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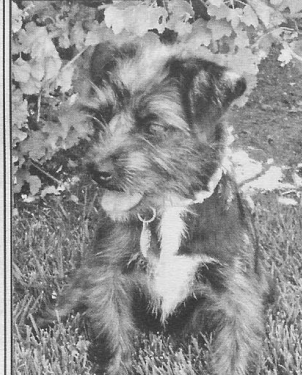
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"Stella" Betourney
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Summer is almost over, and this year we're not sorry to see it go. Besides the heat and humidity, we also had a record number of flies to cope with this year. Even our veterinarian asked what we were doing for flies because they were so bad at his home. One thing we did was to adapt a power washer with a longer hose for use in the kennels, and we ordered special disinfectant tablets to put in the water, which should help considerably. We had a civil engineering firm, Hammar & Smith, design a better drainage system to be implemented shortly, and that should also yield results in the years to come.

Our adoptions continued to be strong through June and most of July, with 27 adoptions in June and almost as many in July. Many of these adoptions were to those of you who recently lost a dog and have remained faithful to the breed. We also continue to be represented at PetSmart in Ventura every Friday afternoon.

Our one-third acre exercise area was completed and has been in use since August 1. We use it every day of the week now, not just when the dog-walkers come on the weekends to spring the dogs from their kennels. After some initial confusion about why they suddenly have so much freedom, the dogs are loving it: chasing squirrels and lizards, fetching a ball, or taking a dip in the kiddie pool provided for their use. Here's a picture of Smokey

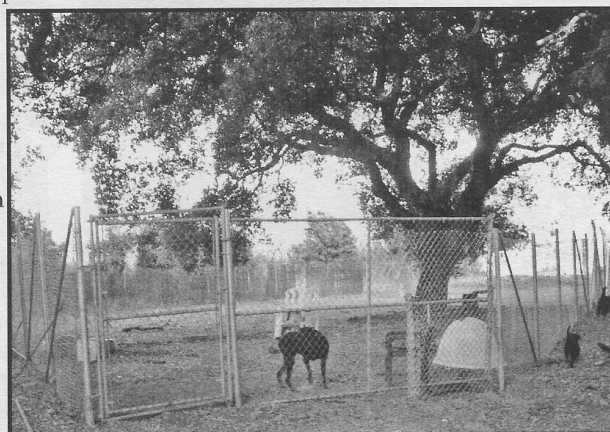
taking his turn in the exercise area.

Thanks to all of you who resubmitted pictures of your dogs after our computer dumped close to 100 megabytes of your pictures and e-mails. So many new pictures came that it will take us a few newsletters to catch up. Our next issue is, of course, the holiday one, which features your pooches in holiday settings.

Thank you, also, for your unending generosity. We couldn't continue our work without your financial support, gifts for the dogs, and volunteer help. You are wonderful!

Sincerely,

Ardis Braun

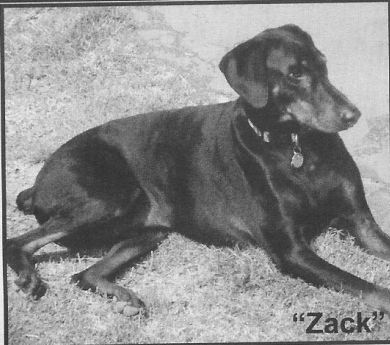


ADOPTION UPDATES

ZACK,

the wonderful big boy Dobie who was returned to us by devastated owners because he couldn't get along

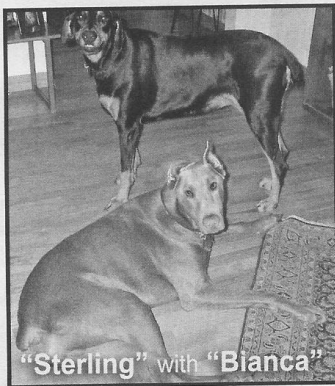
with another dog in the home, was adopted by Kay and Larry Duren of Fair Oaks. Kay keeps in regular touch by e-mail, and she says Zack has settled in nicely, from their perspective, though they still have one cat who is not sure.



SILVER,

the handsome young fawn Dobie who spent a year with us waiting for his new home, was adopted by Irene and Jon Sharp of Glendora as a companion for their other Dobie, Bianca, adopted a few months prior. His new name is Sterling. A few words from Jon's e-mail of August 15:

"He and Bianca play quite a lot and are always together. They sometimes chase each other around the pool....He sleeps in our bedroom, while Bianca sleeps on the sofa in our living room. He is a lovely dog and very gentle. He continues to come for more affection as he becomes more secure of himself. Everybody loves him."

