

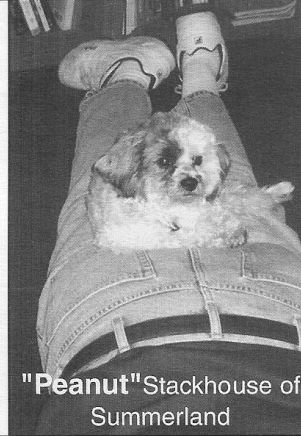


"Pepi" Rathbun of
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"Peanut" Stackhouse of
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All of us, people and dogs, are so glad this miserably hot summer is nearly over. We did have record numbers of adoptions, and a lot of them were due to referrals from you, our friends, who have adopted from us yourselves. We have been doing rescue work for so long that we also get a lot of repeat business, where those of you who have lost your dogs to old age or illness come back for your next dog, and the next, and the next. As always, we LOVE getting your cards and letters, e-mail, and calls updating us on your furry family members.

The seminar we held in July by Sheri Lucas wasn't as well attended as we had hoped, but it was excellent. All of us learned more about how to be better owners for our dogs. Most importantly, to be confident and calm, as dogs like to feel that their "pack leader" is capable and unflustered, and to make sure our dogs get plenty of exercise so that they can release energy in a constructive way.

Susan Schionning, our webmaster and very committed volunteer, has purchased twenty acres in the country near Tehachapi and applied for her non-profit status to

begin a sister operation to ours which will cater to senior and "special needs" dogs. She will be taking in some of our long-term residents and assisting us in rehabilitating specific dogs requiring special care and attention.

You probably know that the West Nile Virus has made it to California and is now found in most of the United States. It can kill any type of animal, including humans, and it is spread by mosquitoes, which breed in stagnant water. We're encouraging all of you to empty areas where water stagnates, or chlorinate it. We'd like you all to stick around for awhile!

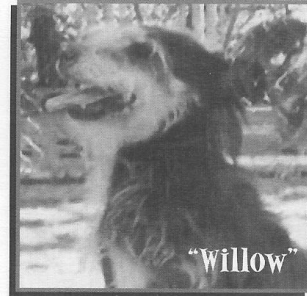
As always, we appreciate your generosity. Many thanks to all of you who donated cash, unwanted vehicles, and gifts. We couldn't exist without you, as we are totally supported by donations. Though I personally hate to ask for money, our vet bills totaled about \$6,000 for the past six weeks, and we have to provide good care for our animals. We appreciate each and every dollar you can spare!

Sincerely,
Ardis Munck

WAITING FOR HOMES

Willow

is a medium sized Terrier mix. When she arrived at our facility, her nose was a sunburned open wound. She was a bag of bones as well. She is now 90% rehabilitated and, though she's still no beauty queen, she is a sweet, deserving dog who is social with other dogs and will make someone a good pet. She's a young adult weighing just over 25 pounds.

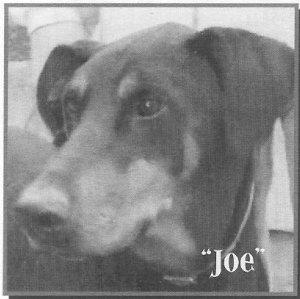
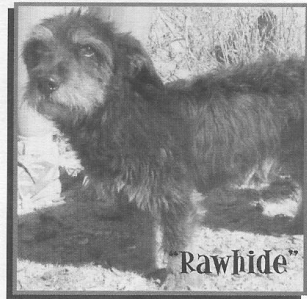


Hamlet

is a Beagle-Jack Russell Terrier Mix, and he would be a good choice for an older person or one who just wants a mellow companion to watch TV with. Hamlet does enjoy his walks, but he is also believed to be well housebroken, as he can "hold it" forever! He's a bit food-dominant with other dogs, so he would need to be fed separately. He's about 6 years old and he's chubby at about 20 pounds.

