot



"Oliver" Goich-Andreadis
of Van Nuys

"We just love reading our

Dobie Doings!"