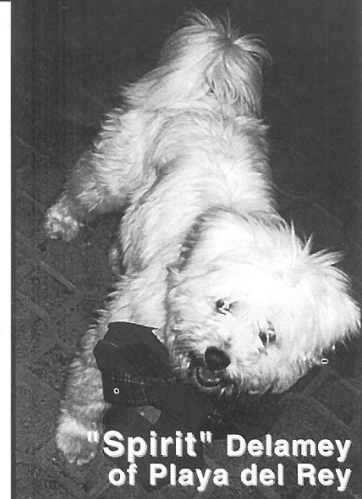


"Ike" Axelsen of Santa Monica

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"Spirit" Delamey of Playa del Rey

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The big news this fall at the ranch was another evacuation because of the horrendous Piru brush fire that came to Fillmore, ultimately burning something like 100,000 acres. We had evacuated in May, 1996, because a fire that summer came within a few hundred yards. This fall the fire was 2 miles away, with Santa Ana winds blowing it our way, and it makes us worry because of the magnitude of our evacuation process.

We began evacuating Sunday night, October 26, and completed it the next morning. Chari Petrowski of Ojai appeared at our gate and loaded up 7 social dogs, employee Maryanne DeCoste of Oxnard took home a batch of social dogs, and most of the rest were hauled in crates to the Fillmore Animal Hospital, where we were allowed to use all of their kennel runs and keep the rest in crates in their back yard, where our volunteers walked, fed, watered, and scooped the herd for 2 days. Drs. Rick and Ellie Wattles and their staff were absolutely wonderful and get the highest marks from all of us. We highly recommend this animal hospital and its three excellent vets to one and all!

Volunteers Tom Clark, Kim Baird, Susan Schionning, Betty Cochran, Nina Armstrong, Trisha Frederickson and her sister Terry Frederickson, Carlos Martinez, new employee Colleen Anderson, Carin Seebold, Jo-Anne

Saunders, and Melanie Pozez worked tirelessly to assist us. Kim owns a stock trailer and helped us return all the large dogs in their crates to the ranch on Wednesday, October 29, though she had to take time off from work to do so. Betty, Susan and Tom all spent at least one night in order to be available for more than one day's work. We had literally dozens of calls and e-mail offering help. Some of you called so early that we were unconcerned about the fire and said it was no problem ~ too far away, not to worry. Many of you got the news belatedly and called after we had already repatriated the dogs. Some of you who called during the actual crisis were so far away... We are preparing a recall list of volunteers to call when the next crisis occurs, so that we'll have a ready list of helpers who can come to help us move, care for, and/or foster dogs on an urgent basis. Please call, write or e-mail us with your name, location, and phone numbers (day, evening, cell phone, etc.) to contact if/when the need occurs.

To one and all of you that offered concern and help, THANK YOU! A heartfelt thanks also to those of you who are regular contributors to our cause, and to those who sent a special gift to help us during the crisis. It was an expensive evacuation, as we had to buy many crates, as well as fire hoses, fire extinguishers, etc.; thank goodness for credit cards!

Our vehicle donation program is in high gear,

with more nice cars than ever being donated and turned into support for the critters. We also had a very unusual gift donated by the Batch family of Redlands (see story on page 7).

With the holiday season upon us, we wish peace, health and love to all of you and your dear pets. Our centerfold, as always, is of holiday photos from the previous year. Enjoy!

Happy Holidays,

Ardis Munch

ADOPTION UPDATES

Of the six senior dogs featured in our September issue, three were adopted!

SILVERINA,

our fragile little 10-year-old Silky Terrier mix, was adopted by Marybeth Power of Oxnard.

Marybeth had trouble deciding between adopting Silverina and Ozzie, a little Shih Tzu she saw the same day, so she adopted both!

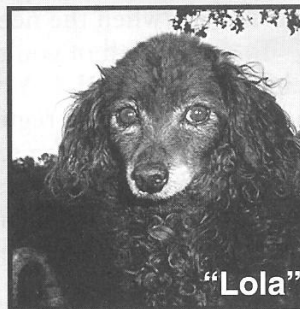


Despite the expected additional veterinary care older dogs often require, Silverina has done well in her new home with her new companion.

LOLA

is a lucky little old lady! (She's the Poodle-Spaniel mix who had to have 17 teeth pulled upon her arrival.)

