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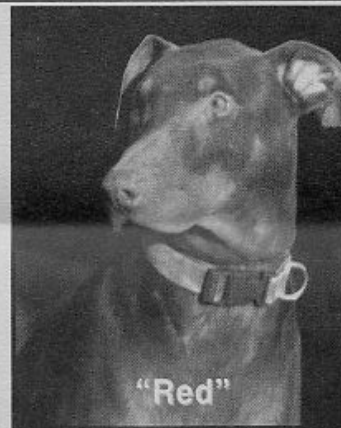
A big "thank you" to all of you who sent your congratulations by card, letter, and telephone call to Eric and I on our recent marriage. We saved all of your cards and notes for inclusion in a big commemorative album that we'll enjoy for many years to come.

Summer was a mixed bag of sporadic good adoptions and a lot of dogs relinquished into our program, usually because the owners moved away or to an apartment that would not allow pets. Our fervent hope continues to be that one day we'll no longer be needed!

In an effort to locate more foster homes for our less adoptable dogs, we're now offering free dog food and vaccinations to anyone willing to foster our hard-to-place Dobies and some smaller dogs as well. Our centerfold this issue is of various dogs who fall in this category.

We also offer to any of our adopters the DA₂LP—P shot, which is primarily to immunize dogs against distemper and parvovirus, for our cost (\$3.00). This vaccination should be given every year. You can also buy this vaccine and give the shot yourself. The important thing is to do it.

Sincerely,
Ardis Munck
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Director



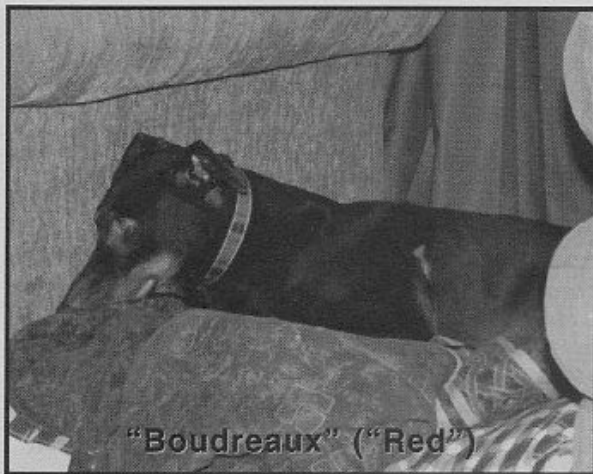
"Red"

Vintage Boudreaux

We could hardly wait to tell you how "Red's" story turned out. Remember Red? He worked as a commercial guard dog for nine years; then his company got an alarm system, so Red was no longer needed. He was summarily packed off to the pound, and normally, that would have been the end of his story (and his life). Fortunately, the then-manager of the shelter, Ron Edwards (who has since taken a position at the Irvine Animal Shelter), felt sorry for Red and called us. Normally we would not have taken an older, natural-eared, unattractive dog with no house manners; he simply had very little to offer except a sweet personality and the saddest eyes. Taking in these mercy cases usually does not

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"Boudreaux" ("Red")

benefit the dog in the long run because we can't find homes for them. Usually.

Enter Teri and Joe Cronauer of Edwards, California. This marvelous couple already had two great Dobies, one of them from us, and were touched by Red's story in our last two newsletters. They took Red home on June 20th and made him an immediate member of the family. No matter that he had never been in a house before, he was their new pet and they made him feel loved, giving him a new name, Boudreaux, to go with his new life.

Here is a portion of the letter we recently received from them and photos of him in his new digs. If this story brings tears to your eyes, you are not alone.

".... Red has been renamed Boudreaux and generally answers to Boo. . . . He's a very happy boy, you can tell by the constant grin on his face. For a dog shown no attention or kindness for so many years, Boo is surprisingly sweet tempered and friendly. He likes people, other dogs and wants to please us.

Boo established his role as alpha dog very quickly and has lots of fun playing and chasing around the yard and house with Max and Lieka (our other dogs). He guards his chews and bed from Max and Lieka.... They steal his chews, groom him, and generally tease him as much as they think he'll allow. He knows he can get on the couch and chairs like they do, and wants to try getting on the bed with them. Fortunately, he's not quite agile enough yet. Three full sized Dobes trying to sleep with you is at least two too many.

