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The nights have gotten nippy again...must be winter! That means we're on the prowl once again for comforters and blankets to keep the dogs warm. We encourage you to NOT buy them new. They are beautiful, but by the time they're chewed on, piddled upon, and worse, they have a life expectancy in our kennels of a few days to a week. Goodwill, ARC, and other thrift stores have blankets for a few dollars each that are welcomed just as much by our dogs. Thanks to Teri Wells and David Odaka of Los Angeles, we have a newly-donated dryer and washing machine to replace our old one that gave up the ghost, so we still salvage as many blankets as possible from one week to the next.

Adoptions have remained pretty good, again thanks to our very interactive Facebook page, word-of-mouth referrals from happy adopters, and much repeat business from folks who have lost their dogs, or in some cases many dogs over the years, who return to us for their next loved dog. Though our Doberman adoptions now far surpass our small-dog and non-Doberman adoptions, we always have lovable little guys looking for homes, and we hope our little-dog lovers will view "Little Paws" on our web site when shopping for a new friend.

Channel 11 has given us a more tolerable time slot to show our dogs. 8:45 a.m. on Good Day LA, once a month. This replaces the 6:50 a.m. slot that required Colleen to stay up most of the night to arrive at the show on time.

Paula Cwikly will be hosting (hostessing?) her annual Deck the Halls With Bones and Balls holiday party for us on Sunday, December 15, at 2:00 p.m. In case that date has to change for any reason, please check our web site or Facebook page closer to the date. You may RSVP Paula at [pcwikly1@earthlink.net](mailto:pcwikly1@earthlink.net), or call her at 818-985-5698, and she can provide location and directions.

We have exciting news for those adopters living within driving distance that may be having problems training dogs adopted from us. Tanya Ware and Mitzi Roberts, volunteers who come to help with our open house adoptions every Saturday, are now offering free initial training to our adoptees who need a little help to become as enjoyable in their new homes as their adopters wish they could be. Tanya does one-on-one work with dogs that have unique issues or dog-aggression, and Mitzi is available for dog obedience work either individually or with several dogs at a time.

As always, we love and appreciate pictures and updates on your adopted dogs, especially your holiday photos. You'll note there is an imbalance in the number of small dog pictures in this issue's centerfold versus pictures of Dobermans. C'mon, little-dog people, send us your pictures!

And have a healthy and happy holiday season, from all of us at Dobies and Little Paws. Blessings,

*Ardis Braun*



# ADOPTION UPDATES

Five of the eight dogs featured in our last newsletter were adopted!

## STEWIE,

our little Terripoo fellow, was adopted by Sara Holmes of Littleton, Colorado. From her recent e-mail: "Winter is settling into Colorado and Stewie tackled his first snow like a champ. He enjoys the soccer fields and is a hit with the kids. We've learned to pick up our dirty socks or else Stewie will walk off with them. We really hit the jackpot with this charming dog."



## SALLY (now called Sunshine Sally),

our sweet little Chihuahua mix who was rescued from the same high-kill shelter that Stewie was, has been adopted by Cara and Jeff Guess of Santa Paula. Another happy report: "What an awesome sweet pup!! She loves slipping under the covers to sleep and waking up to a chicken barley-carrot breakfast. Then back to a nap in the sun. She likes watching the children come and go to the school. She gets along wonderfully with 'Killer the Pomeranian.' They sleep right next to each other and have become inseparable. I have enclosed a few photos to show how happy she is."



## DALTON,

the handsome black Dobie boy, was adopted by Susan and Don Jones of Camarillo, and they are thrilled with him. From Susan's e-mail: "We had adopted a Dobie from you, Zeus, that we had for 7 years. He lived to be 12 years old. He was such a wonderful match that we wanted another dobie. We never thought we could find another to compare until we met Hugo! We adopted



Dalton, now Hugo on 8/31. From the moment we met him he has been the love of our lives, although every dog we have had has met that description, at the time. Yes, we have been very lucky with our dog children. He is loving, kind, playful and handsome. While not yet overly obedient, we still have hope. He likes to steal a dish towel or shoe and take it the yard to personalize it. Everyone needs a shoe with a hole in the back of it or a hole in the middle of a dishtowel. We love our Hugo. Thank you Doberman Rescue for saving him and keeping him safe for us. We are so lucky, and couldn't be happier."