When we had an e-mail from Traci Rainbolt of Thousand Oaks about fostering a small dog for us, we suggested Lola. We knew her to be gentle and sweet and believed her to be housebroken, so Traci took her home to her family. Lola is there



permanently now and is well loved by all!

From Traci's October 5th e-mail:

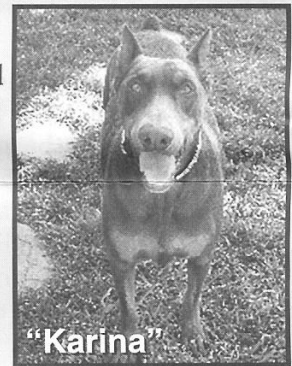
"We LOVE this little angel. Every one of us including Skip and Louigi (see picture of Skip and Louigi on pp 4-5)....I think she realizes she is home....Lola loves to play with Lou and they tumble and play like puppies....

Whenever I lay or sit down she is right there by me. She is soooooo quiet and gentle and sweet natured...I keep thinking somebody should be missing her dearly. She has not had one accident in the house and she has had free range day and night....

The little neighbor girl comes over just to hold her. She is part of the family already. Thank you for sharing her with us and for recommending her...."

JITTERBUG,

our beautiful 8-year-old red girl, was adopted by Jeanette Armond of Nipomo. Her new name is Karina, and here's an excerpt from Jeanette's October 8 e-mail:



"Karina is doing fantastic! I simply cannot fathom how she could have ever been surrendered. She is a near perfect dog. Her manners around other dogs and people are absolutely impeccable....

She's very intuitive, and seems to know who to approach, and who to quietly observe....She's even been wonderful to my little 9 year old neighbor Evelyne who comes over to...'brush your dog and dress her up,' and Karina performed like a pro - meekly allowing herself to be subjected to the indignity of it all, and thoroughly enjoying every minute of it!

Karina has all the energy of any 3 year old dog I've ever met, without the destructiveness. She loves to run...with the craziest grin on her silly face....

Once again thank you for matching us up with this wonderful dog!"

...A FEW MORE HANDICAPPED ALUMNI...

Our June issue featured many of our dear handicapped alumni who found loving homes despite their disabilities. The three pictures shown below were not received in time to be included in that issue, but here they are:

"Cutie Pie"

Thompson of Studio City with Snooksie and owner Phyllis. Cutie Pie is senior AND deaf!



"Little Filly"

Wheeler of San Bernardino has only one eye, but he's the light of their lives.



"Ice" and "Angie"

Doyle of Port Hueneme. Ice is blind, and Angie is a senior at 10 years young.



WAITING FOR HOMES

GLENDA

is the most precious little thing: gentle, quiet, social and loving.



"Glenda"

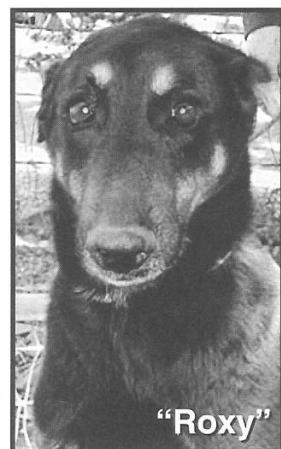
She was "saved" initially by the animal shelter employee in charge of how long the dogs stay after they become available. Probably a Beagle-Bulldog mix, she's about 25 pounds, with short hair, and she's a young adult.

Glenda is truly a wonderful dog, but she has a deformity, a birth defect, which caused both front legs to be bowed. When she walks, her front end is hunched over a bit, so long walks and hikes would probably not suit her well. We think a couch in front of the TV would suit her well!

ROXY

is also a wonderful dog. She is probably Doberman and Shepherd, middle-aged, with cropped ears (though it's not apparent from this picture). She's good with other dogs and kids, housebroken, non-destructive, and a good watchdog.

Roxy has two negatives: she needs a high fence, as she is spooked by loud noises like thunder and firecrackers, and she's terrible with small animals like cats and rabbits. She has waited for years for a permanent home....