Rawhide

is cute and funny. He gets along well with other dogs that aren't too dominant. He's snoopy, typical of most Dachshunds, and he has the smarts typical of most Terriers; a comical package who would probably be fine as a family dog. He's a young adult weighing about 20 pounds.

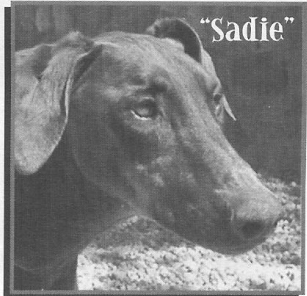


Joe

is a large, 4-5 year-old male Dobie who is affectionate, mellow, and quite handsome. He is also playful and smart; he will provide hours of laughs and entertainment. Unfortunately, he is quite aggressive with other dogs he meets on leash or who pass into/through "his" territory. He will attack and not back down. We think Joe has value as an only dog with an adult couple or person who likes to have their dog at home, or would put in the work to defuse his "Alpha" tendencies.

Sadie

is not a long-term resident of ours, but she would be much happier in a home. She lost her home when her owners moved out of state. She's a tall, elegant, active 7-year-old red girl who is housebroken, good with older kids (she was raised with six of them), obedience trained, loves to play ball and go for walks. Sadie is terrified of loud noises like firecrackers but is otherwise a good pet for almost anyone.

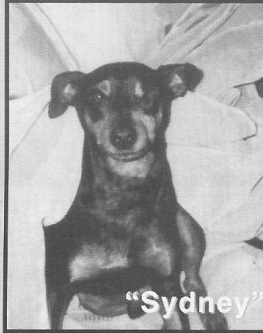


Adoption Updates

Of the five dogs featured in our June issue, two were adopted.

SYDNEY,

our little one-eyed Miniature Pinscher, was adopted by Judy Hemby of Carpinteria. She adopted Tope, our little girl Dachshund-Terrier mix, the same day so the dogs would be company for each other. Here's an excerpt from her recent letter:



"They've made themselves at home, get along fine, and love to go to the beach, enjoy car rides and play, play, play.

Sydney is the ultimate attention hogger and dutifully protects by barking when he thinks someone or something is invading. He doesn't have any 'bad' habits and seems content just being around people....

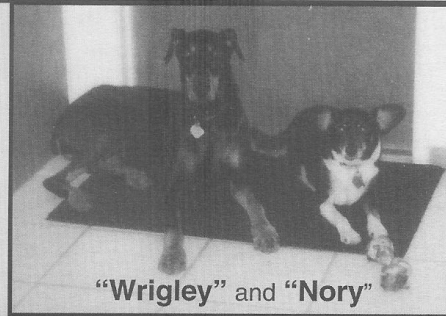


So it looks like with any luck, they'll have many healthy, good years with me.

Keep up the good work."

SHELLY,

the little lady whom we think is a Sheltie-Beagle mix, has a new home with Bob and Carol Suggett-Doyle of Visalia. They say she is "a sweet little girl who gets along with everyone." They also adopted another dog the same day, a female Doberman named Spice. Their new names are Nory (after an Irish girl in a novel about the potato famine) and Wrigley (in honor of Wrigley Field in Chicago). They love traveling, swimming, going to the dog park and the beach. Sounds like they've got it made!



Medical Matters

Dog diseases, particularly those of Dobermans, were discussed at length in our June issue. (If you didn't receive this issue or would like an additional copy, please let us know.)

Many of you commented on how much appreciated the information was. One of our readers, Roxanne McGrath of Toledo, Oregon, wrote to share information that helped her Doberman, Max, with his disc separation problem, which sounds very similar to CVI (Wobbler's Syndrome). An excerpt from her letter:

"The vet recommended a product called G3 Synovi. We use the molasses lumps which Max eats eagerly. We started with 2 lumps morning and night for the first 6 weeks; after which, we cut back to 1 morning and evening. It is expensive, but has been a miracle for Max.

Progressing from falling down going up the deck steps to leaping in the air when he is awaiting his dinner is a miracle. He now comes in the house which has slippery hardwood floors with confidence."