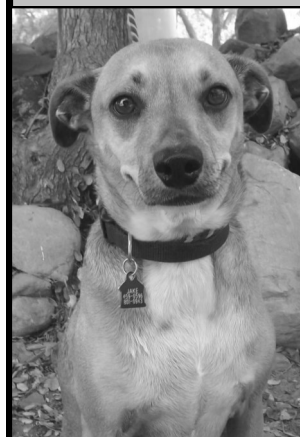
## BUDDY,

our beautiful young red male Dobie, was adopted by Diane Itzenhauser of Santa Barbara. She says: "Buddy has been a wonderful addition to my home. He has the sweetest soul, and although he is rather timid, he is becoming more and more comfortable with me each day. He runs to the door when I ask him if he wants to go for a walk with me, and he gallops through his daily trail runs and beach runs with me. We enjoy watching TV together while we both lay on his 4' memory foam dog bed together. Thanks again, Ardis, for all of the wonderful dogs that you have taken care of until they came to their forever home with me."



## JAKE,

our Whippet-Beagle mix (maybe?), was taken initially as a foster – sort of on a trial basis – by Jeanie and Bob LeVan of Ventura. We knew that if we could convince them to foster him, it would be a "failed foster," because he's such a great little guy! Sure enough, a few weeks later we received the call that he's a keeper, and a letter, which says in part: "Our family is again complete, with the recent addition, the new love of our lives, Jake. In the past several weeks, since adopting Jake from Dobie Rescue, he has proven to be an angel, bringing new and special joy into our lives...He seems to really enjoy sleeping with us...his barely discernable snoring aids us in promptly drifting off to sleep ourselves. Every child should have a dog to love, be loved by, to learn from, and share secrets with. It surely follows then, that each



# WAITING FOR HOMES

## PRESTON

is about 2 years old, a Terrier mix of some sort, who weighed 11 pounds when he was neutered but was a little too lean at that weight. He's friendly, dog-social, cat-social, and should be fine with kids except for his habit of jumping excitedly on people he's happy to see, which might alarm very small tots.



years old, who is housebroken, good with cats and dogs, and loves loves children (the ex-owner's words). Augusta is an animated little girl who is slightly shy at first but eager to be noticed. She has turned into a little butterball here because we free-feed our dogs that are in groups, but her correct weight is slightly under 10 pounds.

## DORY

is a beautiful 2-year-old Dobie girl who will be thrilled to bond with someone when she finally gets her forever home. She has been with us only 5 months, but we think that's too long for such a nice dog to spend in rescue. Her primary bad habit is that she can vault over normal fences, so a fairly high block wall or covered dog run when no one is at home would be recommended. Though Dory is kenneled with a large male dog here, she isn't social with every large male dog; she picks her friends.



## KARLA

is an older girl, and one who would enjoy a bond with a loving human. Though she is reasonably dog-social, she really has no use for other dogs, preferring to spend time with humans. She's not an attractive dog, but her somewhat thin coat has improved during her stay here. Karla is not destructive and loves to spend time lounging on her dog bed. She's about 8 years old and weighs around 70 pounds.



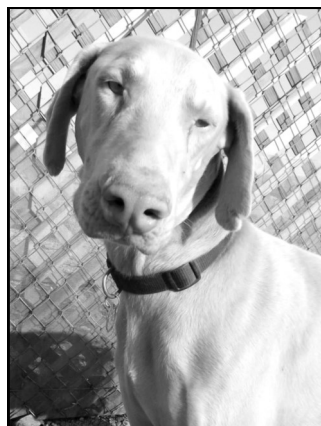
## NICKY

is a Terrier mix, about a year old, who was rescued from a busy highway. He can tolerate cats and other dogs, but he's more dominant than the other dogs in his group, so he's the first to eat and is assertive in all his relationships. Though about the same height as Preston (mentioned above), Nicky is more solidly built and will probably reach 15-17 pounds full-grown.



## CASPER

is a 3-year-old white Dobie, also called Albino (though he has blue eyes, not pink). He's tolerant of some dogs but not others. He would probably do best with an undominant but confident large female dog, but perhaps he'd be even happier as the only dog. Like most white Dobies, Casper has sensitive skin, so lick areas, tear stains and the like show up and require extra care and maintenance. This dog is a favorite of our kennel employees, always with a smiley face and waggy tail. His behavior with little kids isn't known.



