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July 23rd was definitely a night to remember! Our dear friends Russ Pisano and Leo Santa Maria had a dinner/cocktail party fund raiser for us at their beautiful home in Studio City. Over 100 people came to enjoy an evening featuring great food and cocktails, perfect weather, and the excellent company of other dog fans. To those of you who read about the party in our June newsletter but couldn't attend, we missed you. The donations were shared between Dobies and Little Paws, and Doberman Pinscher SOS, our sister operation in Tehachapi devoted to special needs Dobermans. All donations, as you probably know, are used entirely to help the dogs; none of us draw any salary or any other perks from what we do. Please see the story on page 3 about our hosts.

We've had great feedback from a number of you who followed our suggestion to watch "The Dog Whisperer" on National Geographic channel featuring Cesar Millan, a gifted and inspirational dog trainer who is personally known to one of our directors, and whose associate, Sheri Lucas, did a seminar for us last year, demonstrating many of their techniques. Cesar now has a DVD that can be ordered which captures a lot of his style and can be viewed again and again to hone your own dog training methods.

From time to time we're asked if we allow dogs in our program to be "sponsored." Usually we're asked by folks who can't own a dog right now, or are already at their limit but may be touched by a certain dog in our care. If you'd like to sponsor a particular dog or would like us to select one for you to sponsor, please let us know. Our average cost to maintain a dog is about \$25 a month (more for large dogs, less for small ones), but any amount and type of help is always appreciated. To view our dogs, either come personally (we always love to see you!) or go to our web site, www.dobierescue.org. The Dobermans can be viewed by clicking on "Available Dobermans," and the little dogs can be viewed by clicking on "Little Paws" to the right-hand side of our home page.

Our next newsletter will be our December holiday issue. As always, we print your holiday pictures from the previous year, so if you haven't already sent your doggie holiday pictures, get them to us by November 1 for inclusion.

Thanks again to all of you for your friendship, prayers, donations, referrals, and everything else you continuously do to help us. God bless you!

Sincerely,
Ardis Munch

WAITING FOR HOMES

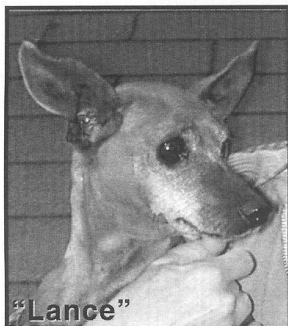
Corinne

is a kind 8-year-old red female Dobie who has been social with the male dogs we've kenneled her with. She's quite active for her age and loves her walks, or she would be a willing jogging partner. Corinne is large for a female at over 80 pounds.



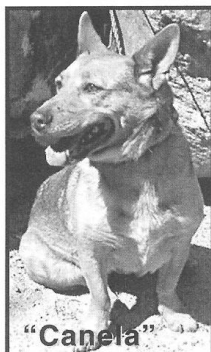
Lance

Many of our long-term readers will remember the story of Lance, our little Miniature Pinscher who was relayed to Northern California last year by members of the Lions Clubs, in order to surprise a lady with a living Christmas present. The idea was the woman's daughter's idea, and unfortunately, the woman was unable to make the necessary commitment to take care of little Lance. For one thing, her disability made it hard for her to walk him. So Lance is back in our program, waiting for his "forever" home. He's about 12 pounds and 8-9 years old, also good with other dogs.



Canela

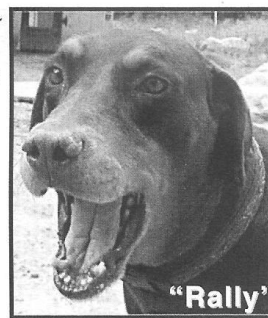
is a great dog for a family, not too big and not too small. She's housebroken, about 3 years old, and she loves kids. Canela is part Corgi; we don't know what the other



parts are. She's competitive, so we think she would do best as the only dog.

Rally

is a great dog, a 6-year-old red male Dobie who was turned in to an animal shelter a year ago for unknown reasons. He absolutely loves kids, so he would make a wonderful family dog. He's also good off leash, non-destructive, and a good watchdog. Rally has a big, kind face with an almost-smile on it all the time. His one bad trait is that he urinates in the house....



Adoption Updates

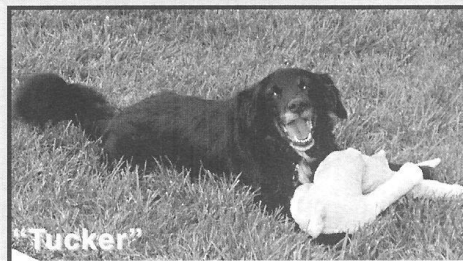
Of the five dogs featured in our June issue, two were adopted. Both dogs had waited over a year and a half for their lucky day.

