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Summer is here, which usually means our adoptions are slower due to folks taking vacations or moving, which means they don't expect to adopt a dog until those activities are finished. Unfortunately, it also means that often moving into a new residence also means the family's dog isn't allowed. Overall, though the weather is nice, summer isn't our favorite season.

Rescue has become much more of a challenge lately due to the death of Dana Johnson, who for decades rescued Dobermans in upstate California. Both the San Diego-area Dobie rescue and the central valley one have drastically downsized due to health and family matters, so our rescue burden is more overwhelming than ever. We also lost a great friend and helper, Dr. Bob Tefft, who flew so many dogs for us statewide as a member of Pilots n Paws, the non-profit group whose unpaid pilots move countless animals from high-risk situations to safety. His smiling face appeared in one of our previous newsletters.

On a positive note, the short videos we have been posting lately, thanks primarily to Dylan Mealey and his mom, Debbie Pitts, have been instrumental in getting more dogs noticed and adopted, which is especially heartwarming in the case of some that have spent months or years with us because they haven't been truly noticed and appreciated. Thrilling, to say the least!

Once again we're printing as many of your great pictures as we have room for, and we're also looking into posting even more of them on our website, which doesn't have the space limitations that our newsletter

does. We hope to start doing this fairly soon.

Thanks to everyone who continues to help us with gifts of every kind. Have a wonderful summer!



For the love of dogs,

Ardis Braun

ADOPTION UPDATES

Three of the eight dogs featured in our last newsletter were adopted; all of the little ones.

PORKY,

whom we received from his owner because they had "too many dogs," now has a great new home with Roseann DiPrima and her family of Oxnard.

From her recent text: "He is Wally now...he is a very good doggy pal. Loving, gets along well with Gracie and Tippy, two smaller dogs. Loves his walks, treats, loves sleeping under his special blanket, gets lots of attention from us."

It was hard for us to choose which of his adorable new-home pictures to print!



ROSIE,

the little lady who is supposedly related to Porky, on page 1 (really?), lives with Sandra Leasure of Moorpark. From her recent e-mail: "Several months ago I started an internet search for a rescue dog. There were a lot of cute ones but none that I connected with. Then I saw Rosie's picture on Doberman Pinscher Rescue and knew that was my dog!!! I fell in love and picked her up ASAP!! She is sooo precious, definitely the sweetest most loving dog we've ever had. She has been a joy to us ever since. We lost both of our other dogs shortly after that so she has helped fill our hearts despite their loss. Thank you all at Doberman Rescue. We LOVE our Rosie!!"



Many people wanted this little girl. If there had been a dozen of her, we could have placed them all!

LIONEL,

our beloved tripod, was lucky enough to find a family that has a special fondness for special needs dogs. They report that his lack of one leg doesn't slow him down at all and he is just as fast and agile as any other dog. His new name is Bandit but he's often referred to as "the new guy."



"We are so pleased to have him. He likes to move our shoes around the house and snuggle during hockey games. He's a hit with all who meet him. He's like the governor!"

WAITING FOR HOMES

CLEO

came to us with two family members, all of them with a severe case of demodectic mange.

Fortunately, treatment for this condition now is very quick and effective, and there are barely any traces of it having affected them. Cleo and her brother came with their dad, the dad being a



purebred Doberman and the mom having been...something a little different. Cleo is all black with a long tail, very tall and athletic. None of them appeared to have any training, and their favorite thing to do is shower their human(s) with kisses, leaps, and hugs. We think Cleo will do best with another large young dog, preferably male, to roughhouse with. She is about 1 1/2 years old and is lean at 68 pounds. The non-Doberman part of her is likely Greyhound, Lab, hound, or some combination of these.

GRYFF

is a young adult who came to us from an animal shelter in seriously rough shape. He was skinny and half bald from a long, untreated skin infection. Luckily, he responded well and not only



gained some healthy weight but his fur grew back too. Gryff doesn't have much training or socialization with other dogs, so he'll need work in these areas. He's a naturally sweet boy and loves people. There's a great dog in Gryff and lots of potential just waiting to be unlocked.

ECHO

is an adorable, leggy girl who we believe could be a Jack Russell/Basenji mix. She is about 2 years old and weighs around 20 pounds. Echo lives well with other dogs but she does best with dogs that are her size or larger since her terrier attitude does occasionally surface. She would be best



in a calm home with adults or teenagers. She is active and athletic enough to enjoy walks and hikes, but she mostly loves to spend the day relaxing in comfort. Echo will need to be confined when not supervised because she can be destructive, as well as a secure fence that she cannot slip thru or jump over.

