



"Tammy" Cheney of Tucson, AZ, with Hialeah

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"Mandy" Brown of Camarillo

**HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING!!**

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Adoptions for the summer months have been inconsistent; great one week, then terrible for the next few weeks. Overall, a little discouraging, due in large part to the continuing foreclosure situation and insecurity about the future. Most animal shelters and rescue facilities say they have never seen it so bad.

The garage sale hosted by Marcia Watkins on July 26th was phenomenal! Our thanks to everyone who donated good stuff to make this sale a success. Marcia is already accumulating a few things for the next sale, probably on October 16. Be sure to check the News section on our new web site (read about it on page 7), [www.dobiesandlittlepawsrescue.org](http://www.dobiesandlittlepawsrescue.org) (or just call us), in case of a last-minute change. It will also provide location and contact information.

Our photo contest was also a popular event. Thanks to ALL of you who submitted pictures of your dear pets. There were over two hundred of them! It was so difficult to choose the winners, because that meant that the others did not win. Please know that, if your picture was not chosen, it wasn't because it was less deserving or your dog not as cute as those chosen. The judges weighed such things as focus, contrast, the dog's expression and posture, and how interesting the setting was. We did not consider how much we had liked some of the dogs personally and/or their owners, and we didn't give favoritism to adopters who regular-

ly donate to us. We tried to be as objective as possible, and we hope you enjoy the results. I wish we could have printed these pictures in color! We are planning to display those that did not win, in color, on our new web site, and hopefully in future newsletters.

It occurred to me that small-dog owners might not enjoy looking at pictures of Dobermans half of next year on the calendar pages displaying these winners, so we created two calendars: one with Dobies, the other with small and medium-sized dogs and non-Dobies. The pictures of all of these dogs are shown on pages 4 through 6. Winners will receive their calendar free of charge, but we hope others will wish to order one or both calendars for just \$20 each to cover our costs. The calendar pictures will also be in color. Please let us know by October 1 if you plan to order one or both calendars, as our cost per calendar will decrease, the more we order.

As always, we appreciate the help given by all of you who help us with donations, transporting dogs, dog-walking, networking, and everything else you have done. With your help, we have rescued and placed well over 9,000 dogs. Thank you!

Sincerely,  
*Ardis Braun*

## ADOPTION UPDATES

We're thrilled to report that three of the special-needs dogs featured in our last issue have been adopted!

### **JOEY,**

the neurologically-impaired Doberman from Taiwan, was adopted by Tracy and Bill Beckham of Fresno, with plenty of persuasion from their twin daughters, Lainie and Rachel. This lovely family is shown in the photo below. It is a miracle that Joey

made the trip from a 4' x 5' cage across the ocean to a comfortable,



loving American home with four people giving him constant attention. Here's a quote from Bill's recent e-mail:

"Joey has completely come out of his shell. He runs and plays with the other dogs. He tears through the house with abandon. He is NOT a free feeder, as he eats everything in sight including the final pages of Tracy's books. He plays Doberman games with Snick like 'I've got your duck now, ha, ha, ha.' He has put on a few pounds. He smiles a lot. I would say that he is one very happy Doberman."

Bill says Joey was in heaven after getting a real bone, which he promptly chewed



"Joey"

down to the knuckle. He likes sleeping in bed between Bill and Tracy; that way he can't fall out of bed.

### **LOTTIE,**

our skittish, almost-feral little Doberman girl, was adopted by Gail Peterson of Walnut Creek. Gail has disabilities which cause

her to be mostly housebound, so she felt she would be in a good position to work with Lottie, and she felt her other dog, Charlie,



"Lottie"

would help. This is from her recent e-mail:

"Lottie has come a long way in the two months she has been with Charlie and me. She still has months ahead of her in order to put her anxieties behind her, but she is working on them. She sleeps in my bedroom...she loves her walks...she loves Charlie and follows him everywhere. She just started going to the dog park, which she loves. She is adorable, and the neighborhood is very supportive of the work we are both doing to improve her life. In the early evening we (the three of us) have a love fest and she will come close to me when I pat the ground beside me. I think she will turn into a really great dog with all of the love she is surrounded with. I can't wait!"