Boo is a little creaky, but greets us at the door when we come home and insists on his share of attention. He knows the sounds of his favorite things and comes running. Open any

drawer or door in the kitchen and he's there to help. Open the drawer where leashes are kept and he's ready to walk no matter how hot it is. Going out the door might mean a car ride and he'll be glad to keep you company. We have wonderful dog ballet in the backyard when all three start playing after it cools off at night. He still seems to need quite a bit of solitude and likes to spend his days tucked away in a dark corner, but joins us during the weekends and evenings. He's willing to steal your corner, sit with his head on your lap, and wake us from a sound sleep to be petted.

I'm enclosing a couple of pictures. He's very camera shy and tries to crawl behind and under whatever he can to avoid the flash.

Thank you,

Teri & Joe Cronauer"



"Boudreaux" ("Red")

MISS MARCIE

"**MARCIE**", pictured in our last two *Dobie Doings*, also found a home. Exactly the right kind of home for her, we hope -- a ranch!

Marcie's problem is confinement. She literally cannot be fenced in, though after escaping, she doesn't want to leave.

Marcie was adopted on July 2 by Norm Andrews and his wife, "Mike," of Fillmore. They have an unfenced ranch and lots of room for Marcie to run. Her new name is "Fly" (from the movie "Babe").

We normally do not place dogs in unfenced environments because lots of things can happen to dogs that are not confined, especially without supervision. But in Fly's case, confinement meant either being caged or chained.



“Fly” (“Marcie”)

Fly is adapting reasonably well to her new home. She loves being in the house, is gentle with the cats, and has a very sweet and loving personality. The Andrews' main problem with Fly is that when they leave, she wants to follow them. This necessitates placing her on a tie-out during their absence, but we think this seems like a small price to pay for living the life any dog would envy....

WONDER WOMAN

It is high time that we sang the praises of Suzette Smith, our graphic designer since *Dobie Doings'* first issue in 1995. Suzette has a very busy life, but she donates days of her precious time every three months to doing the hard work involved in laying out this newsletter.

Here's how it works:

After we complete the text of the newsletter and choose the photos to run, we take it all to the beautiful home Suzette shares with her husband, Dr. Ron Smith, who is Chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology at USC School of Medicine, and her four dogs (two Dobies from us, one Dobie foster dog, and a little Silkie/Pom mix). Suzette's two-acre property sits on top of a hill in Glassell Park, with a wonderful view of Glendale, Los Angeles, and several mountains. Many rooms are adorned with her own paintings and sculptures, and her bathroom looks like a small library, with floor-to-ceiling books and art objects. It would be hard to imagine living here and not feeling creative .

Suzette takes our text and photos and scans them into her computer. Now comes the hard work of fitting this jigsaw puzzle of pieces into a well-formatted, aesthetically-pleasing creation that all of you seem to really enjoy reading. She does this masterfully, patiently, and often into the wee hours of the morning .

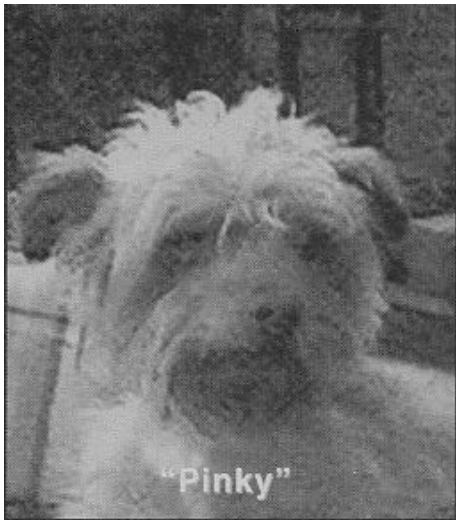
To learn this one of her many talents, Suzette attended Platt College in Los Angeles and spent a year obtaining her certification as a computer graphic designer in 1994. She already had graduated Magna Cum Laude from the USC School of Fine Arts in 1990, which gave her a sound basis for understanding the various principles of design necessary to develop concepts for our newsletter. She also had her dog-loving credentials, having once worked for a Poodle handler and having managed show dog kennels for years.

After faxing proofs to us for approval, she then delivers her finished disk to Dennis Bolton Enterprises, Inc., our printer, in North Hollywood, where *Dobie Doings* is printed and prepared for mailing by a master printer who produces several thousand of these each quarter at his cost .