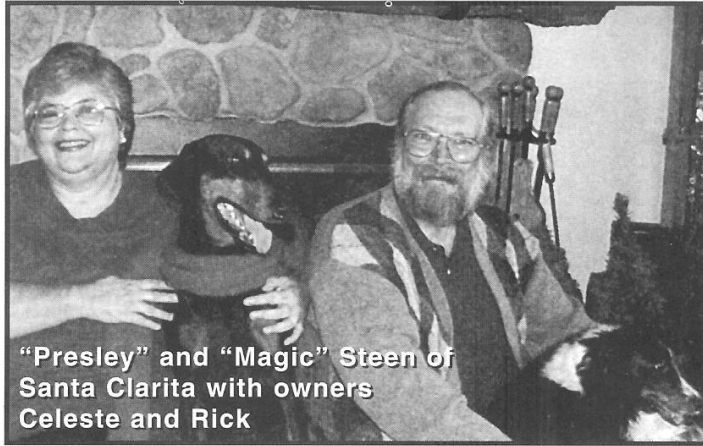


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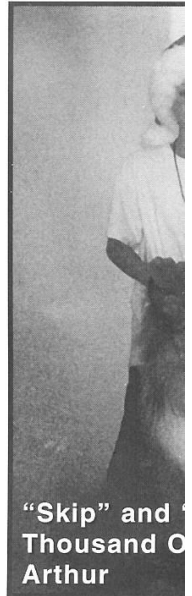
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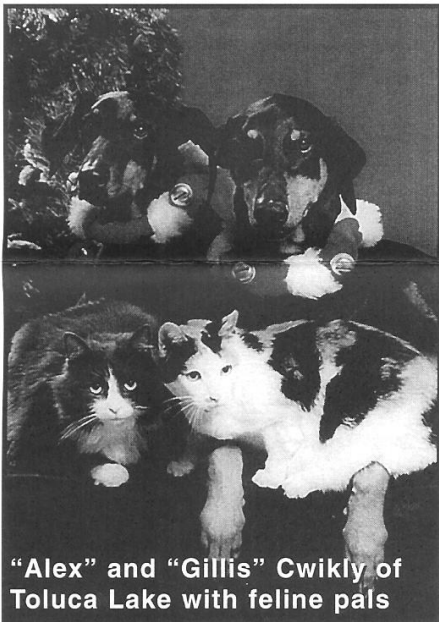
"Ty" Trabuc of Santa Barbara



"Presley" and "Magic" Steen of Santa Clarita with owners Celeste and Rick



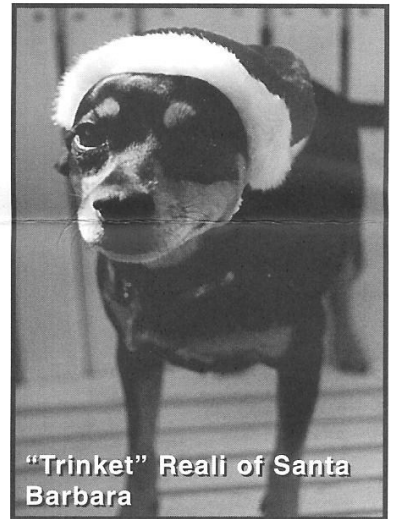
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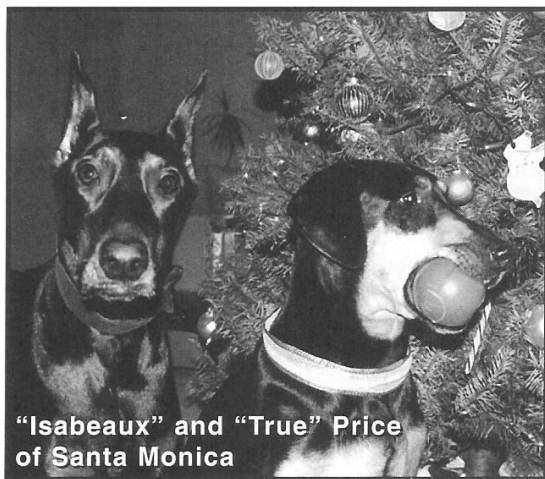
"Alex" and "Gillis" Cwikly of Toluca Lake with feline pals



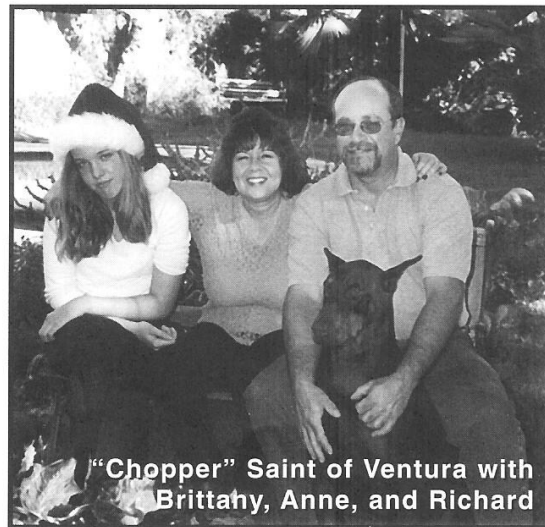
"Aegis" and "Susie" Nichols of Los Angeles with owner Mary