### **COCO,**

our almost-senior well-behaved Doberman girl with urinary incontinence, was adopted by Sandi of north Orange County (last name



"Coco"

and location withheld at her request). Before sending her off to Sandi's, we determined and provided the maintenance dosage of Proin for her, which controls incontinence in most dogs with this problem. It has worked remarkably well for her.

Sandi reports that Coco is a good fit for her in every way, except...she is social with cats only if they aren't afraid of her. She has three cats, with low, medium, and high fear levels. Coco is also a good age for Sandi, as Sandi is working into exercising slowly, after a couple of years of not doing so due to health issues. Everyone comments on how nice a dog she is, behaviorally and aesthetically. She is wonderful to walk, which was a major concern for Sandi. The bottom line is that Coco has a great home for life, providing she leaves the kitties alone (under close supervision).

## WAITING FOR HOMES... SAD DOGS

Most of our dogs are not unhappy to spend time here. They may not get to watch TV while sitting on a comfy couch with a doting owner, but there is always something going on, so they are stimulated, have plenty to eat and drink, and those that can live with another dog get to do so. We think many of our long-term residents have a much better life than those unfortunate creatures that spend their whole lives in someone's back yard with nothing to do.

Despite that, we have a few dogs at any given time that are not happy. We call these our "sad dogs," and our hearts break for them every time we see them. Though we try to make sure they get walked often, it's still just an occasional thing that breaks the monotony of being incarcerated. Often they are the dogs that aren't the most adoptable for one reason or another.

Just in case there is a home waiting for one of our sad dogs, we wanted to tell their stories here.

## FIONA

is a 25-pound Spaniel-Border Collie type that we placed quite a few years ago and got back in April, 2008, for nipping men without apparent provocation.

She is 9 years old now, but she's good in many ways: housebroken, knows commands, isn't destructive, isn't a digger,

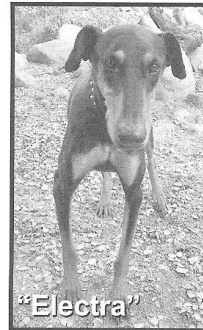
is a very good watchdog. Fiona is a quiet dog who just needs a comfortable place to keep a lonely person company. Her patient gaze is heartbreaking.



## ELECTRA

doesn't have a known history, as she was a shelter rescue. She is 6 or 7 years old, quiet, and lives compatibly with a large male dog companion. She is tall and fairly attractive, though she has become somewhat frail in appearance in the six months she has been with us, due largely to some deterioration in muscle tone.

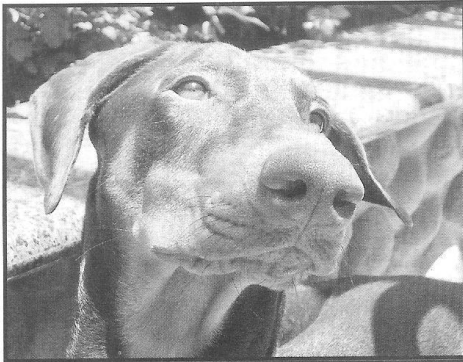
We give her as much exercise in our playground as possible, but she is prone to simply lying by the gate, waiting. Electra will need a little time to bond with a new owner; we think she still misses someone.