JULES

is a big red Dobie mix who was just returned by her owners because of one misstep on her part, which cost her a great loving home. Though she is wonderful with all the dogs at the dog park, she could

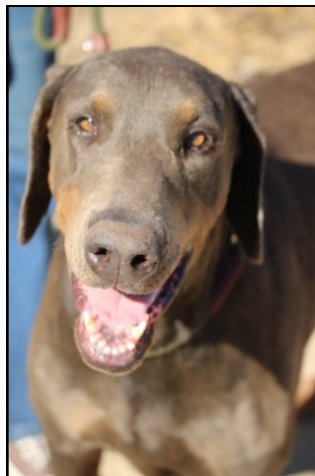


not tolerate seeing a certain small dog walk past her home (a dog that had been attacked by other dogs eight times before), and when she had an opportunity to run out of her yard due to a person's carelessness, she did so and attacked the small dog. As a result, the neighborhood lobbied against Jules staying in the area, and she was

returned. She is 2 1/2 years old, and perhaps a mixture of Dobie, Rottweiler and/or English Bulldog, which would account for her wrinkled forehead. She's immensely social and loves everyone, has good house manners, and needs a home situation where she can't repeat this one mistake.

HOMER

is an extra-large Dobie boy who was impounded at an animal shelter with another (unneutered) male, either his brother or possibly his son. We thought they would be compatible kenneled together, but that wasn't the case. Both dogs are compatible with large female dogs, however. Homer weighs 107.5 pounds and is 6-7 years old, a blue Dobie with a long tail, a so-so coat and healthy-looking skin. He's been friendly with people and is an easy keeper.



STAN

is a new arrival who presented himself as a dog who really needed rescuing from his shelter. He

seemed to us sort of shell-shocked, like a dog that couldn't believe the situation he found himself in. He's serious, quiet, and insecure. When picked up, he doesn't resist, but becomes very stiff, as though ready for the worst thing that could happen to him. We hope for a loving, gentle, low-stress home for Stan, perhaps with another, more confident dog for him to imitate. He was kenneled at his shelter with two females his size, so he clearly doesn't seem to be aggressive. He's about 2 years old, weighs 13 pounds, and is probably a Rat Terrier-Chihuahua mix.



FLETCHER

came to us from an animal shelter where he was shut down and frightened. He's slowly gained confidence and he is now enjoying affection from people he knows and he does really well with larger, female dogs. We would prefer to see him in a home without small children since he really needs people that can respect his boundaries when he is feeling insecure. This adorable boy comes with his baggage (don't we all?) but he does genuinely love people and we hope he will get that chance to finally feel safe, secure and have a place to call home.



BITSY

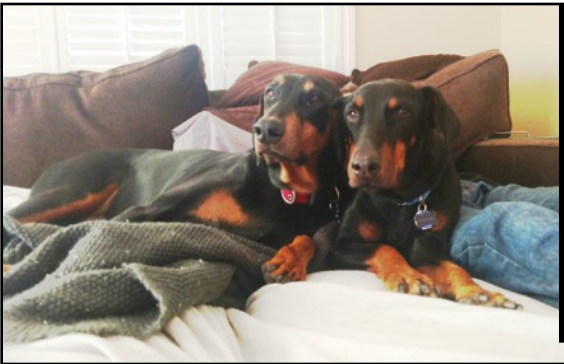
is a new arrival from an animal shelter where she had apparently been impounded as a stray, though the citizen who brought her in seemed to know she isn't fond of children. She was aged at 3 years, weighs 6.6 pounds, and is very dog-social. Bitsy is an affectionate little girl and will approach a waiting set of arms of any friendly adult. We imagine she is probably housebroken because, when crated, she makes a fuss.





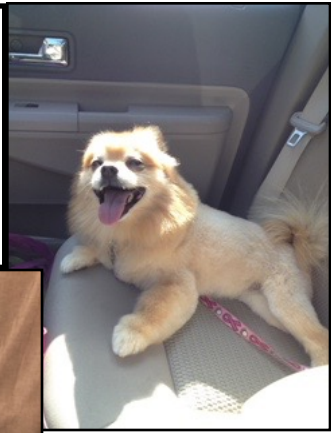
**"Cappy," "Major" & "Sarge" Anderson
of Lancaster**

