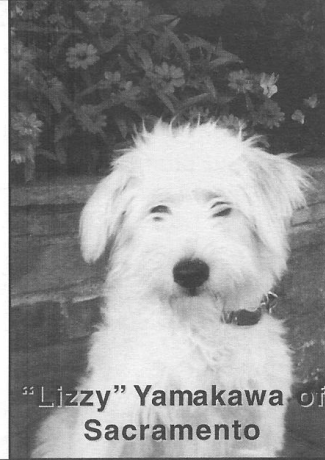


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It has been an exciting three months since our last issue. Adoptions have been spectacular. In one 5-weekend period we placed 47 small dogs and 7 Dobies. That's 54 dogs with great new homes, and 54 homes with great new dogs! Of major help in placing the little guys is the Petfinder.com web site, which always features a pretty good sampling of dogs available.

Our kennel building project, which we had to abandon for lack of funding, may be back on track shortly. I am in final stages of refinancing the property and can then pursue building our kennel with personal funds. There is nothing I would rather spend it on!

We have received several vehicle donations during the past quarter, and those of you who have always helped us financially continue to do so. Thank you all!

Thank you, also, for all the wonderful pictures and updates you send us about your pets. Though we can't print all of them in *Dobie Doings* due to lack of space and poor contrasts or clarity in many pictures, we save and treasure ALL of them.

Every time we mail out *Dobie Doings*, several dozen copies are returned by the post office, most of them with new address labels on them so that we can update our mailing list. But there are always at least a dozen that bear no forwarding address. What concerns us is not only that we can no longer stay in touch with you, but most of you have dogs with microchips and tags that are registered to you in our computer. If you move, please inform us so that we can update your animal i.d. information.

A special thanks to new volunteers Misk DeMarco (adoption assistant and dog walker), Shelly Burns (adoption assistant and dog bather), Susan Schionning (shelter/internet scout and transporter), Vicki Stone (groomer), Lisa Sheridan (shelter scout and transporter), and faithful long-term volunteer Carin Seebold (adoption assistant and dog walker).

Be safe, and hug your dogs for us.

Sincerely,
Ardis Munck
Ardis Munck

Adoption Updates

This is the second time in a row we can say that, of the dogs featured in our last issue, only one found a home - but what a wonderful home he found!

Gorgee (pronounced gore-ghee), our 6-year-old blue Dobie who lost his home when his owner moved to an apartment, now lives with Ed Skaats and his two other great dogs and two cats in Riverside.

Ed was quite devastated when his previous male Dobie, Guapo, passed away

quite suddenly, and he said he was open to adopting another deserving male if one was available.



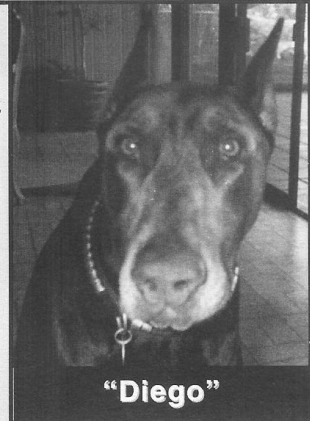
It's always hard to choose a dog for someone else, because they are all deserving! But Gorgee had waited long enough and we knew him to be kind, social, housebroken, and special. The only problem was, his ex-owner had said "no cats." Ed has two of them.

Ed accepted our invitation to bring Gorgee to his home to meet the rest of the family. The three dogs had no apparent "issues" to work out, and Gorgee seemed quite indifferent to the cats. We departed Ed's house with Gorgee happily gnawing on a bone in the den, one entire wall of which is taken up with an oil painting of Ed's dearly departed Guapo and his very-much-alive companion, Pillar.

Gorgee's new name is Diego, and here is an excerpt from a recent e-mail from Ed:

"Thank you again for introducing me to Diego. He's great, sweet, affectionate, and a big goof. He goes after my cats occasionally but not with murderous intent. After he chases them we have a little 'come to Jesus' talk and everything is

fine for a while....He appears to be very happy and is having a great time playing with Bogie and Pillar. He's a glutton....I think I know where the name Gorgee (as in gorge) came from. He eats like a Clydesdale. Thanks again."