VALENTINE

was adopted by Toni Trott and her family of Castaic. His new name is Tucker. From Toni's recent e-mail:

"We adopted Tucker because he needed a home, not because we needed another dog. We already had four dogs (three of them from you!), but I couldn't stand it when I read in the newsletter how long he had waited.

He has turned out to be such a delight! He is SO smart, loves people, and has so much energy it's hard to believe he's six years old. I love watching him race across

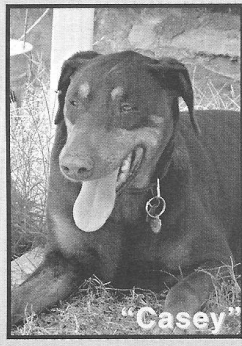


the backyard and play with his toys with such exuberance, and I especially love it when he jumps up and down on all fours like a tall bunny rabbit. We've had him for six weeks, and I can't imagine him not being here! He's acclimated well with the other dogs, and I am sure he doesn't remember ever not sleeping in our bed. I smile every time I think of 'my Tuck-ee.'

Thank you Ardis for all you do for these dogs. I experience joy every day loving these sweet animals you so devotedly care for before we adopt them."

Casey

was adopted June 4th as a companion for a lady who lives alone in Los Angeles that wanted to share her home, and be protected by, a good dog. Her name is Ramona Arellano, and she says Casey is the best-behaved dog she has ever known.



MEDICAL MATTERS

A word of caution to those of you who have adopted dogs from us or from animal shelters fairly recently: there seems to be a much higher incidence of an internal parasite called WHIPWORM in dogs coming in than we've ever seen before. We're not sure how prevalent this parasite is, but if you have a dog that has consistent unformed or runny stool, please take a fresh fecal sample to your veterinarian for analysis – just in case! It's usually quite easy to identify and requires a three-day course of medication to be cured.

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We had an interesting medical condition recently with one of our older Dobies, "Indio." One day Indio could not get up. He had not been having any problems prior to that day, and he was bright and alert, but he couldn't stand. Since Wobbler's Syndrome is so prevalent in Dobies, we

assumed this was a likely cause and gave him anti-inflammatory medication, but several days later, there was no change.

We took Indio to our excellent Fillmore veterinarian, Dr. Charles Lidikay, expecting to be putting him to sleep. After a cursory observation of Indio's condition, Dr. Lidikay said "Have you noticed any ticks on him?"

As a matter of fact, we had found ONE tick on him, on his ear, and had just pulled it off. Dr. Lidikay said that he had seen two cases within the past month of dogs with "tick paralysis," and the symptoms sounded identical to what Indio was displaying. He said the first dog couldn't walk at all when he came in, and after having a flea-tick dip and having Frontline applied, the dog walked out of the hospital! The doc said, "It's kind of a longshot, but why don't you try this for two days and see if he's better?"

We brought Indio home, Frontlined him, put a Preventic collar on him, and within two hours, he was standing. The next day, he was walking as though nothing had happened. All due to the bite of ONE TICK!

Dr. Lidikay said that's all it takes, a unique marriage of the saliva of one tick combined with the body chemistry of a particular dog, and paralysis can be the result. We just wanted to share this with the vets who read our newsletter and with anyone else whose dog might ever be a victim.

HERE'S TO OUR HOSTS!

We wanted to say a few words about our wonderful hosts who produced a delightful and successful fund raiser dinner/cocktail party for us on July 23.

We've known Russ Pisano for about ten years, and he's adopted six Dobies from us during those years, all of them middle-aged and senior Dobies with wonderful personalities who had waited too long for their forever homes. During that time, Russ owned three different houses, selling one of them exclusively because the dogs, as they got older, were having too much trouble with the stairs. He has seen his dogs through the final stages of

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"Pee-Wee" and "Max" Finley of Santa Barbara



"Dodger" Gonzales of Ventura



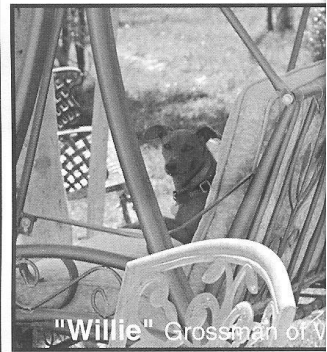
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"Spock" and "T-Pol" Rougeau of Sparks, NV



