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Wow. There are fires everywhere in California, and most of you live in California. Terrifying. We would be thrilled to hear from any of you that are in the fire zones, to know that you are all right. As always, we sincerely hope you all still have homes and that your animals are all safe as well.

This summer's adoptions have been pretty good compared to the "usual" summer doldrums' history of adoptions. We can certainly attribute a good percentage of this to Instagram, which has become so popular that our posts get a huge number of views and shares to give the dogs and information the exposure that is needed.

We have also begun to post many of your pictures, too numerous to include in our newsletters, on our website. Go to our home page and click on the bone called "adoptees," and you'll see the beginnings of what will ultimately be hundreds of your dear pictures that we hope you'll enjoy viewing as much as we do.

It has been a challenging year, but thanks to your help and generosity, we have been able to cope with a multitude of seriously injured dogs, motherless puppies, and the much-higher number of intakes due to the loss of three other California rescuers of Dobermans. As always, we are maintaining a number of small dogs that come our way in need of rescue assistance. Fortunately, there are a lot of other rescue groups now that take small dogs from shelters. If

the small dogs didn't count equally in the headcount total we are permitted, there would be a lot more of them at Dobies and Little Paws!



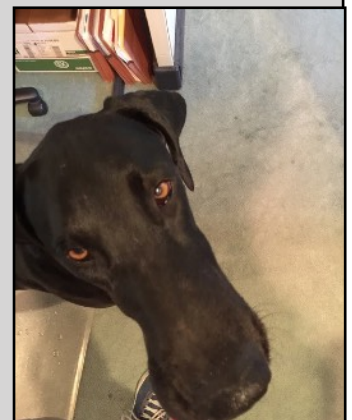
Sincerely,  
*Ardis Braun*

## ADOPTION UPDATES

Of the eight dogs featured in our last newsletter, four were adopted. Lucky dogs! We hope they got to enjoy some air conditioning on the beastly hot days during the summer.

### CLEO,

our big agile Dobie mix, was adopted by Linda Atkinson of Granada Hills. Her new name is Mandy, and she was adopted with Hercules, a blue male we had been promoting for many months. Linda specifically asked if Mandy



might be a "water dog," because they have a coy pond and hoped to keep their coy alive. As of the most recent update, Mandy was being worked with by a trainer. We're taking that as "no news is good news" and keeping our fingers crossed!

## STAN,

our super-timid little Rat Terrier mix, was adopted by Jocelyn Craig of Loma Linda, but she planned to have him “decompress” a bit initially at the home of Sharan and Jack Bennett, her parents. He’s still there, having bonded with Jack, but still wary of cuddling with other members of the family. The Bennetts’ home is peaceful and quiet, and they



have a nice yard he likes to run in.

From Sharan’s e-mail: “Right now, he seems to be a happy little fellow who is gradually becoming able to play, to follow his curious nose, to choose the places

he likes to sleep...I am getting a few cautious wags now, and he has accepted a treat from me.”

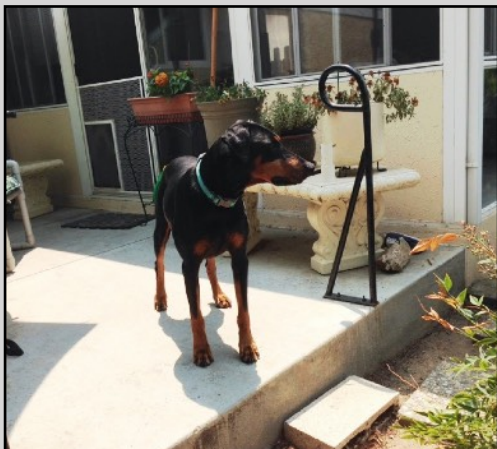
For now, Jack is “his man,” but he’s becoming more adjusted day by day.

## FLETCHER,

such a sweet gentle Dobie, was adopted by Maryann Chapralis of La Habra. His new name is Lucky, for a very good reason: a few days after she adopted him, he decided to bolt from her van at a busy intersection as she was loading groceries. He wasn’t yet trained to come when called, so she chased him for several hours before finally recovering him. He lived through the experience!

Maryann says he loves his yard, especially enjoying checking out the fig tree for ripe figs. He runs with her

8-year-old rescued German Shepherd, Greta, and the dogs are very compatible, happy to be sharing the house with her.