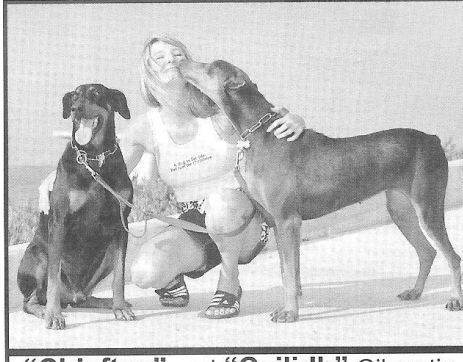
## MAURICE

is a small, friendly Rat Terrier-type guy who was what we call a "Fillmore street stray." He had been lost for a length of time before being brought to us, but

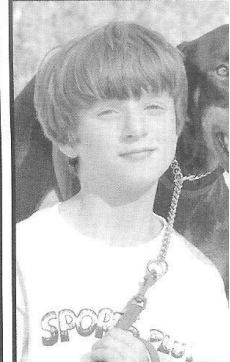
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**"Ginger"** Dawson  
of Corona del Mar

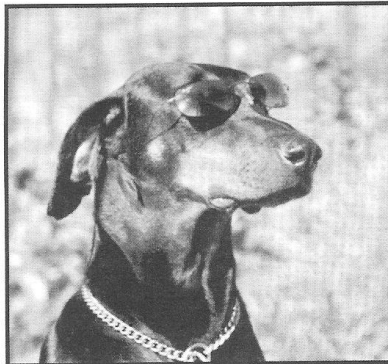


**"Chieftan"** and **"Ceilidh"** Gilmartin  
of Deland, FL, with Joann



**"Duke"** Ehren  
of Chatsworth,  
Samson

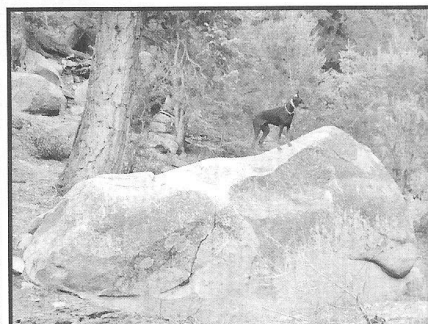
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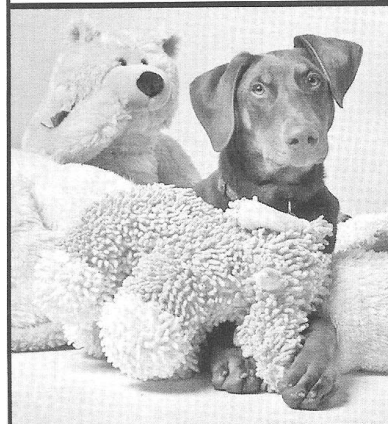
**"Houdini"** Bernard of Sylmar



**"Romeo"** Stephens  
of Houston, TX



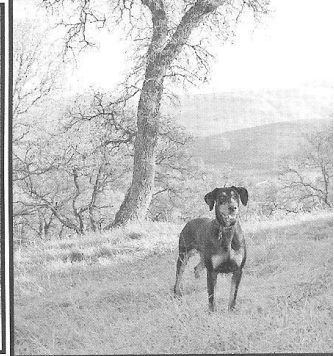
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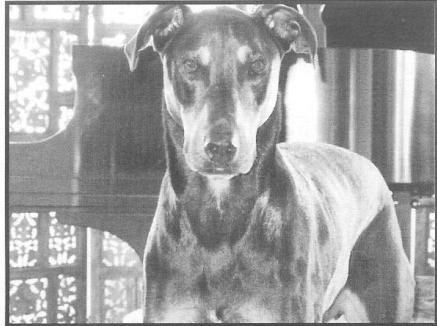
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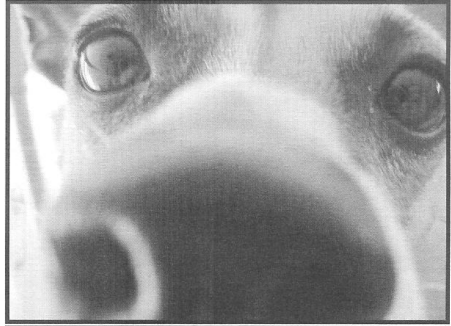
**"Maximus"** Humason of Visalia,  
with Marlee