WAITING FOR HOMES

"Queen"

Poor QUEEN. She was adopted as a young dog and spent most of her life with her human and two other Dobies, and then her human became ill and homeless.

Queen is not quite all Dobie, but we can't guess what her mix is. She's 8-9 years old, housebroken, ok with other dogs, good off leash, and she's quite a good watchdog.



"Gus",

like Queen, was returned to us after spending most of his life with his owner who became homeless. He is also 8-9 years



old but is a purebred Dobie (he does have a tail, though). He's housebroken and would do best as an only dog.

"Lulu"

is a sweet, funny little Cocker/Dachshund mix. She has long black fur and a very reliable disposition. We think she's 6-7 years old, and she's been with us over a year, partly because she stays for the most part in her dog house and doesn't come out to show off when we have visitors. Lulu is active and gets along well with other dogs.



housebroken, good with other dogs and older kids, and smart. His only fault is that he can be a "door darter," meaning he will seize the opportunity to check out the neighborhood. A secure yard and alert owner would do the trick.

"Patrick"

is a well-behaved small dog, about 13 pounds, who gets along with other dogs and should be good with kids. He's a young adult and would probably make a good lap dog, as he likes to be held. He has a short, dense coat; perhaps a Pomeranian/Chihuahua mix.



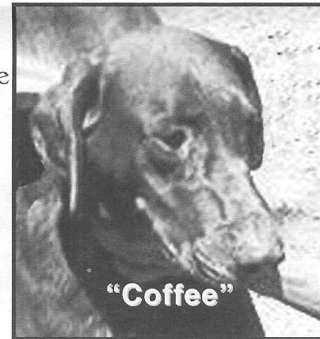
"Freddie"

is another of our long-term residents. We think the reason is that he's a little large for the small-dog people, and too small for the big-dog people. He weighs about 30 pounds and has a lanky build, and he's about 4 years old. Freddie bunks with several other similar-sized dogs and gets along with them well.



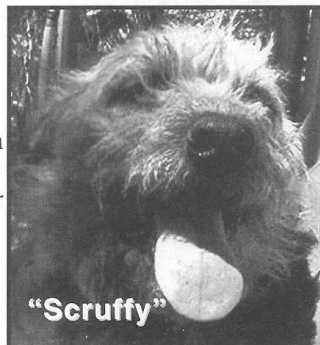
"Coffee"

is a big, big boy. He looks like a red Dobie, but we suspect he may have a bit of chocolate Lab as well, as he's stocky and has short, dense fur. He's about 5 years old and very mellow, and he weighs at least 95 pounds.



"Scruffy"

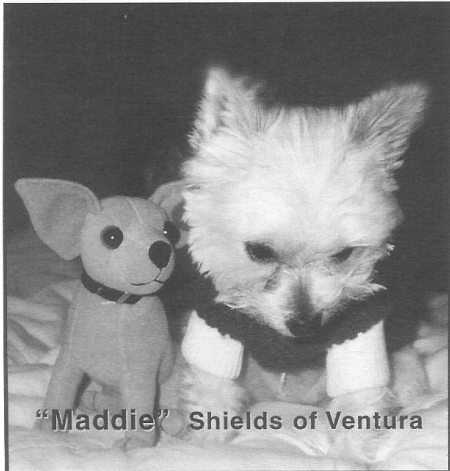
has been in the rescue program for years. He is a 30-pound terrier mix with wiry hair and a cute personality, 3-4 years old. He is believed to be



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

In order to keep a true perspective of one's importance, everyone should have a dog that will worship him and a cat that will ignore him.
- Dereke Bruce

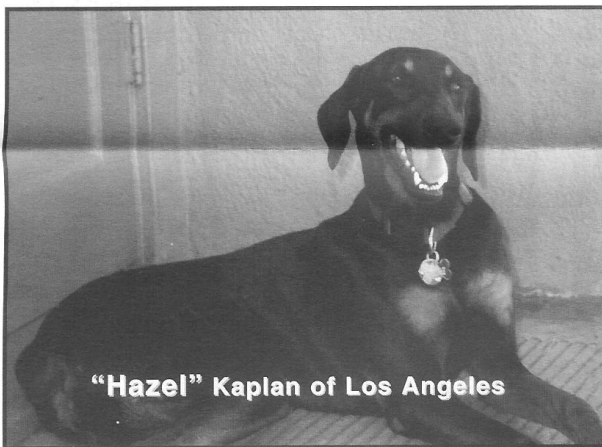
A few more happy Adoptees!