## HARDY

is not an attractive Dobie, but he's so starved for love that we hope he'll have a chance at a good home soon; he's been with us over a year already. When Hardy was first rescued, he had lick sores on his front legs that were so bad that he could barely walk. He's in good health now at about 6-7 years old and a weight somewhere in the mid-80's.



## AUGUSTA

was relinquished to an animal shelter because the owner had too many dogs. She is a purebred Pomeranian, 3



**"Jackson" and "Lily" Perez-Monje of Tustin**



**"Larry" and "Osa" Booth of Oakview**



**"Sammie" and "Daisy" Catlett of Yucaipa**

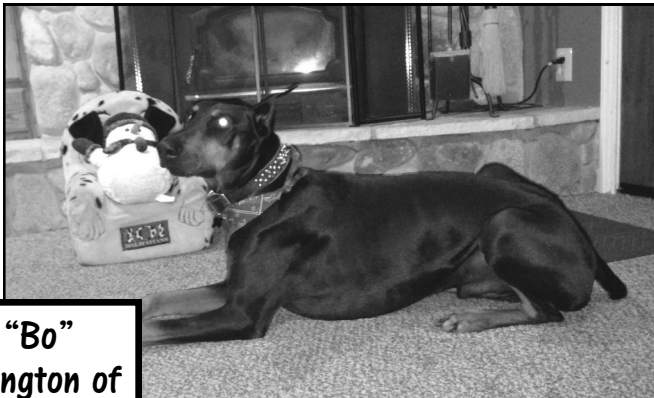
**"Rambo" Thomas of Long Beach with John and Liz**



**"Lady" and "Sparky" Kormondy-Nakano of Los Angeles**



**"Bo" Ellington of Hilmar**



**"xxxxx" and "xxxxx" Caldwell of Solvang with Eric and Carleen**

**"Sprocket" Rivera of Moorpark with Pat and Clarice**

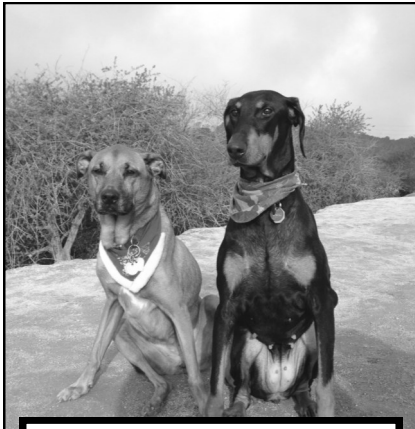


**"Sandy" Kirschenbaum of North Hills**





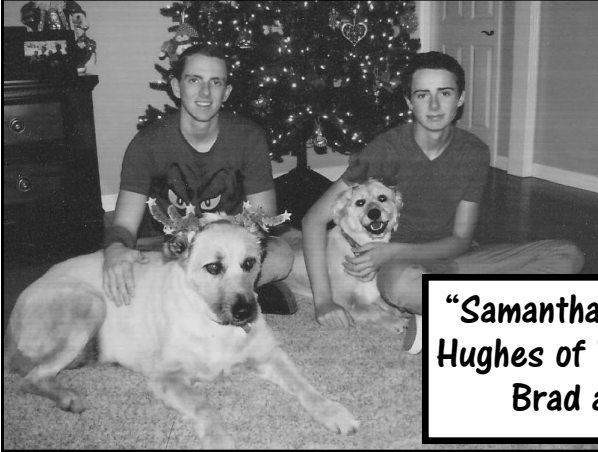
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"Heidi" and "Josie"  
Jameson of Los Angeles