On another front, we saw and heard about more cases of bloat in Dobermans and other large breeds this summer than ever before. We are almost certain that there is a strong correlation between bloat and heavy water consumption. It would follow that dogs drink heavily after

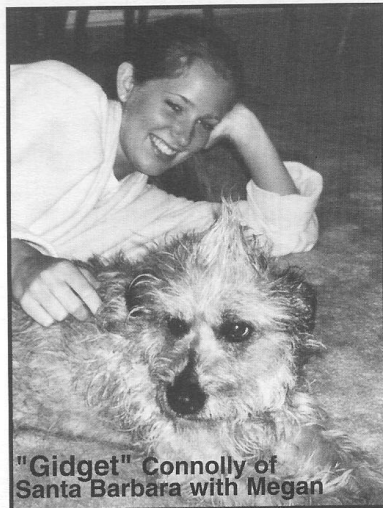
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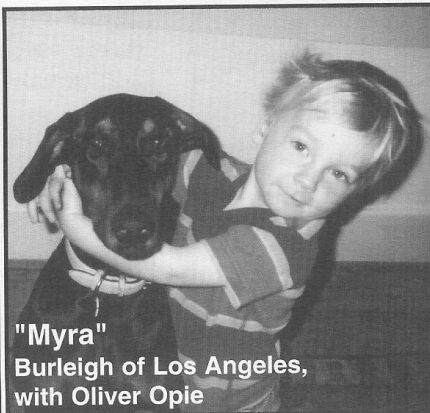
"Rocko" French of Simi Valley



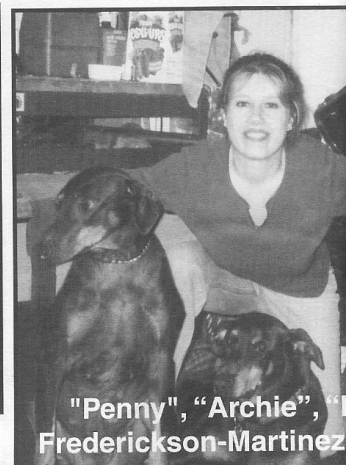
"Obie Wan Kadobie" Rossbacher-Rhodes
of Statesboro, Georgia



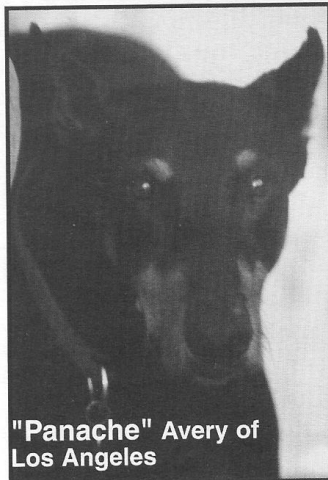
"Gidget" Connolly of
Santa Barbara with Megan



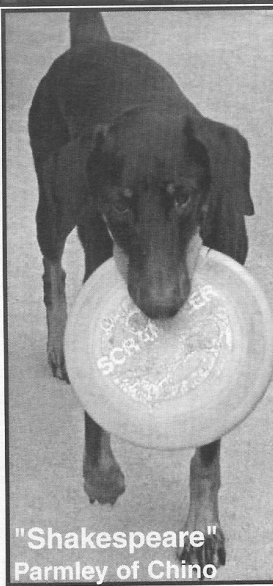
"Myra"
Burleigh of Los Angeles,
with Oliver Opie



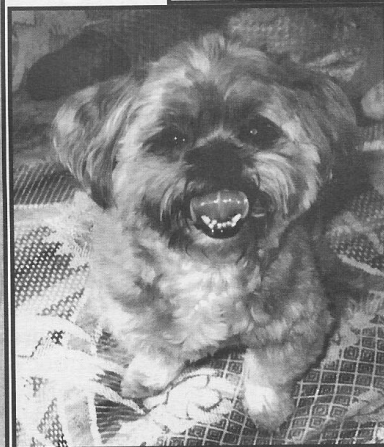
"Penny", "Archie",
Fredericksen-Martinez