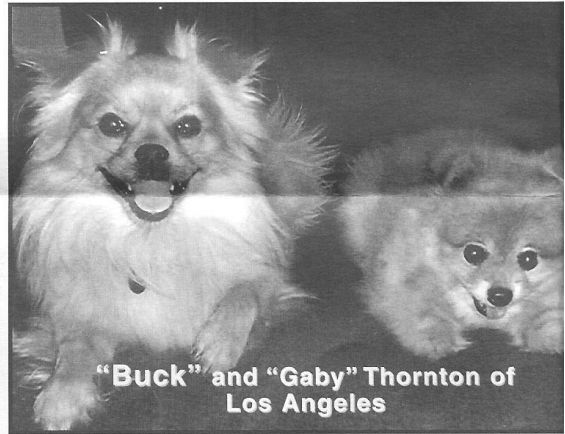
"Maddie" Shields of Ventura



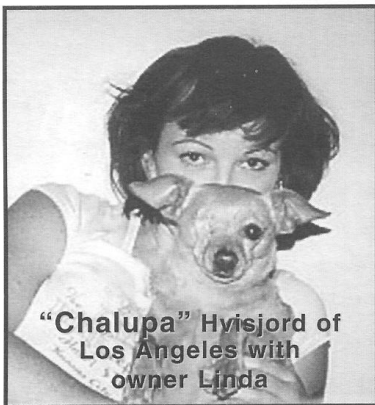
"Clifford" and "Summer" Wegener, of Los Angeles, owner Carla



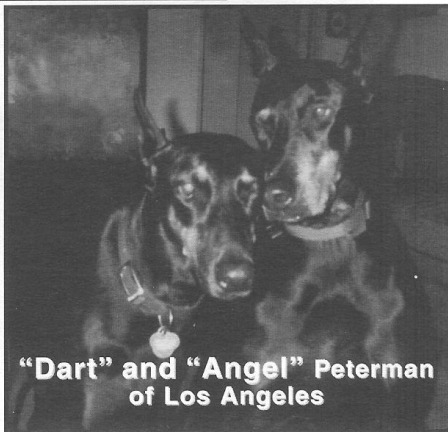
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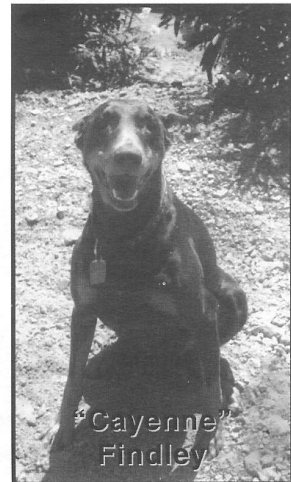
"Buck" and "Gaby" Thornton of Los Angeles



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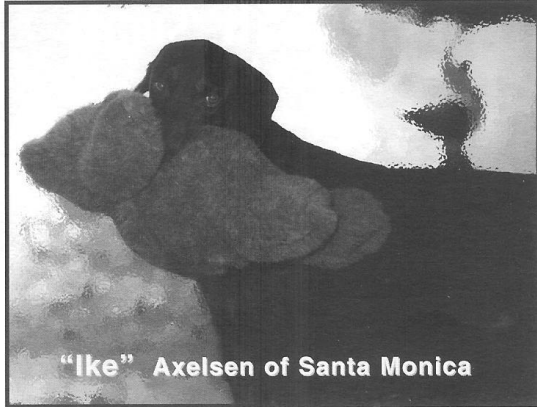
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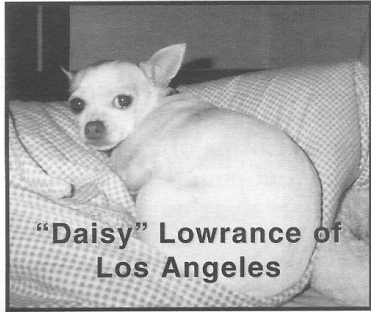
"Cayenne" Findley