"Trinket" Reali of Santa Barbara



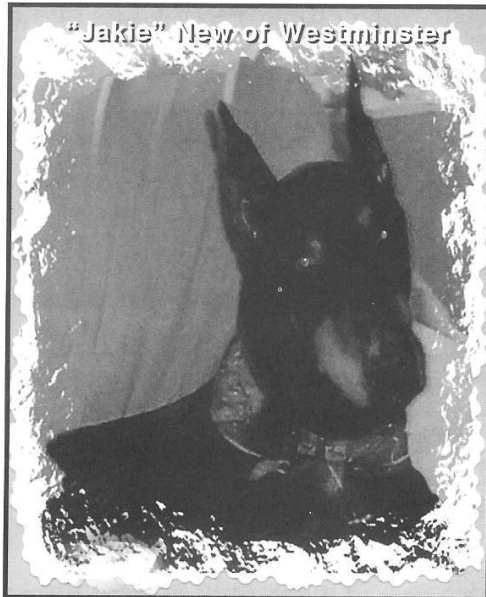
"Isabeaux" and "True" Price of Santa Monica



"Chopper" Saint of Ventura with Brittany, Anne, and Richard



"ouigi" Rainbolt of
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"Jakie" New of Westminster



"Cherry" and "Big Sur"
De Marco of Granada Hills

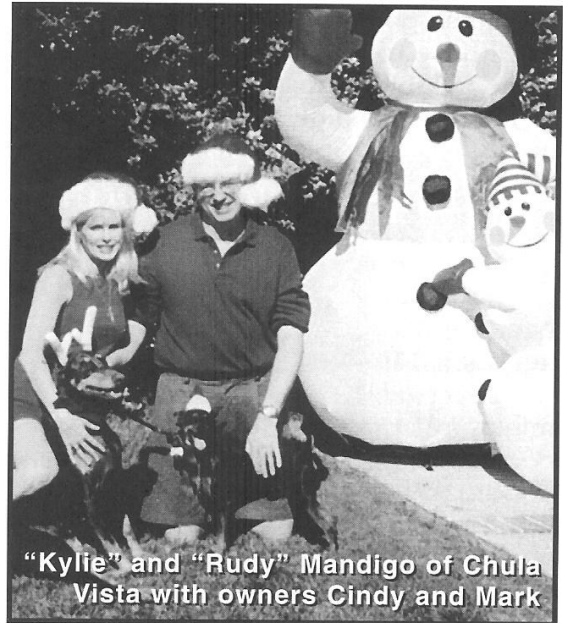


"Suzie" Conord of Fresno with
owners Gene and Gin

Happy Holidays



"Dakota" and "Jessie" McMillan of Ventura
with owners Jeff and Patty, with Santa



"Kylie" and "Rudy" Mandigo of Chula
Vista with owners Cindy and Mark

BASIL

has had an unfortunate run of luck, and is urgently in need of an adoptive or foster home. We placed Basil two years ago with a woman who

loved him, but when her father came to visit, Basil nipped him. So he was returned and spent the next two years basically hiding in his Dogloo. He is social with other dogs, but he was so depressed that we rarely saw him.

Then Natalie Koe of Mission Viejo decided to foster him. He worked well with her other two Dobermans and became part of the family while a permanent home was sought. He did display some protectiveness and suspicion of strangers, but nothing out of control. Sadly, Natalie had to sell her house due to a divorce in October, so Basil went to another foster home with Jennifer Owyong in Glendale.

Jennifer's home has a short gate, and Basil jumped over it the first day he was left home alone, patiently waiting for Jennifer on her front porch when she arrived home that day. Now she keeps him in a crate when she goes to work. As of January 1, she'll have to start working long hours and won't be able to foster Basil any longer.

Basil needs a gentle, low-stress adult home, foster or permanent, NOW!



MAUI

is another urgent case because of her age: 11. She is a miniature poodle or poodle mix with one eye, and she's a darling. We



placed her three years ago at age 8, and her owners just moved to Florida and didn't take Maui. She's quiet, gentle, housebroken, and good with other dogs. Will someone please take this little lady home for the holidays?