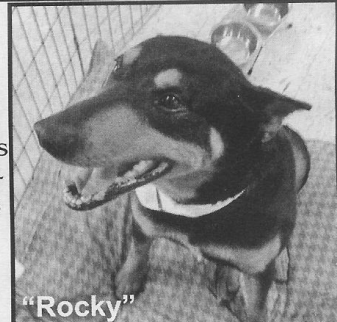


WAITING FOR HOMES

ROCKY

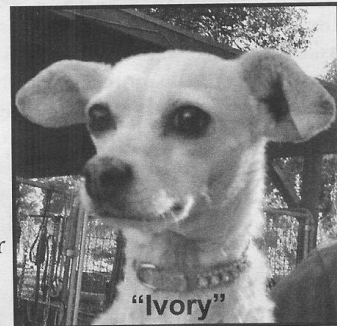
is a sweet Dobie mix who has been to PetSmart with us for several afternoons, and he's behaved well. Though he's a mix (perhaps with Australian

Cattle Dog), he does have cropped ears and a docked tail. Rocky has been kenneled with several female Dobies, and he always lets them think they're in charge. He's about 5 years old, and he's on the small side, though solidly built.



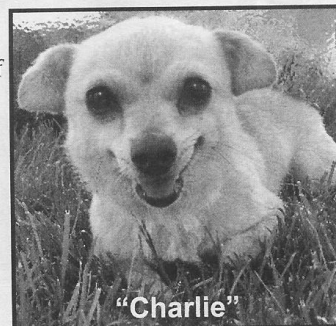
IVORY

is a short-haired Chihuahua mix with a sweet and gentle temperament. She's about 3 years old, gets along with other dogs, and probably would do best in an adult home because of her calm nature.



CHARLIE

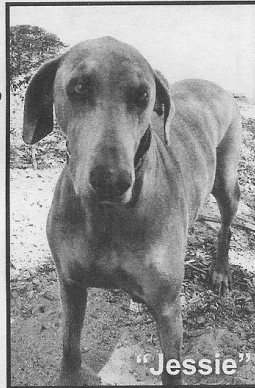
is a tiny little lovebug Chihuahua mix who loves laps and really attaches himself to his human. He has a definite preference for adult humans. Though he gets along fine with other dogs, he



would be quite happy to get all the attention. Charlie is about 5 years old and weighs 6 pounds.

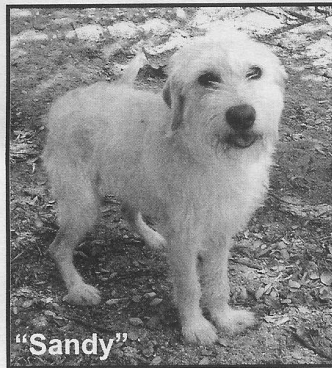
JESSIE

was thought to be a "caution dog" at the animal shelter we rescued her from because she was so terrified that she was virtually unapproachable. Thankfully, that changed about two days after coming in to our rescue kennel and having many dog lovers determined to win her over. Jessie can live with certain other dogs - most large males for sure - but she also would far prefer to get all the attention herself. We think she's only about 3 years old; she's a blue Dobie with no skin problems, but virtually no hair at all.



SANDY

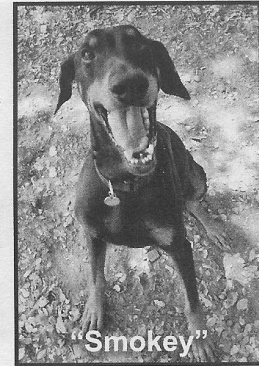
was named for Little Orphan Annie's Sandy because he's that kind of dog: playful, lovable, slightly on the shy side (especially with men), never in a bad mood. This dog loves to play with ALL other dogs. We think that, for his life to be happy, it will have to include another playful dog. Sandy is about 25 pounds, and he's a year old Terrier mix.



SMOKEY

has been with us about 1 1/2 years; he's 7 years old now. He was turned in to an

animal shelter when his owners moved. We originally thought he was not compatible with other dogs, and that may still be true in the home environment, but he can certainly be walked around other dogs without lunging at them or acting aggressively. Smokey is one of our favorites; he's animated, loves attention, and pays attention, and he has no known health problems.