**"Popcorn," "Poonchky," and
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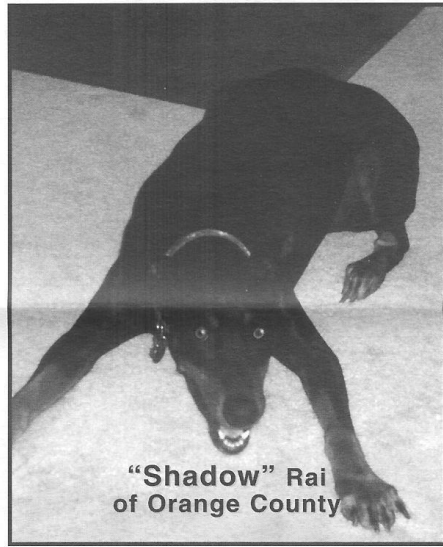
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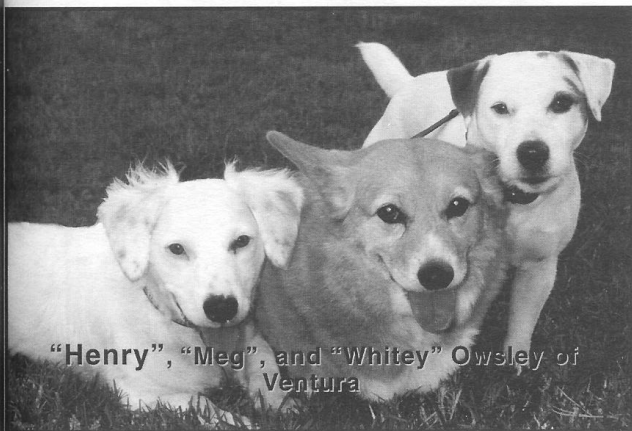
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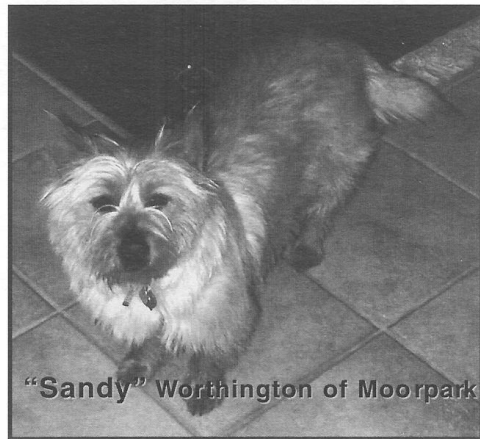
"Bella" Sly-Nangle of West Hills



**"Shadow" Rai
of Orange County**



**"Henry", "Meg", and "Whitey" Owsley of
Ventura**



"Sandy" Worthington of Moorpark

It's a Small, Small World!

If you are ever tempted to think that one person can't make a difference in this world, think again! We can touch each other's lives in the most unexpected ways. It's the reason expressions like "payback," "pay it forward," and "karma" have acquired such meaning and universal understanding. It really is a small world.

Here are a couple of recent small world stories from the world of dog rescue.

Eric and I stopped to buy gas at a station in Burbank, about an hour from home, and a woman at the next pump was filling the tank of her large motor home. After exchanging a few pleasantries, Eric said "You and your family should have a dog with you on your trip. It's great fun for the dog, and they can protect you, too, if necessary."

"Well, we're planning to get a dog when we get back to Tennessee," she said.

"What kind of dog?" Eric had to know.

"We really love Dobermans," she said.

Eric, with his eyes sparkling, pulled out a copy of *Dobie Doings* and handed it to the woman. "If you decide to get your dog before you leave California, give us a call," he said.

Two weeks later, she called. The family came to visit on June 22nd and had a great time viewing all the Dobies, finally choosing a young female named Spinner to take back to Tennessee with them.