"Spumoni" Arthur of Long Beach, with owner Kristine

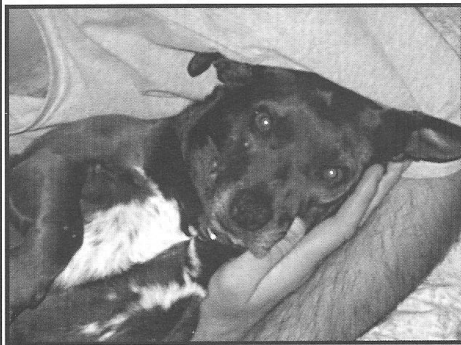


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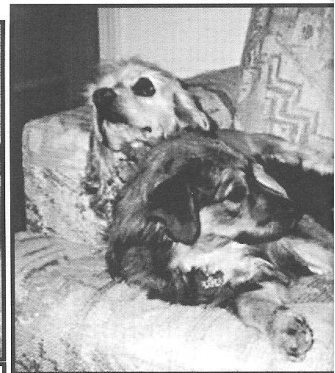
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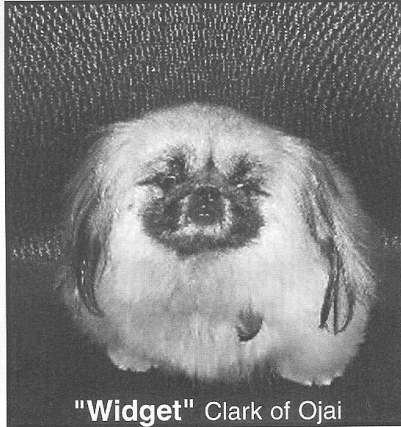
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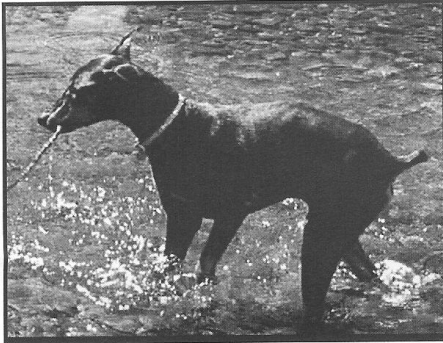
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"Oliver" and **"Violet"** Ford of Simi Valley

of our happy adoptees!



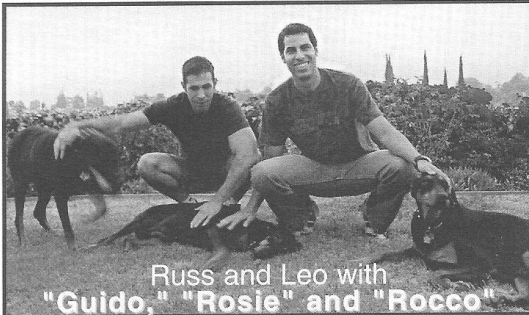
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"Tess," "Merlin," and **"Cody"** Walters
of Camarillo with Courtney, Crista
and Craig



"Barney" Jensen of Anaheim
with feline friend



Russ and Leo with
"Guido," "Rosie" and "Rocco"

cardiomyopathy, bloat, cancer, and diabetes. He's had surgeries done for gall bladder problems and blown ligaments. He's prepared special diet meals for the dogs and given insulin shots twice a day.

Of the present three dogs, "Rocco" came first. He's a big black male Dobie (who was previously known as Rupert), who spent years in our kennel due to a poor ear crop (we call it "cropped and flopped").

Next came "Guido." Guido came into our program because a Dobie breeder in Bakersfield had passed away. Her daughter decided not to continue breeding dogs and aimed to get rid of the ones already there. The first batch of Dobermans she took to the animal shelter, where they were put to sleep. When she showed up with the second batch, some wise employee or volunteer said "you should call the Doberman Rescue; they could adopt these dogs out." That's how we acquired Guido, whose name at that time was Stu (short for Stupid, which he's not), and another dozen or so Dobies that weren't wanted. Guido had never been in a house before he landed at Russ.'

Last year, Leo Santa Maria came into Russ' life and, together with the four Dobies already there, completed the happy family. After two of those dogs passed away, Russ and Leo together chose "Rosie," then known as Rebeka. She is probably the biggest female Dobie we've ever had in our program, and she had been adopted twice before and returned for whatever reasons. Rosie became the apple of Leo's eye, and when she was diagnosed with cancer a few months later, Russ and Leo agonized over whether to put her to sleep, do chemotherapy, or amputate a front leg to minimize the pain

of the cancer. Her cancer had already spread to other areas and is inoperable, but today Rosie still runs and plays on three legs, still enjoying her life.