We feel very fortunate to have this talented lady on our "staff," especially because she has to divide her time between so many passions: teaching Art History, doing free-lance computer graphics, painting, sculpting, gardening, researching various periods in history, and, of course, being a good wife and dog owner. Thank you, Suzette!

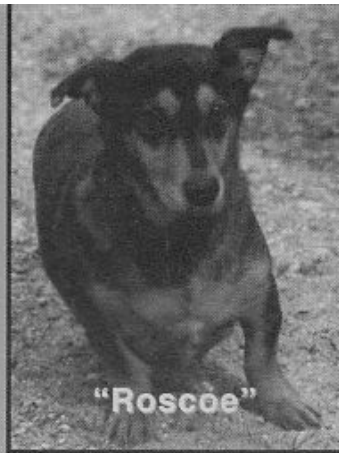


Suzette and her four dogs



"Pinky"

"PINKY" is an older Yorkshire Terrier mix who is housebroken, can live with certain other dogs if he must, but hates cats. He also has borderline Cushing's disease and should ideally take medication or vitamin and herbal supplements to keep him looking and feeling his best.



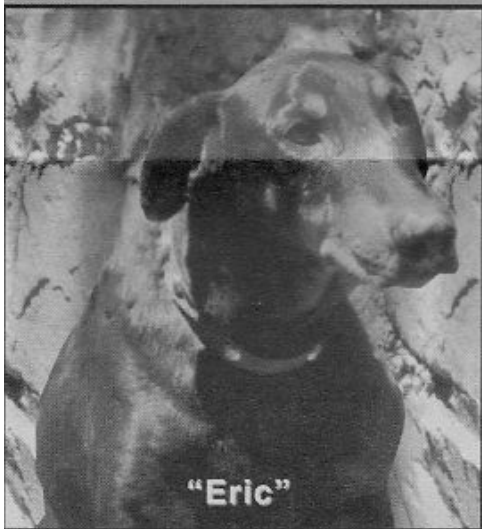
"Roscoe"

"ROSCOE" you may recognize from previous newsletters. He's a middle-aged, very mellow and very sweet Corgi mix who gets along with everything and has no bad habits that we're aware of (except we don't think he's housebroken).



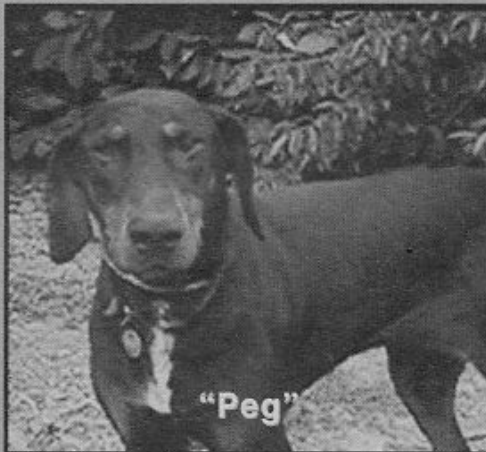
"Tiny"

"TINY" is probably a mixture of Doberman, Bassett Hound and Sheltie. She's three or four years young, mellow, good off leash, and should be fine with kids of all ages and other dogs.



"Eric"

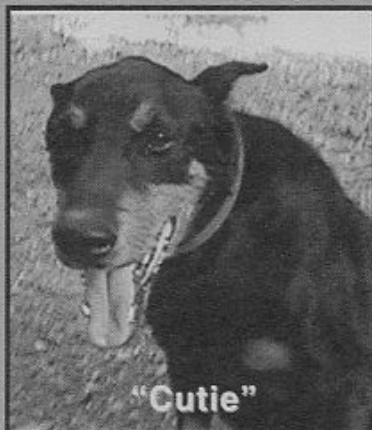
"ERIC" is an older "gentleman" Dobie who has no bad habits we know of and can live comfortably with female dogs, both large and small.



"Peg"

"PEG" is a younger Dobie we rescued with a very badly broken front leg. After three castings, it eventually healed well enough that she puts weight on it but still walks with a very pronounced limp. She's great with other dogs and seems to be housebroken.

"CUTIE" is an older Dobie who is friendly to all people, but simply cannot share his abode with any other dogs. He knows several commands and is quite obedient in doing whatever is asked of him.