**"Tasha"** DuPont  
of Walnut Creek

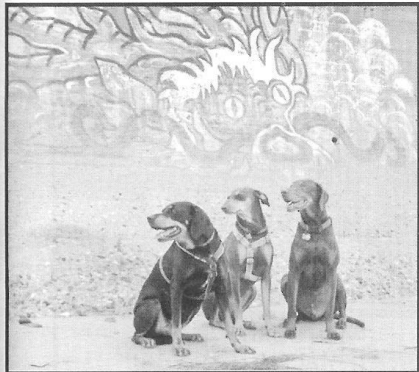


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of Laguna Beach



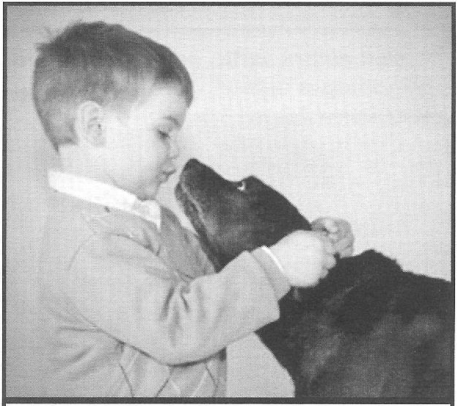
**"Corky"** Mensa of Ventura

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with



**"Winona," "Tamaya,"** and  
**"Auggie"** Sovich of Carpinteria

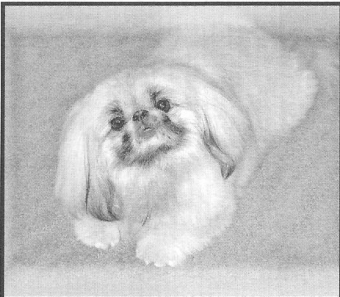
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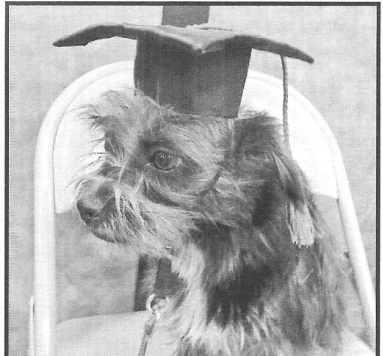
**"Lizzie"** Lemieux of Dearborn, MI,  
with Michael



**"Quik"** and **"Mimi"** Eichberger  
of Camarillo



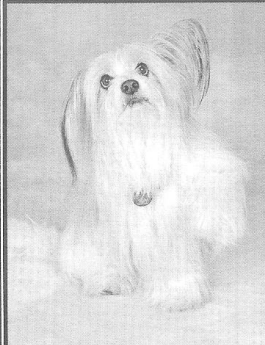
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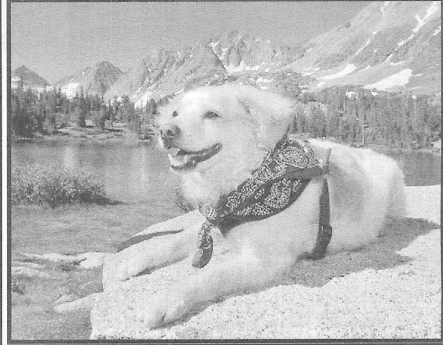
**"Stella"** Betourney  
of Thousand Oaks