## ECHO,

our little spitfire Jack Russell Terrier mix, was adopted by Diana and Gerald Chase of Santa Ynez. From Diana’s recent e-mail: “She is a wonderful addition to our family. She loves all the other dogs & cats....We have given her a forever name, Roo, as in

Kangaroo. She can & does jump higher than a dog should, LOL. The counters don’t even faze her; we are having training in this area.”



## WAITING FOR HOMES

### Action

is a new red boy from an upstate animal shelter, where he was impounded with a female Dobie about his age, possibly a sibling. He's 1-2 years old, tall with a natural tail, and quite a happy, likeable dog.

Unfortunately, when his animal shelter tested his behavior with a small dog while he was on leash, he became overstimulated and nipped the handler. For that reason, he became "rescue only," and everyone at the shelter was delighted that we rescued him and gave him a chance at a great home despite his reactivity toward the small dog. We think an adult home would be best for this handsome, athletic fellow. He is kenneled with a large female dog and also spent time around other large dogs during our picture-taking session, and he displayed no aggression. It may be that Action is a prey-driven dog who views small animals as prey, so no cats or small dogs for him.



### Sugar

is about 7 years old and weighs around 6 pounds. She is great with other dogs, though understandably intimidated by large ones, and really

sweet with people. She is the ultimate lap dog and would love to spend her days in a fairly calm home with a family, couple or person who just needs a low-key cuddle buddy. We had Sugar spayed, vaccinated, microchipped and she had a dental so her teeth (and breath) are nice and clean.



## Quark

is an unusual name for an unusual dog. She is about a year old, and she came to us from an upstate shelter where she had endeared herself to the staff.

Quark displays a "head tilt," and she appears to have a generalized neurological condition that makes her behave oddly:

uncoordinated and sometimes unbalanced. She actually functions close to normal, gets around without any difficulty, loves to play and takes direction really well so we expect she

could make an incredible family dog as long as you can accept her "quirks." Quark is very dog-social but is a good watchdog who will alert to unusual things occurring outside her yard. She's an all-natural (long tail and long ears) girl with a beautiful red coat and a tall, leggy stature.

## Huxley

is a new guy to us so we are still getting to know him. He is medium sized at about 20 pounds with a scruffy coat.

Huxley is a young adult, we think around 2 years old. He is very much a product of his environment and his

behavior can change based on his comfort level.



With some people he has been loving and affectionate, but he is afraid and nippy with others that he hasn't bonded with. He is also good with other dogs but sometimes his "terrier attitude" comes out so we recommend dogs around his size or larger just to be safe.

## Scutch

came to us from his animal shelter up the coast because he wasn't suitable for the average Dobie home. He's mouthy, apparently never having been taught that play behavior doesn't include putting his mouth on his handler's or owner's hand or arm.



We think he's a quick learner though; he was shown in a short video going through the drill in an agility course. Though Scutch is small for a male Dobie, he's probably through growing and is just over a year old. His animal shelter also thought he was too dog-reactive on leash to be trusted to approach

another dog, but it appears more likely that he just never learned how to play. We immediately kenneled him with two other dogs (one male and one female), and there was no disagreement between them. Scutch is a dog that will require stimulation and exercise, ideally with a jogger or someone hoping to finish a dog in agility work; minimally with someone that has plenty of enclosed space for him to run in.

## Daisy

is a scruffy little girl who was about to run out of time at the animal shelter. She wasn't considered adoptable because of her shy and sometimes fearful behavior with new people. Daisy is a

sensitive, quiet girl who is looking for a low-key lifestyle without a lot of activity or change of routine. She loves other dogs and will