Keepers by Eric Munck

2003 has been a banner year for car donations. I have picked up, fixed, and sold more cars than ever before. Car donations alone have offset almost 50% of our cost of dog food this year. Amazing! We can't begin to thank you all for your generosity.

Please help spread the word. Our 14-year-old Chevy truck finally gave up the ghost, and given the number of car donations, I'm in the market for a real tow truck! If you know anyone who has a tow-truck business, please ask if they would care to donate one of their older units. Or maybe take up collections from friends, colleagues and family for the Dobie Rescue tow truck fund?

We've traditionally intercepted dogs about to be taken to the pound, leading us to conclude that many people have no idea that private non-profit no-kill sanctuaries such as ours exist. So how does one spread the word? We can't afford full-page ads, TV or radio commercials, so what to do? One answer is K9 911!

This is the SEARCH, RESCUE and PR division of Dobie Rescue, operated by yours truly. The idea is to make the public aware of the existence of ALL dog rescue facilities (not just Dobie Rescue), and one of the ways to do that is to travel to dog shows, adoption events, community service functions, etc., with the K9 911 rescue-mobile. This vehicle, shown on the next page, is the Goodwill Ambassador for all dog rescues! Honk when you see the K9 911 truck; it will be either me or Ardis driving it!

Ardis bought this truck new 10 years ago (some of you will remember it used to be



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green) and drove it for 180,000 miles rescuing deserving dogs. This truck is truly built "Ford tough!" Apart from regular maintenance items, **nothing** has broken or needed replacement.* I restored it with the help of many old friends and colleagues from the automotive industry. Our major sponsors include: Prime Wheels, Yokohama Tires, Superwinch, Westin, Airlift, Bushwacker, Supersprings, and In & Out Paint & Body. Please support these companies and help us repay their generosity! By the way, if any of you need advice about cars, please feel free to call. As a retired automobile industry executive, I will be pleased to help with advice on purchasing and maintenance.

*Needless to say our new rescue van is also a Ford.

A BATCH OF GOODIES

We had a most unusual donation this fall from Larry Batch, an adopter of ours and President of Exotic Imports, and Beemer Batch, of Redlands, CA. These folks import catalog items such as fashion jewelry, camera bags and backpacks, purses, picture frames, etc., in enormous quantities. They donated many TONS of brand new, unsold merchandise to Dobie Rescue! It took several trips with a 17' U-Haul truck pulling a trailer just to get it here.

We hope to sell these items piecemeal at swap meets and perhaps on e-bay, with all of the proceeds used to benefit the animals. Many, many thanks to Larry and Beemer and their families for thinking of us!

HAMMOCKS FOR THE HOUNDS

Over the years we've tried many things to make the dogs more comfortable in their kennels. Someone donated many carpet samples years ago; they were a nightmare the next day, shredded and piddled on. Dog pillows turn out much the same way, as do blankets. Then we got some raised plastic resting platforms, but they were hard, and the dogs didn't lie on them.

Finally we hit on the right item, thanks to Susan Schionning, our A+ volunteer/webmaster.



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By phone: 1-800-752-5308

By fax: 410-266-3944

Need an Adjustment?

One of our long-term good friends and adopters is Dr. Russ Pisano, who happens to be an outstanding Los Angeles area chiropractor. Not only is Russ a generous contributor to our cause, but he has also now offered to provide his professional services to any of our adopters/referrals, with the proceeds going to Dobie Rescue!

As of the writing, Susan Schionning has had two adjustments and will give Russ an outstanding reference! (You can e-mail Susan at dobiesos@earthlink.net, or call her at 661-400-2256.)

If you're interested in Russ' superb offer, you can e-mail him at DrPisano@aol.com, or call him at (310)-659-8500. Feel better immediately and help the dogs at the same time, a great holiday gift to give yourself or a loved one!

Wish List

We're hoping Santa will notice our wish list, because all of us (critters and humans) have rarely been naughty and generally been nice this year, so here goes:

- ❄ Homes for our dogs of all sizes, permanent or foster;
- ❄ Kuranda beds (note paragraph on this page telling you how you can order);
- ❄ Varikennels and cages, all sizes, new or used;
- ❄ Supplies such as dog shampoo, fly spray, Frontline, Advantage, and collars (11" to 19");
- ❄ Pooper scoopers;
- ❄ Buckets, any size, metal preferred;
- ❄ Tow truck (so we don't have to rent expensive equipment every time a car is donated);
- ❄ Spare change and unwanted vehicles!