**"Tigger"
and
"Halona"
Gaffney
of San
Diego**



**"Calvin" &
"Paxton"
Richardson-
Robinson of
Palos Verdes
Peninsula**

**"Moxie" &
"Laydee"
Lopez of
Santa
Barbara**



**"Chance"
Roberts of
Pleasanton**



**"Neo"
Hooghkirk of
Palmdale, with
Charlie**

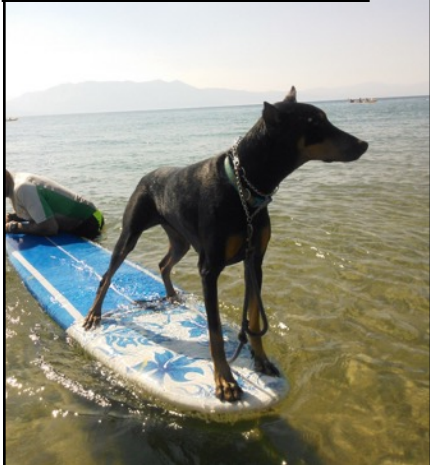
**"Manya" Iacobellis
of Granada Hills**



**"Sassy" DePietro
of La Canada**



**"Daisy Maya"
Crampton of Aptos**



**"Phoebe" Robinson-
Herrera of Altadena**



**"Buddy" Kean of Santa
Barbara, with Susan**



**"Kevin"
Moricca of
Fairfield**



**"Belle"
McCall
of
Sherman
Oaks**



**"Zena"
Eliopoulos of
Malibu**



**HAPPY
ADOPTTEES**



**"Nalu" Baclig
of Folsom,
with Cameron**



**"Chanel"
Zarate of
San
Dimas**

THE POWER OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Almost as polarizing as our federal government's political situation is the attitude toward social media. Some people love the social media; others hate it. Most of us are in between, realizing the good it can do, but also understanding the evil and ruin it can cause. Recently the government has been trying to outlaw some of the ruin, but as always there is the risk of infringing on our right to free speech. On and on, the controversy goes.

We'd like to highlight a couple of the amazing instances of good that were done, thanks to social media: one involving us and one involving a canine superstar.

First, our own. As most of you know, we evacuated for the Thomas fire that caused so much devastation in Ventura County in December. Our decision to evacuate gave us only about a half day to make it happen, to keep us out of harm's way. Because of social media, specifically an urgent Facebook post that was shared probably hundreds of times, we had a crew of volunteers not only getting our dogs off the property and into a safety zone miles from here, but also an even larger crew of volunteers who willingly showed up to walk 90+ dogs three times a day for eight days (over 2,100 walks!). There was no shortage of dog-walkers and people available to feed, water, and clean crates and cages, for that whole time. This would never have been possible without social media!

The global canine superstar is a little dog, a Terrier mix named Gobi, who materialized out of nowhere to join a long-distance Scottish runner competing in a race across the Gobi desert in China. For unknown reasons she bonded with the runner, Dion Leonard, and ran with him through some of the most hostile land in the world, ultimately depending on him for food and water that he carried, in sort supply, for himself.

By the end of the race, Dion loved the little dog and decided to do whatever was necessary to get Gobi approved for travel so that he and his wife could adopt her into their home in Scotland. He left her in a woman's care in China until arrangements could be made to get Gobi through the medical requirements and quarantine required for her exit from China and into Great Britain.

Meanwhile, Dion discovered that it was going to be very expensive to make it happen. Many people had to be bribed, and the months-long quarantine had to be paid for, blood tests to be given, etc. He started a crowd-funding page, thanks to social media (!),

that made Gobi into a global darling practically overnight. \$20,000 was raised via the social media efforts, with everyone wanting daily updates on the status of plans. Meanwhile, she became lost, whether by running away or by being seized for ransom, thanks to the enormity of the crowd-funded purse, no one knows.

Again, thanks to the social media, dozens (maybe even hundreds) of people mobilized, with flyers bearing Gobi's picture, going door-to-door in Urumqi, where she was last seen, hoping for a lead as to her whereabouts. Finally, someone who had seen a flyer alerted someone else, and Gobi was found, though with serious injuries.

Dion Leonard returned to China for months, staying with Gobi while she recovered from surgery in 2016 for a dislocated hip and getting her travel documents and protocol worked out for her eventual travel to her new home. Her miraculous story became a book, complete with pictures, that undoubtedly drew ire from some social media followers who probably thought spending \$20,000 on a dog was an unconscionable thing to do, with starving children perishing in the world. All we can say is that the funds were given in amounts affordable to the people that donated them, of their own free will, according to personal choices they made.

Social media have absolutely been responsible for increased adoptions of dogs from us, many-fold. The happy endings of some of our harder-to-place dogs (whom we often refer to as "always the bridesmaid but never the bride") bring tears to our eyes. We thank you.



A WORTHWHILE REMINDER

There is a clause in our Adoption Agreement that requires the adopter to agree that the dog will never be off-leash outside a confined area. We know you do it. In fact, I (Ardis) was guilty of this for



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years in my own past. It's such pleasure watching our dear dogs run to their hearts' content; in the surf, on the trails, at the park.