The fund raiser party was strictly Russ' and Leo's idea; we would never draft anyone for such an enormous undertaking! We are eternally grateful to these great friends who are always thinking of ways to help others, including our fabulous four-legged friends.

MORE PHENOMENAL DOGS

In our last issue, we mentioned a couple of cases of dogs doing amazing things that seem to involve e.s.p. or advanced reasoning ability. We asked those of you whose dogs do any of this to share your experiences.

Debra Dominski and Candace Curlee of Encinitas have two Dobies, "Jacob," 9 years old, and "Jasmin," 6 years old, who was adopted from us. Jasmin worships Jacob; never leaves him alone, sleeps on him in the car, tries to get him to play non-stop, and nibbles on him, like a monkey grooming another monkey.

Jacob is the consummate hunter. Before Jasmin's arrival, he worked alone, stalking critters in his yard. Jasmin loves to dig and was doing so one day when gophers made their presence known. Jacob went to the hole she had dug, and soon after, a gopher came out of another hole across the yard and ran. Jacob saw it and chased it.

Over the next few weeks, Debra and Candace noticed that when Jasmin dug in her usual area, Jacob would stake out another part of the yard with his head cocked toward the ground, listening. Predictably now, when the gophers make their presence known after Jasmin digs and disturbs them, Jacob is waiting to catch them at the other end. They routinely work this way; she is always the digger and he is the catcher. And Debra and Candace don't need any other gopher control!



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A DOBIE KISS

We have received this story and picture from all corners of the map, but those of you who don't have computers may not have seen it yet. It's a really heartwarming true story.

This photograph shows a red Doberman kissing an exhausted fireman. He had just saved her from a fire in her house, rescuing her by carrying her out of the house into her front yard, while he continued to fight the fire. She is pregnant. The firefighter was afraid of her at first, because he had never been around a Doberman before. When he finally got done putting the fire out, he sat down to catch his breath and rest. A photographer from the Charlotte,

North Carolina newspaper, "The Observer," noticed this red Doberman in the distance looking at the fireman. He saw her walking straight toward the fireman and wondered what she was going to do. As he raised his camera, she came up to the tired man who had saved her life and the lives of her babies, and kissed him, when the photographer snapped this photograph.





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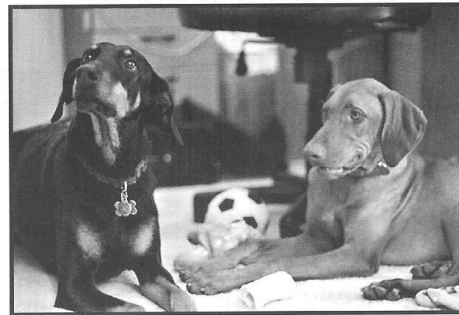
by Eric Munck

Paula Cwikly is one of those truly unselfish people who go the extra mile to support our cause. She's been a friend of ours, and Dobie Rescue's, for many years. A few years ago, when she was writing scripts for the Days of Our Lives television show, she arranged for donations of items from the cast that we sold on E-Bay, providing thousands of dollars of help for Dobies and Little Paws. In addition, Paula hosts a yearly holiday fundraiser ("Deck the Halls with Bones and Balls") at her beautiful Toluca Lake home, asking her guests to bring gifts and donations for our many dogs instead of for her. Most of the time that we've known her, she's had two lovely cats and two Dobies, "Alex" and "Gillis," one of them from us (Gillis).

Last year, Paula made a career change, taking a great job in New York. What she didn't want was to give up her West coast home and friends, so she commutes to New York and back every week. Whenever she's gone, she has a pet sitter for the animals!

Sadly, Alex recently passed away after a severe illness. In the weeks preceding Alex's death, Paula took time off from work to be with her dog, and friends of Paula's took time to be with her also. As for Gillis, the surviving Dobie, she had been depressed and moping, so Paula knew she

needed to get another dog to help both of them recover from the loss of Alex. Having liked Vizslas after meeting one belonging to a dear friend, Paula had put herself on a waiting list for a young, very social girl, either Dobie or Vizsla, with the corresponding rescue groups. The phone call from the Vizsla people came at just the right time, almost as if it were a message from Alex! This picture shows Gillis with her new pal, "Paprika."



P. S. Our car donation program is working well. It's now the second-largest source of income for the dog rescue, so keep them coming, please. We don't care what condition the vehicle is in, we'll find a way to turn it into kibble! We particularly need vans, as we use them for transporting dogs, but any type of vehicle is welcome: trucks, cars, boats, motorcycles, airplanes...you name it, we can use it! Thank you all for your generosity over the years.