**"Gypsy"** Anderson-Ramirez  
of Orange



**"Flutter"** Cuevas  
of Fillmore



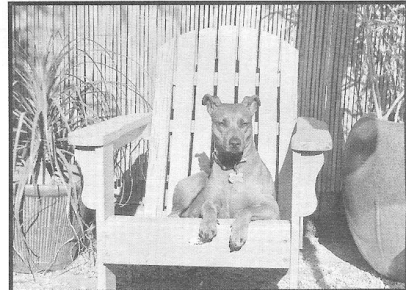
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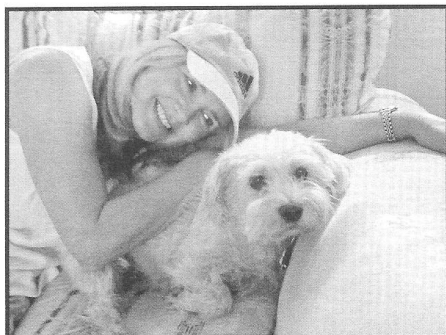
**"Teddy"** Johns  
of Goleta



**"Sophie"** Berry  
of Plano, TX



**"Sprocket"** Rivera  
of Moorpark



**"Oakie"** Diegel  
of Thousand Oaks, with Jan



**"Osa"** Enlow of Carpinteria



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we still posted his picture all over in hopes that an owner would be forthcoming. Maurice has been with us five months, making him about 1 1/2 years old. We think he is sad; he doesn't greet visitors at his gate, as does his female kennelmate. He usually just lays on his bed with his derriere toward the gate as though nothing exciting could possibly emanate from that direction.



acres, but a few of the other males had issues with that. Petey is also a quiet dog who loves his walks, and he'd love a comfortable place to spend his last months or years.

### WE HAVE A NEW WEB SITE !

We have a new web site, [www.dobiesandlittlepawsrescue.org](http://www.dobiesandlittlepawsrescue.org), created and maintained by our amazing volunteer and employee, Colleen Anderson. It was created because we wanted to have the ability to display adopters' happy stories and pictures, provide more kinds of information, announce events, and make immediate changes as needed. We'll be adding more to the site on an ongoing basis, and we welcome your ideas for other material to include.

### PETEY

is an elderly Pit Bull mix who was abandoned with an old male Lab mix and a bucket of food and water at a neighbor's ranch. They were kenneled together until the Lab mix passed away last year. Petey has been subsequently kenneled compatibly with large female dogs (currently with Electra). We tried to allow him free roam on our six fenced



This does not mean that [www.dobierescue.org](http://www.dobierescue.org) will no longer exist. We were going to attempt to improve this site, but the technical requirements for doing so were too complex and would have delayed the upgrade for some time. Accessing either site will refer to the other site as well.

Be sure to check the News section of our new web site for the date when our episode on Cesar Millan's "Dog Whisperer" show will air.



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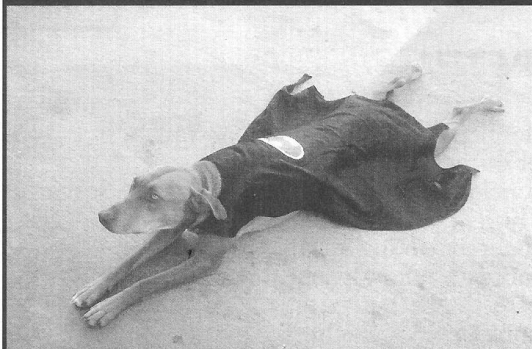
Any of you who have visited us in the last eight to ten years have seen our adobe kennels, 84-square-foot fiberglass doghouses that we hoped would be perfect kennels for our dogs. We had 18 of them built, with one-half of each one covered, with a skylight, and the other half open to the sky for fresh air. Unfortunately, they haven't worked out quite as we had hoped. Some of the dogs chew the fiberglass, which, if ingested, could cause perforation of intestines. The drainage didn't work out as we hoped either, and some of them



become overheated in the summer months.

In short, we are seeking to remove most of them. If you have a use for any of these structures, most of which are still reasonably sound structurally, please let us know. They are "free to a good home," just requiring disassembly and transportation out of here.

**PARTING SHOTS**



**"Zella"** Bennett of Valencia

"Here I come, to save the day!"