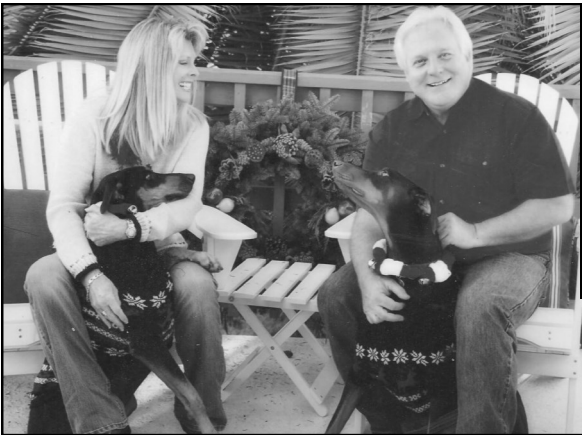


"Titus" Moore of  
Canyon Country



"Samantha" and "Dani"  
Hughes of Ventura, with  
Brad and Josh

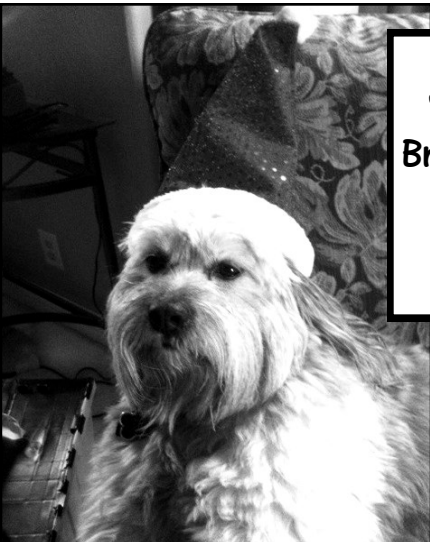
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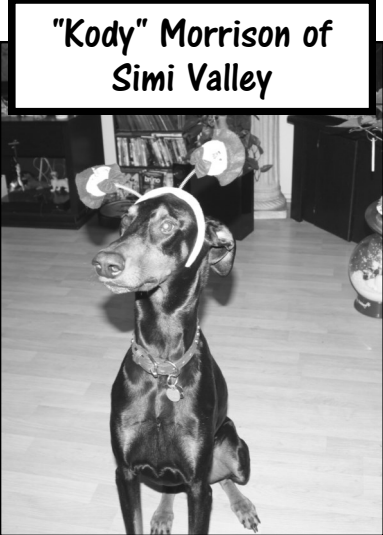
"Quigley"  
and "Raleigh"  
Greene of  
San Diego,  
with Cass  
and Marty



"Duke" Murphy of  
Sparks, NV



"Beau"  
Brewer of  
Simi  
Valley



"Kody" Morrison of  
Simi Valley



"Bella" Ciaramaglia of  
Saugus

## MEDICAL MATTERS

Recently I (Ardis) attended a symposium held at one of the premier animal hospitals in our county and listened for several hours to two experts who spoke about stress in dogs and cats; specifically, stress that these animals can experience when they become lost and are impounded at animal shelters and, if they're lucky, at other kennels and rescue facilities while awaiting permanent homes.

One of the experts is a veterinarian who spent a large part of his lecture talking about dog vaccines. Though he works for the Merial company, he stated repeatedly that we should not tell his boss about some of the (negative) opinions he holds regarding a few of his company's products.

Among the most beneficial topics he covered was the newly-developed "recombinant" vaccine created to immunize dogs against distemper and parvovirus, paired with a couple of other less deadly viruses. This vaccine is called a DA2P-P vaccine. These have been around for many years, but what makes the new one so worthy is that it can protect the dog being vaccinated within 15 minutes, instead of the traditional 2-3 weeks. It approaches immunity in a completely different manner in the way it affects the dog's cells, and if I were more knowledgeable regarding scientific jargon, I could explain it better, but... the point of this article is to suggest that you articulate to your vet the next time you take your dog for shots, especially if he/she hasn't been kept up to date on the distemper-parvo shot, that you'd like the recombinant vaccine if it's available. You can actually order these vaccines yourself without a prescription and have your vet give them, if you're unwilling. When I asked the speaker about the price difference between the new vaccine and the other version, he said "not much, maybe 50 cents per dose."

We aren't permitted to advertise in this newsletter, but feel free to call or e-mail if you need names of companies where vaccines may be ordered.

## FOSTER LOVE

by Colleen Anderson

I can remember him now, my first foster dog from the rescue. His name was Timmy and he was a small, tri-colored Sheltie mix that was the most frightened dog I had ever seen. I remember Ardis scooping him up in a blanket because he would panic if anyone touched him or tried to put a leash on him. I can't say that it was all smooth sailing. He was not housebroken, had no training, and was so afraid of me that he would practically be catatonic every time I touched him. I had no idea what I was doing but I was patient, loving,

and just took things day by day. I was so excited to see his transformation from a practically feral dog to a loving companion that finally wagged his tail. It broke my heart the day he finally found a home and I cried in the car on the way to the rescue to meet his new family. As I watched his new "mommy" lovingly carry him to her car, I knew I had done the right thing. My pain was replaced with pride and I was all ready to pick out my next foster.