MEDICAL MATTERS

Hardly a week goes by that someone doesn't ask about the merits of heartworm prevention. There has been quite a lot written on the subject, with many veterinarians now recommending against giving heartworm medication without a compelling need to do so. They say it's basically poisoning your dog a little, each month.

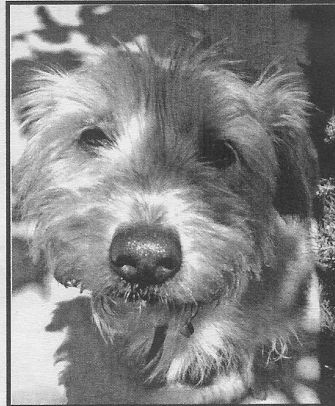
To us, the decisive factor should be whether there are mosquitoes where you live, and/or where you hike, camp, etc. An infected mosquito has to bite the dog, depositing a substance which another mosquito must then fertilize, in order for a heartworm to be able to occur. This must happen quite a few more times before a dog is in serious trouble. As the number of heartworms becomes abundant, they block the blood flow around the heart, causing distress - and potentially - death.

A staggering two-thirds of the dogs taken in from Hurricane Katrina tested positive for heartworms. These dogs, of course, came from the hot, humid climate of New Orleans, with plenty of swamps and other breeding grounds for mosquitoes. It's a lengthy, expensive, and sometimes life-threatening treatment program to rid a dog of heartworms, so it's definitely to be taken seriously.

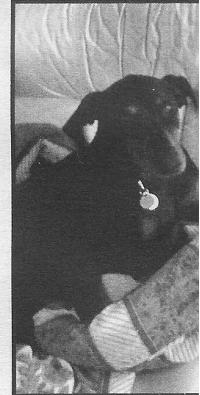
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"Dude" Starkweather of Laguna Hills, with Betsy

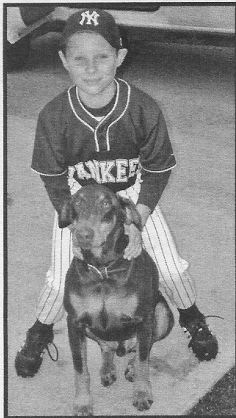


"Roger" Truong of Anaheim



"Benelli" and

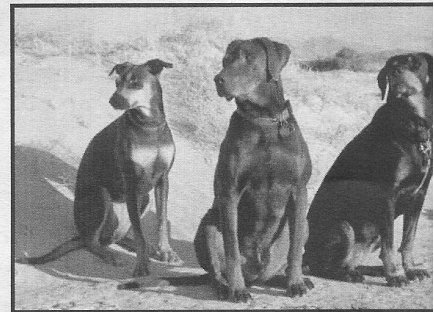
Happy adoptees



"Mavrick" Nash of Paso Robles, with John



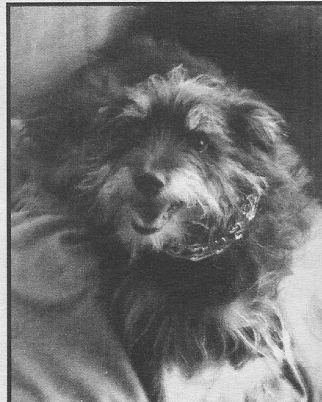
"Sprocket" Rivera of Moorpark



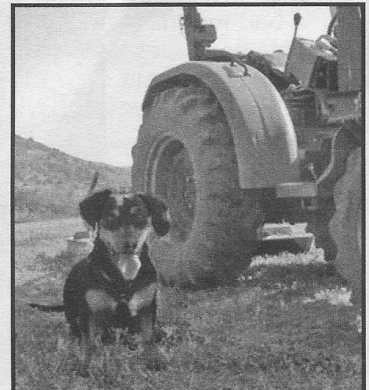
"Tamaya," "Auggie," and "Winona" Sovitch of Carpinteria



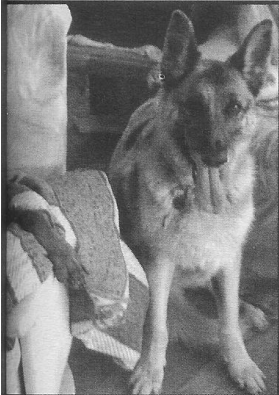
"Greta" Thamm of Acton, with Andrea, and Martha Krieger