The problem is that there are so many things that can happen; tragedies that could have been avoided if our adopters had adhered to this clause in our contract. The sad stories stay with us because we knew the dogs before our adopters did, and we had such high hopes for them having long, fulfilling lives. To know that they have been cut short by death or derailed by handicap because of the delusional belief that the dog's behavior is 100% predictable is devastating.

Here's a version of this that happened the other way around:

Around 2011 we placed a beautiful Doberman boy with a man and his wife, and for the time he was there, he had a wonderful life. Drakka was mostly the man's dog, and he took him everywhere, including to the California Aqueduct in Palmdale. He planned to train him to assist with police work. We didn't know the whole story at the time, but apparently Drakka would often enter the water, necessitating the man's help to get back out.

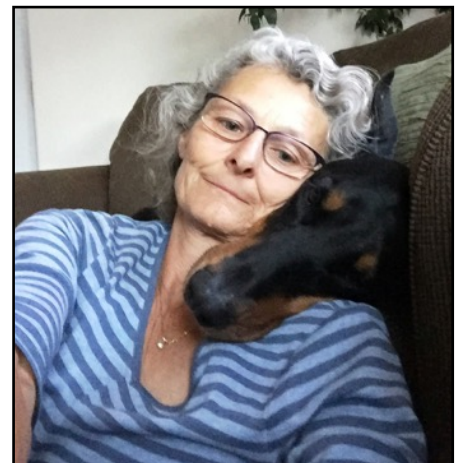
One fateful day Drakka fell or jumped into the water, the man jumped in to save him, and Drakka was saved, while the man drowned. People were alerted to the situation after seeing Drakka sitting by the man's car, which prompted the search for him. This link describes the sad event back then as published in the Antelope Valley newspaper:

<http://theavtimes.com/2011/10/01/correctional-officer-missing-since-wednesday-found-dead-in-aqueduct/>.

His widow brought Drakka back to us because every time she looked at him she was reminded of the tragedy that had taken her husband's life.

And here is a current picture of Drakka, who lives with Jennifer and Tom Cribbs of Lake Hughes.

Enough said, about keeping dogs on leash outside a confined area....



A FURRY, FANTASTIC SURPRISE by Colleen Anderson

This handsome fur ball is Whiskey and boy, did he take me by surprise. I was at the vet one morning with one of our dogs that needed some diagnostic tests which meant that I had a little time to fill waiting for results. I decided to make a trip to the nearby animal shelter because recently a Doberman had arrived there as a stray. While I was there however, another dog caught my eye and captured my heart. Whiskey is a shepherd mix



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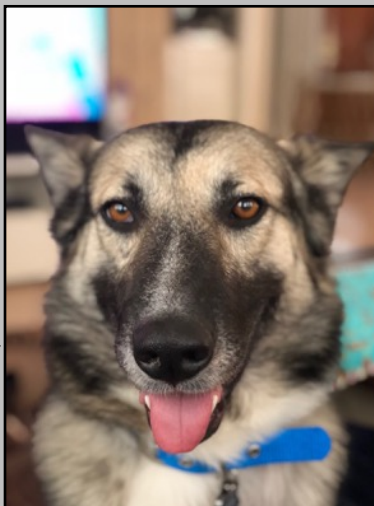
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who looks a whole lot like Buck, a previous dog of mine and perhaps one of the best dogs I've ever known. The staff raved about how amazing he was and he was considered so well housebroken that he required walks so he could get out of his kennel to potty. He was apparently adopted previously but got returned because he was a little destructive when left home alone all day and because he wouldn't bark at people. He needed help and I absolutely couldn't resist such an amazing dog, so Whiskey was coming home with me as a foster.

As I was leaving the shelter I got a call from the vet asking me if I had any large dogs that could donate blood to a dog that needed a transfusion. Luckily, Whiskey is a big, healthy guy so he was a great candidate to help out. The day we saved his life, he was able to save another!

Whiskey was a hit with everyone he met because he is sweet, outgoing and just plain charming. He is good with other dogs, well behaved, and he even has a little bit of training. We posted him on our facebook page and it ended up being shared with the McGraw family of Fullerton, CA. They had been looking for a dog just like him



for their family and they wasted no time contacting us about him. The love was instant between him and the entire family so there was no question he was the newest member of their pack. He is now living the good life, hiking the trails in the neighborhood and spending every day loved.



PARTING SHOT

**"Sienna"
 O'Donnell of
 Simi Valley**



Life is short,

so smile while you still have teeth!