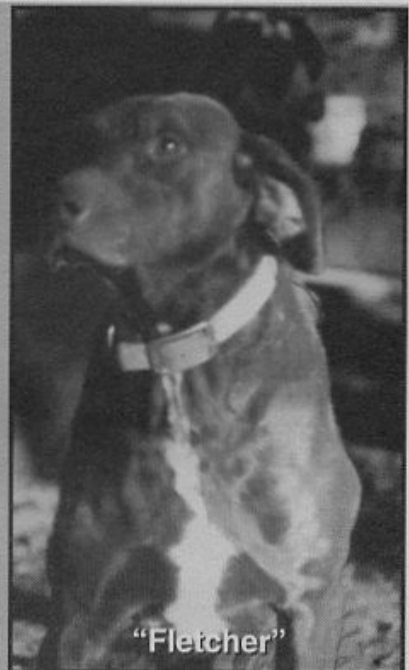


"Cutie"

"TARA" is a middle-aged red female Dobie who is not particularly attractive, with many calluses and a thick body style. She is good with other dogs and cats, though, and has no bad habits we're aware of .



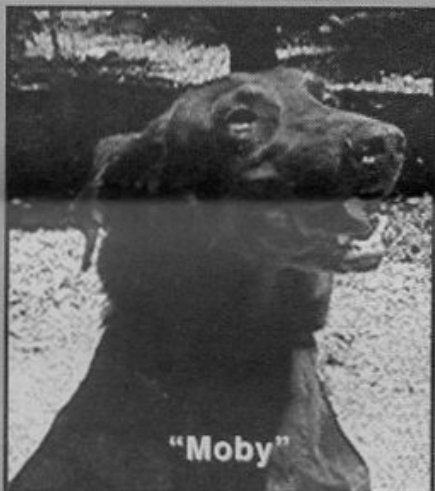
"Tara"



"Fletcher"

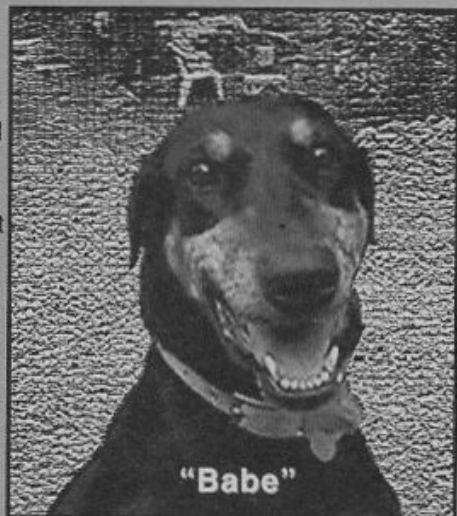
You may also remember **"FLETCHER"** from previous newsletters. He is a red male Dobie mix, now about eight years old, who has waited seven years for his own home. He has a wonderful personality, likes all other dogs but cannot live with cats or other small animals, and he needs a high fence.

"MOBY" is an older red male Dobie who ranks high on the list of length of time dogs have waited for a home. Quite a few years in his case. He can live with a female dog and is very affable.

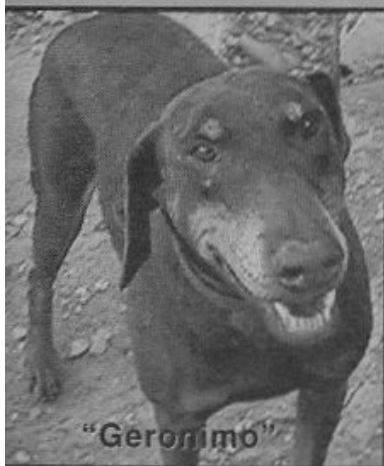


"Moby"

"BABE" was just returned to us, years after her adoption, because her owners moved to an apartment. She is about ten years old, house-broken and agile, though she is dominant and would do well as an only-dog or with a very tolerant male.



"Babe"

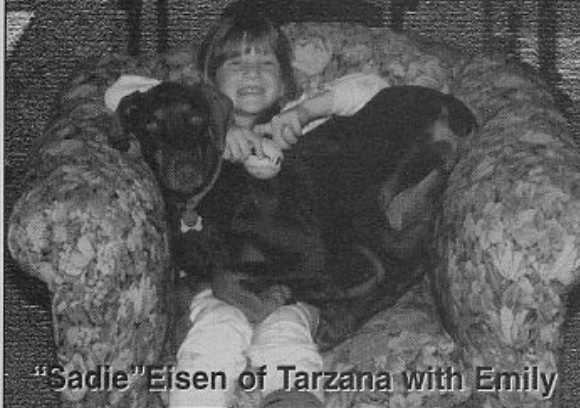


"Geronimo"

"GERONIMO" is an older red male Dobie who can tolerate other dogs that don't try to dominate him. He is house-broken and is recommended for an adult home.