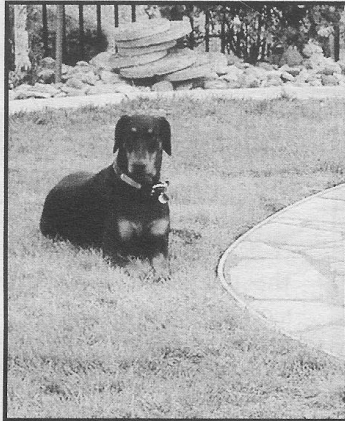
"Lucky" Friedman of Los Angeles



"Gunner" Allen of Castaic



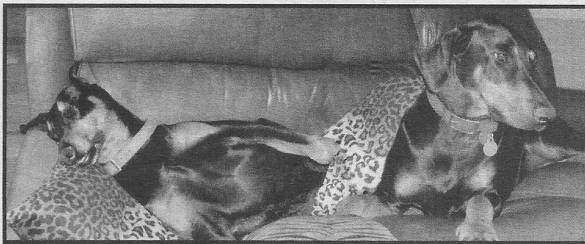
"Dossa" Annis of Vallejo



"Ziggy" Murphy
of Sparks, NV



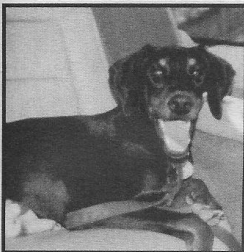
"Meg" and **"Boswell"** Peterman
of Los Angeles, with Patti



"Lacey" and **"Freida"** Miller of Lake Elsinore



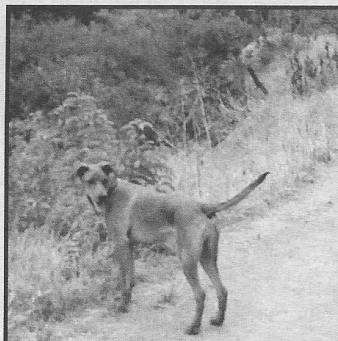
"Red" Tavares of Makawao, HI



"Bella" Pollack of
Moreno Valley



"Josie" Picerni of Encino,
with Paula



"Strider" Fazio of
Los Angeles



"Tucker" Berdahl of Fillmore,
with Erin, Susan, David and Becky

Perhaps one possibility is to have your dog tested at the end of each summer to learn if he or she is heartworm-positive. It probably costs less to do this than to buy and administer the medication each month. Plus, you'll have the knowledge and confidence that, if your dog's test comes back negative each year, there is very low ongoing risk.

BITING DOGS

Some of you who receive the Los Angeles Times have probably already read the article on July 25 about the veterinarian in Manhattan Beach who "disarms" aggressive dogs, preventing their ability to inflict serious bite wounds. It's not inexpensive, of course; the article mentioned the cost paid by the owner of an American Eskimo: \$1,600. For those of us who love our dogs, for whom the thought of putting the dog to sleep is out of the question, this price tag is potentially far less than a lawsuit by a victim of our loved dog.

The veterinarian, Dr. Nielsen, discovered sort of by accident that, if a dog's canine teeth are shortened (by laser, about 4 centimeters' worth), and the incisors (the teeth between the dog's canine teeth, right in front) are blunted, not only can the dog not deliver much more than a pinch, but the psychological effect on the dog is significant also. He describes it as having the dog wake up wondering where his "knives" are. The article said that, to date, Dr. Nielsen has disarmed about 300 animals successfully, and he throws in a full mouth oral hygiene treatment also.

We mentioned this during a visit to Dr. Frier at Camino Animal Hospital in Thousand Oaks, one of the excellent vets we use for fractures and other difficult surgeries, and he thought the Manhattan Beach vet's price was "ridiculous." He said he's been doing this procedure for thirty years, and he worked up an written estimate for a generic dog, showing his cost at slightly over half as much.

We think the procedure has merit, if behavioral training has not been successful, particular-

ly with very guardy and/or dog-aggressive dogs. Aggression against a dog's owners, we feel, is a much more serious matter.

PERFECTION IN A SMALL PACKAGE

At the animal shelter we rescued him from, they named him Cliff, because they thought he had a cleft palate. Actually, it's more like a harelip with some unusually-arranged teeth. He probably would have been snapped up in a minute if not for his appearance.