"Panache" Avery of
Los Angeles



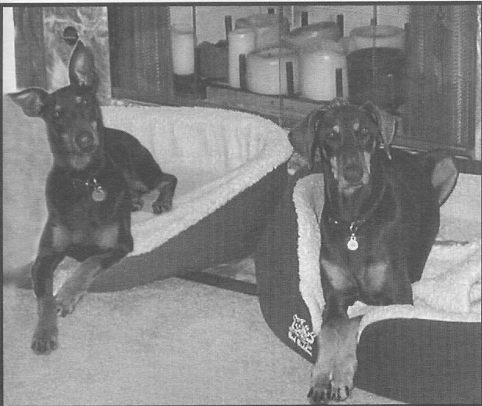
"Shakespeare"
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"Bismark" Sheldon of
Diamond Bar



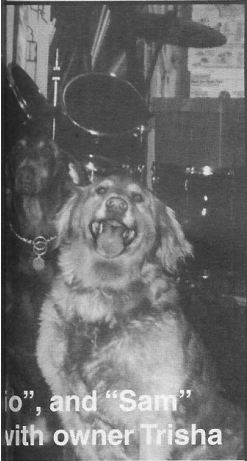
"Oakie"
Thousa



"Zip" and "Jessie"
Redman of Encinitas



"Angelo" Heath of Modesto



**"Bao Bei" Bradfield of
Ventura with owner Kathryn**

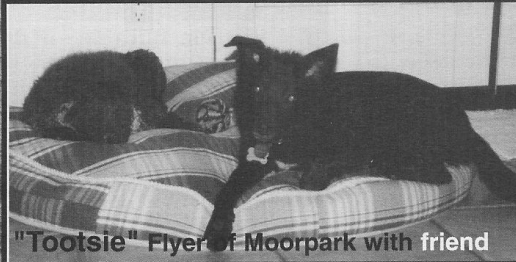


**"Dillinger" Fogliatti of Carlsbad
with owner Holly**



**"Diegel" of
Thousand Oaks**

A few of our happy adoptees!



"Tootsie" Flyer of Moorpark with friend



**"Annie" Betournay of
Thousand Oaks**

exercise because they're thirsty, corroborating the theory that it is exercise-related. Our strong advice to you is, on hot days and/or when your dog is very thirsty, give plenty of water to drink, but in increments, if at all possible.

LAZARUS LIVES!



We wanted to tell you the story of Lazarus, because it's so typical of what rescue is about. Lazarus, as some of you may know, was a leper whose story is chronicled in the Bible (St. John, Chapter 11). Christians believe that Jesus raised this man from the dead. There are many similarities in the story of Lazarus, the dog, who was named after the Biblical leper.

When we first saw a picture of the dog on the Internet, it was of such poor quality that we couldn't even be sure he was a Doberman. We asked our faithful volunteer, Jack Haium, to "scope him out" at the animal shelter. When Jack called from the shelter, he said the dog was in rough condition and that they were not going to neuter him before his release. He suggested that I should come to view him personally to decide if we wanted to rescue him.

The next day I went to the hospital area at the animal shelter where he lay in a small cage. He looked awful. He was emaciated (34 pounds), had sores all over him and was missing large patches of hair. I came very close to suggesting that the vet staff should put him out of his misery right there and then. The decisive moment came when I looked at his teeth. He was young, less than

two years old!!!! I vowed that his young life would not end this way if we could possibly help him recover.