Note: all Dobies in this section are black and tan, unless otherwise stated.

A FEW HAPPY ADOPTEES



"Sadie" Eisen of Tarzana with Emily

From Virginia, Bill and Emily Eisen of Tarzana:

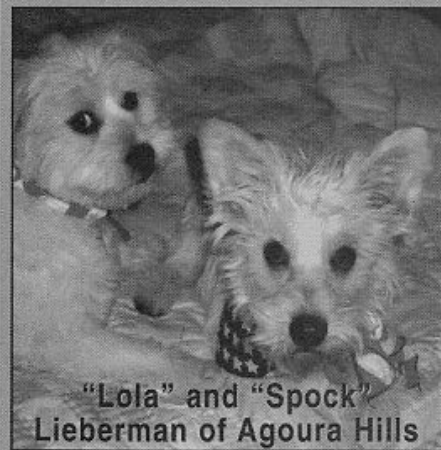
"...We came out to your ranch in late March after losing our big old Dobie, Jake. We brought our daughter Emily and our other dog Felix, to help us pick a Dobie who needed a good home.

I spotted 'Sadie,' a very pretty red girl. Sadie saw Emily and it has been a love affair since. They are inseparable! This dog doesn't feel close enough sitting by your side, no sir, she has to sit on you to be really close enough. She makes us laugh all the time. She's a terrible watchdog, whines at people (strangers) who come to the door ! But! Let a squirrel come near the house--she's ready to attack!

We recently went on a week's vacation. ...Emily couldn't wait to come home and see her Sadie. 'Twas a joyous reunion!

Sadie and Felix. . .both sleep on Emily's bed. Sadie sleeps on Emily.

She's a great dog and we are happy we came to see you that day. Sadie has our hearts and she is very happy here."



**"Lola" and "Spock"
Lieberman of Agoura Hills**

From David Measer of Los Angeles:

"Enclosed is a picture of 'Mingus,' whom I adopted from you in January, 1997. I brought him to Paris with me from December, 1997 to April, 1998 while I went to film school. The trip and the return were incredibly easy for him, and he accompanied me almost everywhere (the French let the dogs into restaurants, cafes, stores, etc.) . He developed a taste for croissants and he learned the basic commands (sit, stay, lie down) in French, as well as a fondness for the Metro (subway) . He's turned out to be an incredible dog and I feel very lucky. Thanks!"



"Mingus" Measer of Los Angeles

From "Lola" and "Spock" Lieberman of Agoura Hills:

"We just want you to know that we're fine and really having a good time at Susie and Stew's house. They are really good to us and we get to play a lot.

We must admit though, that Susie and Stew were really tough to train!! When we first got to our new home, they thought we would sleep in the kitchen. Well, you know we wanted to sleep in their bed. Now we do.

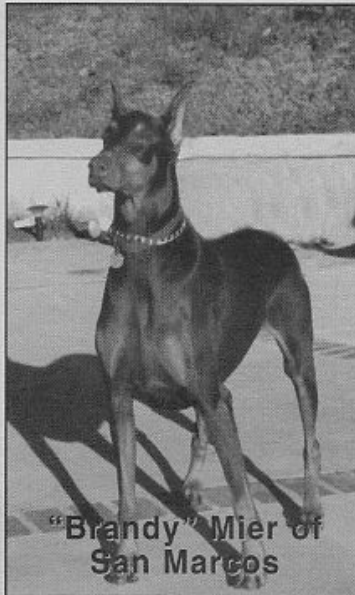
...We have a room that has a sofa by the window. We can sit on the sofa and look out the window whenever we want. People stop their cars to look at us all the time. Little kids also stop in front of the house and look up at us. They wave and talk to us.

...We hope you have a wonderful life and keep finding homes for all the dogs."

From Nicole Mier of San Marcos:

"This is Nicole Mier. I'm 14 years old, and my parents got me Brandy for Christmas. We love her very much. We take her running three or more times a week. She is strong, loving, and obedient. Brandy is growing to be a close friend and companion to the whole family.