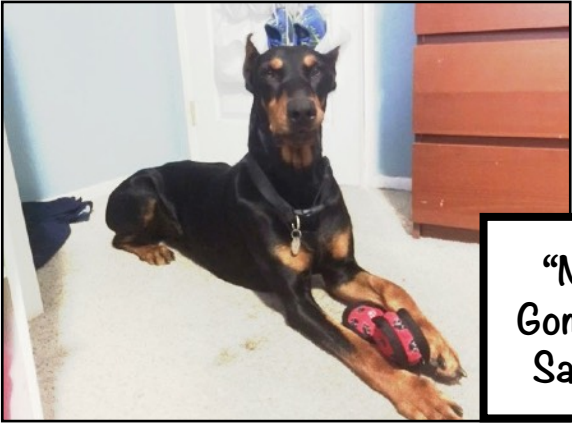
**"Emma" Frank of Miramonte**



**"Xander" Silva of La Mirada**



**"Baby" Johnson of Santa Barbara**



**"Rose" and "Clara" Matteucci of Bakersfield**



**"Ned" Gomez of Saugus**



**"Griselda" Partain of Gaffney, SC**



**"Gina" Todd of Goleta**



**"Chandler," "Audrey" and "Guy" Baron of Los Angeles**



**"Pita" Bush of San Diego, with Kris**





“Jenny” Sessa (second from right) of Lexington KY, with friends

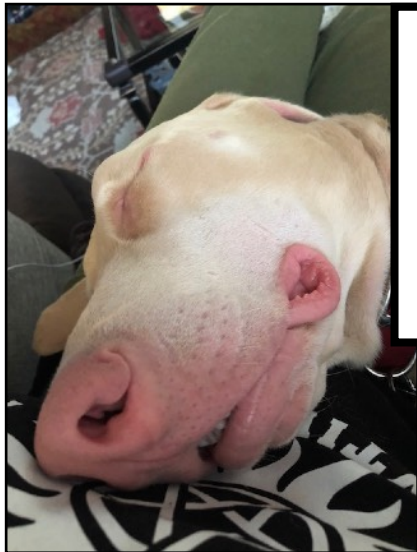
“Zane” and “Deacon” Hilmar of San Diego, with Kyle



“Dexter” Box of Santa Clarita



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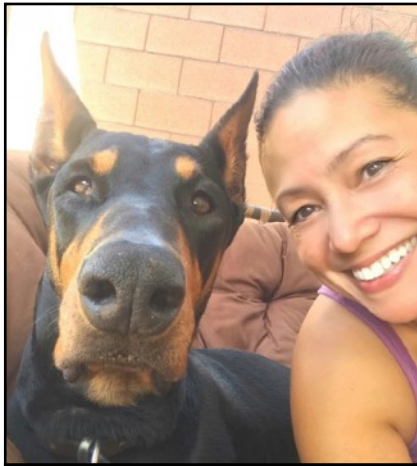
“Argos” de la Cuesta of San Jose

HAPPY ADOPTERS

“Dino” Ferraro of Lakewood, with Giada and Isabella



“Romeo” Munro of Simi Valley



“Max” Trim of Las Vegas, with Stacey

“Bodie” and “Clarabelle” Miller of Pacific Palisades



often share her bed with her friends for snuggle time. Once she feels safe and comfortable with someone she really enjoys being a lap dog as well. Daisy is 7 years old and she weighs about 15 pounds.

## Miss Phoenix

is a large blue Doberman Pinscher who was given up by her owner because of her exuberant behavior, which is not appropriate for the home where she lived during the past year. She's about 4 years old, housebroken, good with other dogs and cats, but isn't recommended for a home with kids or small dogs because she knocks them over and/or could injure them with her joyful behavior. Miss Phoenix will need abundant exercise and be trained not to jump on people. Her natural tail can also function as a whip and cause minor injury to anyone unprepared for it. She is a non-destructive, lovable, happy dog who will add fun and entertainment to the right adult home.



## FINDING THE RIGHT MATCH

By Colleen Anderson

I shared a little post on our social media accounts recently and the response was so wonderful that I wanted to share it here as well since we know some of our supporters aren't avid social media users.

A little something to think about if/when you are considering adding another dog to your home and family: compatibility. We love that people fall in love with the pictures and videos we post to the website and adopters that do their homework is a good thing. However, sometimes people get too wrapped up in the wrong things. They are so spellbound by dogs they find "pretty" or "handsome" that they don't pay attention to the reasons why that dog is all wrong for them. Age is also something that many people get hung up on. They ask us "who is the youngest dog you have?" when they should really be asking "who is the best dog you have for my lifestyle?" We would never have to ask for donations again if we had a dollar for every person who asks us for a calm 1 year old....ain't gonna happen folks. Know your limits, know your deal breakers and be

brutally honest about your reality.

Be open when you come to look at dogs so we can help you find the best match for you because once you get home and all the excitement has died down, you now have to live every day with the dog you chose to adopt. If you take home a dog that is beyond your training skill level and you aren't prepared to put in the real work it takes then all the beauty in the world won't make you happy. Struggling every day with your dog is not fun and can even be dangerous. Next time ask yourself if the color really matters that much or if cropped/natural ears are really a deal breaker because you could be missing out on the best dog you could ever own just because they look different than you imagined.