It is now many, MANY fosters later and I still love every minute of it. Honestly, some of them have been harder to let go than others and some have stayed with me for their remaining days. I have fostered the frightened, the sick, the "aggressive," and the elderly (my favorites). People ask me all the time if it's hard to let them go and my honest answer now is no. I know that seeing them go to a loving home where they will be someone's everything is the best reward possible and there are always other dogs in need of help and willing to fill the void.

One recent foster was an older male that came in extremely skinny and had an infected dew claw under his skin that had probably caused him discomfort his entire life. He needed a warm place where he could gain enough weight to undergo surgery for his toe. He stayed with me for a few weeks before and after his surgery and he was one of the sweetest old males I've ever had the pleasure of knowing. I was thrilled when he was adopted a short time later by Amanda Weig of Aliso Viejo, CA. This is what she has to say about him:

"The day I met Elfman (then known as Richard), he was so friendly and responsive, he just won me over. My mom was with me to 'observe' but even she couldn't resist him. The deal was sealed when he 'chose' me by turning his butt to me and sitting on my foot as if to say, 'Pet me, Mom - you know you love me already!' Two months later, this boy who was scrawny and emaciated when I brought him home has achieved a healthy weight, improved his muscle tone, and started to replace his dull coarse coat with new shiny, soft fur. He is absolutely a Momma's boy, a super gentleman, and a subtle comedian. I chose to adopt a senior because of my health issues, and the joy, laughter, and companionship he brings me are as helpful as the walks we take that strengthen our bond and our bodies. This holiday season my Elf Man has truly brought me the spirit of the holidays. This photo is from the morning after I picked him up but it is still my favorite photo of him!"



p.s. We are always looking for more foster homes, not for the perfect dogs that will get adopted in a heartbeat, but for those that need a little work, a little love, and some TLC. If you are considering fostering then please contact us to see if we have a match for you. You might just save a life.



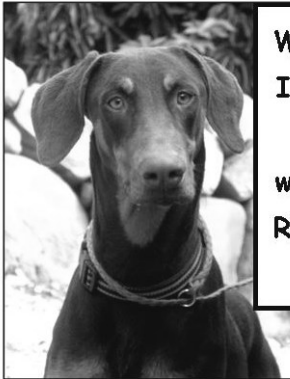
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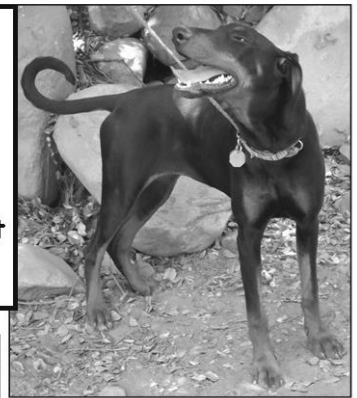
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When I was born I couldn't decide what color I would be... Black, Red, Fawn, Blue, or White.



When I was less than 1 week old and my eyes were still closed, my owner may have decided not to cut my tail.



When I was only 12 weeks old my owner couldn't afford or didn't want to painfully crop my ears...

or



My owners did cut my ears but didn't care for them properly so they don't stand.

So now I'm without a home, with an uncertain future because of decisions that weren't mine. Many people don't want me because of the color of my fur, the length of my tail, or the look of my ears.



I may not look like this...



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## WISH LIST

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*large and small dog collars*  
*tarps*

*gift cards for building supply stores*  
*new or used dogloos or plastic dog houses*  
*of any size*

*new or used crates and cages of any size*

*large, metal frame durable beds and replacement*  
*vinyl hammocks- approx. 24" X 38"*

## A BED FOR THE HOLIDAYS

It probably doesn't often cross anyone's mind unless they visit us regularly or have a dog rescue themselves, but dog beds have a "life expectancy" in the kennel environment (see picture). One of our devoted volunteers, Carol Dailey, has organized a Bed Drive for us for the holidays. Because good-quality beds, especially those with metal frames that don't break, can be quite pricey, so Carol has printed flyers and has information about how an entire office can band together to buy a new bed for one of our lucky residents. If this is something

your office, family, neighborhood, or other dog-friendly group of friends might be interested in doing for one or more of our pooches, please contact Carol at 805-689-1771, or e-mail her at [daileysinsb@yahoo.com](mailto:daileysinsb@yahoo.com) for details. Woof, woof (which means "thank you," in canine-speak).



**"Dominic" Parks of McKinleyville**

**We've said it before, but it always bears repeating:  
 "Blessed is the person who has earned the love of an old dog."**