P.S. Thank you for helping to make my dream come true."

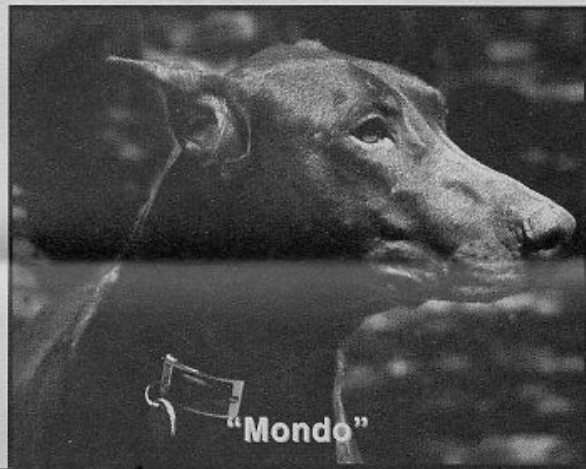


whenever other dominant males are not also doing so.

When we first rescued Mondo, he had a slightly bent front leg, which the vet diagnosed as an old fracture. Surgery was not recommended, but we were told that it might begin to bother him some day. About a month ago, Mondo's leg began to bow outward and thicken around the fracture area. Fearing a bone tumor, we again had the leg x-rayed. No tumor was present, but the vet said Mondo was accumulating calcium deposits around the fracture point and that this might ultimately cripple him. Naturally, we won't subject him to needless suffering, so he will apparently live out his remaining days with more freedom than he has probably ever known, for as long as he remains comfortable.

DEPUTY MASCOT

Not all of the news this issue is good. Our dear fellow Mondo, who has waited nearly five years for his own home, probably only has a few more months to find one. Assuming this probably won't happen, we promoted Mondo to deputy ranch mascot. This gives him the opportunity to explore the six fenced acres of the ranch offered to the dogs for their pleasure and exercise. He has this freedom



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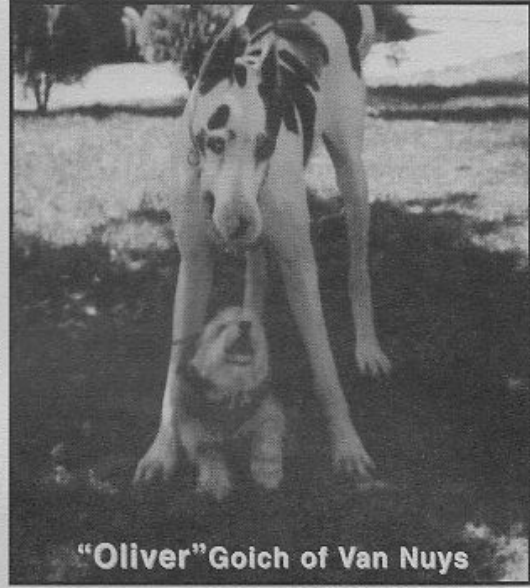
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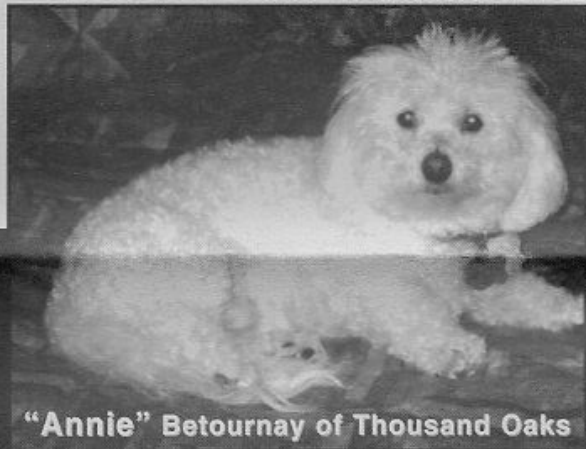


**"Malakai" Baran
of West Los Angeles,
with owner Holly**

The long and
the short of it:
"Oliver" Goich
(the short), with
buddy "Bowie"



"Oliver" Goich of Van Nuys



"Annie" Betournay of Thousand Oaks

NOTE: Funds are desperately needed to purchase 100 doses of Frontline (\$9.00 per dose) to combat an epidemic of ticks caused by El Niño. Can you help?

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