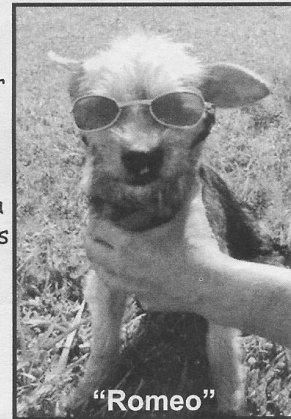
It's almost a miracle that he was saved at all, because we rarely drive several hours each way to rescue little guys that are in abundance all over, but a volunteer from Cliff's shelter sent an impassioned plea on the internet to please help save a few sweet little dogs from their overcrowded shelter.

It so happened just then that we needed a few more nice little dogs to

take to our meet-and-greet afternoons at PetSmart. It seems that most of the ones we already had were either VERY barky, very territorial, didn't like kids, or didn't like other dogs (most of the folks who shop at PetSmart already have a dog).

Little Cliff won us over from the first moment. Mellow for a small dog, good with other dogs, tiny but not too fragile, he deserved the best small-dog home we could find.

The day after we posted him on our web site, we got a call from Christin Munro of Camarillo, a volunteer fire fighter lady with a disability who wanted a small dog to take everywhere with her as a companion and service dog. Her previous dog, a Yorkie, had



"Romeo"



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died in her arms of a long ailment just the day before. Christin needed a dog, and Cliff needed someone like Christin.

Of course it was love at first sight. (What's not to love?) Christin came prepared with a tiny seat harness padded with sheepskin, a little car seat with sheepskin lining, and she also had all sorts of little clothes for him. She named him Romeo.

The day after she adopted him, Christin called to say that he was "perfect." We explained that the beginning is what we often call the "honeymoon phase," but we were very glad they were off to a good start. She called again a week later and said he was still perfect. Some folks are just meant for each other!

CANCER DIET, ANOTHER VERSION

A few years ago we published a well-respected cancer diet for dogs. We don't have statistics, but a lot of dogs apparently were "cured" of their cancer with this diet, and a lot of others (who were late being diagnosed) lived much longer than expected.

When we heard from Jan and Bob Cheney of Tucson, Arizona, that their dog Tammy had cancer, we promptly sent them the cancer diet we have been recommending. Jan shared it with her

vet, who made a few additions and substitutions. Perhaps the most significant factor in both diets is the removal of most carbohydrates, as it's believed that cancer cells thrive on carbs.

In March, Tammy was given three months to live. Jan started Tammy on the cancer diet on April 21. As of July 23, Tammy's checkup showed her tumor had not grown in 2 1/2 months! In Jan's e-mail of August 12, she said Tammy has started chasing lizards and playing with her granddaughter and her daughter's cat.

Here's the new version, recommended by the Cheney's vet. She gets this meal twice a day, with a cup of grain-free kibble midday (buffalo and venison). Jan says she makes a quantity of the recipe and freezes it in portions in zip-lock bags so she doesn't have to cook it every day. Tammy is a good-sized Doberman, so the quantities should obviously adjusted upwards or downwards for much larger or smaller dogs.

- 1 cup vegetables
- 1 cup chicken
- 1/2 cup hamburger
- 2 tsp pumpkin
- 1 vitamin E capsule
- 50 mg echinacea
- 1 beta carotene tablet
- 2 calcium lactate tablets
- 1 tsp psyllium husk powder



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DOG-FRIENDLY HOTEL

A man wrote a letter to a small hotel in a Midwest town, which he planned to visit on his vacation. He wrote, "I would very much like to bring my dog with me. He is well groomed and very well behaved. Would you be willing to permit me to keep him in my room with me at night?"

An immediate reply came from the hotel owner, who said, "I've been operating this hotel for many years. In all that time, I've never had a dog steal towels, bedclothes, silverware or pictures off the walls. I've never had to evict a dog in the middle of the night for being drunk and disorderly. And I've never had a dog run out on a hotel bill. Yes, indeed, your dog is welcome at my hotel, and if your dog will vouch for you, you're welcome to stay here, too!"

- author unknown

DID YOU KNOW?

- © One extra pound on a Chihuahua is equal to 38 pounds on an average woman;
- © One ounce of cheddar cheese for a 20-pound dog is equal to a human eating 1 ½ hamburgers or 1 ½ chocolate bars;

- © Five extra pounds on a medium-size dog, like a Beagle, is the equivalent of nearly 25 additional pounds on an average woman! (findings courtesy of Hill's Pet Nutrition)
- © Using the same formula, putting ten extra pounds on an average 65-pound Doberman would be roughly equivalent to putting 20 extra pounds on an average 130-pound human.

PARTING SHOTS



"Cheska" Davis of Acton
Life's a beach!