We are sometimes uncomfortable placing a dog so far from home. What if it doesn't work out? But in the case of this particular dog, there was virtually nothing that could go wrong. She was sweet, social, good with kids, just a great dog.

Spinner, whose new name is Sarah, is

now at home in Mountain City, Tennessee, with Chris de Bartolomeo and her family. Isn't she cute?



"Sarah"

One week later, we had a call from Karyn DeLorme of Lusby, Maryland, who was on a camping trip across country with her teenage daughters, Maggie and Caroline. They had met a couple in Wyoming who were from California on their way to Pennsylvania, and they were accompanied by their beautiful Doberman. They struck up a conversation and learned about our facility.

Karen said that our phone number was taped to the dashboard and was all the girls talked about until they arrived in California.

Karen and the girls, too, found a wonderful companion, Belle, whose demeanor is so wonderful and reliable that we had not the slightest hesitation about placing her so far from home.

Here's Belle in her new digs.



"Belle" & "Romeo"
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Medical Matters

The following information is unproven by us, but it came in the form of a news bulletin from the ASPCA-Poison Hotline:

Grapes and raisins are highly toxic to some dogs, resulting in kidney failure and death. It is unknown if all breeds are susceptible, and what quantities of grapes or raisins need to be consumed to be life-threatening.

Given the grave consequences, we hope you will pass this information along to everyone you know who has a dog. If even one life is saved, the effort will have been well spent.

P.S. Other things that are toxic to some dogs are chocolate, salmon, and oleander plants.

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Good news for those of you who have dogs with stubborn lick granulomas. These are the lick spots, usually on the

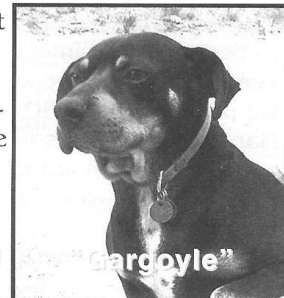
front of the dogs' paws, that are very common in Dobermans. For many people, all efforts to keep the dogs from licking/biting/chewing on these sore areas fail. We have proven success with Clomicalm, a sort of doggie Prozac, improving and eliminating the problem! This product has proven successful in treating "separation anxiety" problems. Call us if you want to learn more.

Keepers

by Eric Munk

I've got a cute little dog named Gargoyle. He's not actually little, but he's the smallest of the little group that lives at my shop, and the most innocent.

Ardis and I captured Gargoyle on a bridge near downtown Fillmore about 2 years ago. We were on the way home at night, and there he was, in the middle of the road, a mostly-black dog, and he nearly got squashed. Ardis jumped out of the car and I headed to



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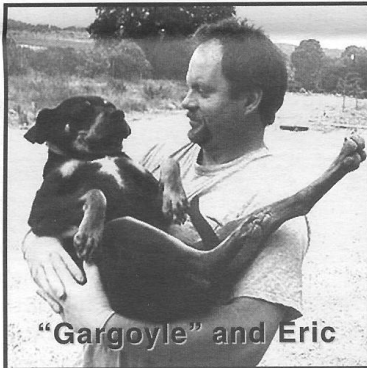
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the other end of the bridge, and we closed in on him. When he saw that there was no escape, he finally rolled over on his back and urinated all over himself.

We tried to locate his owner without success, and in the meantime he stayed at my shop. Since Ziggy's passing, Gargoyle is unquestionably my favorite dog.



Ardis and I have ongoing disputes about his probable breeding. I think he is a Chihuahua/Pit Bull mix; Ardis says that it's almost impossible for that combination to occur. (She thinks Bulldog/Manchester Terrier mix or some such. The thing is, we probably have NO Bulldogs or Manchester Terriers in Fillmore. Pit Bulls and Chihuahuas are abundant.)

I have two questions for you, readers:

What does he look like to you?

Are you personally aware of any breedings between Chihuahua-sized dogs and big dogs like Pit Bulls? If so, can we assume the Chihuahua was the sire?

Parting Shots

Hugs & Kisses



**"Chirpie" Cummings of Bishop,
with owner Ana and friend**