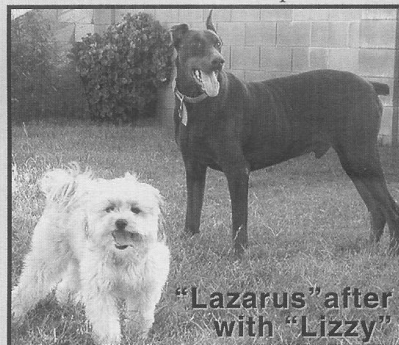
I brought him home that day. He was immediately started on antibiotics for the staph infection in his skin, Ivermectin for his mange, medicated baths, and lots of good food. In two days' time his attitude changed from that of a frightened, flighty dog to one who was happy to see us. In a week's time he had gained some weight and his sores were healed. We put another dog in with him for company, and he blossomed. About a month later, he was not recognizable as the same dog. He had gained at least twenty-five pounds, grown back nearly all of his hair, and acted like a normal, bouncy, happy dog.

Very soon after that he was adopted

(March 14) by Frances Vaughan of Simi Valley.

We went to visit her just before going to press to snap some

"after" pictures. Frances loves him madly; she says he is "the best dog!" It is approximately six months since we first rescued him, and he now weighs 90 pounds. His favorite playmate is Lizzie, owned by a friend of Frances'. The two dogs play together nearly every day.



Keepers

by Eric Munck

Little Mr. Bumbles is doing great. After two surgeries, plaster casts, and miniature haloes holding his bones in place, he has now become a boisterous little puppy boy who can run and jump, albeit not perfectly. He may need one more surgery on his left front leg. Our heartfelt thanks to all of you who helped make his surgeries possible.



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I spend quite a lot of time on the road these days hauling donated vehicles for the dog rescue,

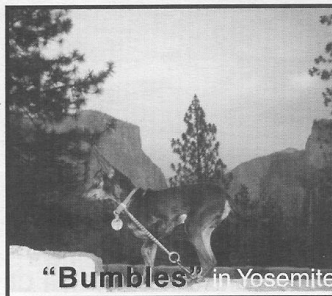
and Mr. Bumbles is my steady companion. I have his little bed set up on the center console of my truck,

and he likes to burrow into the corners of it and take naps when he isn't enjoying the scenery whizzing by. Ardis and I recently took a short trip to Reno to pick up a donated truck, and we detoured by way of Yosemite. Here are a couple of pictures of Bumbles; one in the truck and one in Yosemite.

Fire officials are predicting a terribly dangerous season ahead of us. As usual, we were concerned about our ability to evacuate our dogs swiftly, as we've had to do twice in the past. I think we have found a



"Bumbles" in the truck



"Bumbles" in Yosemite

solution to that problem, as I recently purchased a 48'-long enclosed car trailer for use in my own business. Ardis took one look at the trailer and said "that will be perfect for evacuating dogs!" It's amazing how everything around here goes to the dogs.

The trailer comes equipped with overhead florescent lights, skylights, roof vents, and a generator. I then purchased a fan, four feet in diameter, which will circulate fresh air throughout the trailer. We can easily fit 80 large and 60 small crates inside, allowing us to evacuate our entire population in a matter of hours. If a firestorm approaches, we can take everybody to the beach. Here's a picture of the truck and trailer; it's about as wide as Texas!

Please don't forget our car donation program; we always need your help.



Truck with trailer

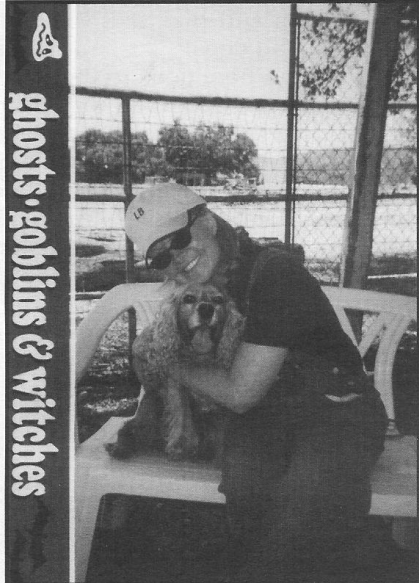


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Happy Halloween!



"Jenny" Cowan of Stevenson Ranch with owner Kate

"In a perfect world, every dog would have a home and every home would have a dog."



"Duke" Litwin of Oxnard



Susan Schionning's **"Zombies"** - California City