Many people shared that they agreed with our opinion but this comment from a long time adopter, Alycia Williams of Moorpark, sums it up perfectly:

"Best advice ever! I'll never forget the second time I came to adopt from you guys. I wanted another young cropped and docked black and tan male. Of course I wanted him to be house trained, condo friendly, good with kids and other dogs. Ardis looked at me like I was crazy and should know better than to ask for that. Really, I should have, but I didn't. When she suggested a blue female with a bad coat and natural ears, I thought she didn't care about what I wanted at all. On the contrary, she listened to exactly what I asked for. She got me a calm, condo friendly, sweet loving dog, that's obsessed with kids and gets along with other dogs. We've had her for about four years now and she's the best family dog I could ever ask for and is my daughter's

best friend. I couldn't care less that she doesn't look the way I had originally hoped."



## A SAD STORY WITH A HAPPY ENDING

Rescuing dogs can be really, really brutal at times, but we've always felt that is where rescue is needed most: the dogs with problems very few



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people would be willing to take on. In a perfect world, there would be a home for every needy animal, but the reality is so much

different that no one can really blame an adopter for wanting to adopt a healthy animal without major behavioral problems. There are so many wonderful animals that don't get that chance....

On Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, we received a call from a woman who picked up a Doberman tied at the bottom of a freeway exit ramp who had the worst burns any of us had ever seen on a living creature. His entire back looked as though it was covered with molten lava. The woman was desperate to find help for this sweet dog, and what better place to call than a Doberman rescue group!

We named him Phoenix. He went promptly to the animal hospital for treatment, but it wasn't certain that he would live. He was in

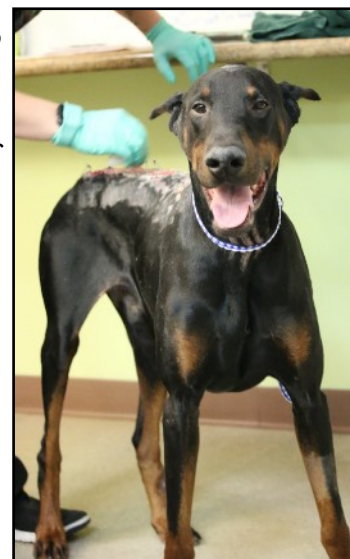


a tremendous amount of pain, and he had to endure even more of it to be cured. We even questioned whether humane euthanasia should be "on the table," but it seemed wrong for him to have endured so much already at that point and not to have him get the chance to have his life end happily. Plus, he was such a sweet dog that he quickly won the hearts of everyone at the animal hospital.

No one should have to view the pictures of his back immediately after all of the skin and infected tissue was removed. But, day after day, for the nearly two months he was hospitalized, Phoenix received the best vet care and ultimately healed so well that he was able to be released from the hospital.

We're sharing the more tolerable pictures here, the first being the day he was found, prior to his surgery; the second of Phoenix on the long road to recovery; the third showing his back nearly healed. There is a link to a video of him available on the home page of our website.

Many of you were following his story on social media, and we'd be pretty surprised if there weren't a few tears shed over this good boy's recovery.





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## WHAT IF....

Once in a while adopters ask us how they can make sure their dogs are safe in case they are suddenly ownerless due to their own death or other emergency. Sometimes there is an additional dog (or several) in the home that haven't been adopted from us; perhaps adopted from an animal shelter, where there is no "personal" relationship to the dog(s).

Many people provide for their animals and everything else they leave behind through a living trust. These are easy to create, and they avoid having the lengthy probate process that can postpone everything for months or years. But even with a living trust, it isn't necessarily known – immediately – what should happen to someone's pets.

We suggest having a written directive placed in a prominent place in the home, such as taped to the door of the refrigerator or to a cork board in the kitchen, someplace that would be viewed promptly by anyone retrieving pets from the home. It would be wise to include the types, breeds and names of all pets involved, just in case a kitty is hiding under the bed, for example.

Of course we're there for our dogs and any other pets in our adopters' homes. If you like, just cut out the box to the right and post it.

### IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

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## PARTING SHOT

Keeping watch for Halloween  
 ghosts and goblins



"Willow" and "Rennie" Blamire of Santa Barbara





