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Adoptions continue to be amazing during the pandemic that shows no signs of abating as of this writing on August 15th. Since March 20th, almost five months ago, we have placed 198 dogs, almost all of them Dobies. We're still unable to locate very many small dogs needing rescue because many of the shelters are having the same kind of adoption success that we are. Some of them have relied on fostering dogs rather than adopting them out, however, which may mean a lot of them can't stay where they are when people return to work or have to move due to Covid financial challenges. We feel for the sad dogs that may end up back in the shelters. There will always, always be dogs needing rescue.

We are asked several times a day during this pandemic whether we are permitting visits. For the record, we are, but not casual visits. If you're already known to us or have submitted an application and we believe we can supply a dog that will meet your needs, you can visit during our Saturday open house or on specific weekdays by appointment. Please wear a mask, for your safety and ours.

As always, we are all grateful for your gifts, financial and otherwise, and for all of the other kinds of assistance you give us. Though you can't hug your human friends right now, hug your dogs...from you and from us. And stay well.

Faithfully yours,
Ardis Braun

ADOPTION UPDATES

CHET,

now named Rocky, who was an instant volunteer favorite, has made his home with Lee and



Kaye Hagenbuch of Las Vegas.

From their e-mail: "Rocky has been with us for about 6 weeks now. He has adapted wonderfully to our home. It took him about 3 days to take over our couch. He is a loving, sweet guy who is not one bit of trouble around the house. He can't get enough love. He is such a people person."

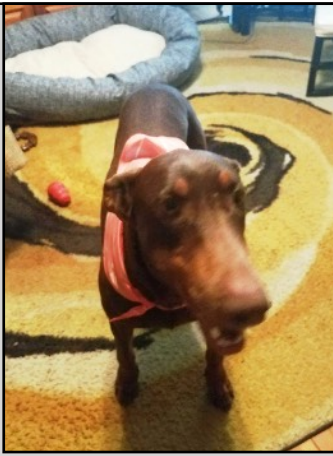
Rocky's only issue is reactivity to other dogs on leash, and these good people are working with a trainer on this issue that is so common to our breed.

SIMONA

It appears that Simona has finally made her permanent home with Ron Rossnow of Downey. He had been warned that Simona is very hard to contain, having escaped from five previous homes she had been adopted into, including chewing a hole through a wood fence large enough to permit her escape. Ron visited several times and was consistently drawn to

her, and now, three weeks since her adoption, she's still there and doing well.

Ron texted: "She is who she is and learning to be a dog again....She is something else. Not like any dog I have ever been around. I don't think a name matters to her as long as she is getting petted. Her favorite thing to do is car rides and walks in new places."



And finally being in a place she wants to feel is home.

MIFFY,

our little mixed-breed girl that came from Taiwan, whose DNA test confirms she is mostly Formosan Mountain Dog, was all set to go to her new home with Keith Martin of Santa Monica when we discovered a growth deep in her ear that needed medical attention. We're attending to this and will have Miffy ready for her new home about the time you receive this newsletter.

HAL,

our extra-large happy tailwagger, has a new name, Diesel, and a new home with the Page family of Mission Viejo.



From Natalia's e-mail: "We feel so grateful to have found him, he is so sweet, friendly, intelligent and obedient. He has so much love to give to everyone including our grumpy 15 year old Chihuahua! He has won everyone's heart! We are so happy to

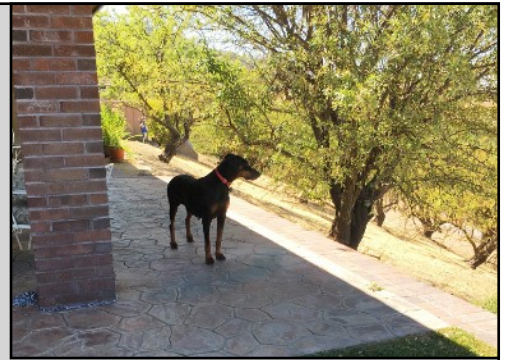
have a new family member at home! Thank you so very much!!!!

~Natalia, Andres and Gio"

OLIVIA

was adopted shortly before this writing, by Liz and Hank Baier of Paso Robles. Millie (her new

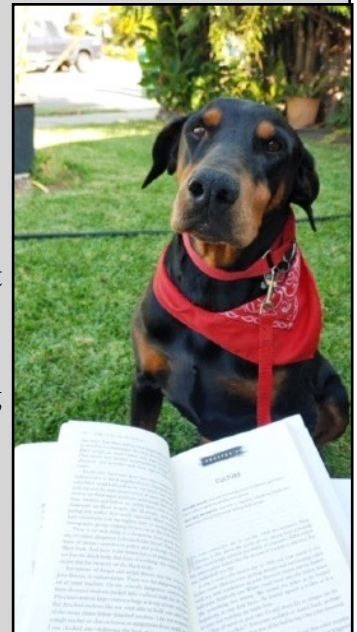
name) has fenced acreage to explore and Liz says she has adapted well and follows her everywhere. Millie and the resident cat tolerate each other, and she loves their grandkids. "She makes us very happy."



ROCCO

was also adopted shortly before this writing, by Estefania Bernabe of La Habra. We couldn't fit in all the happy notes about him, but as a start:

"For months I've been wanting a Doberman Pinscher puppy but today this 5 year old Dobby chose me as his #Rescuemom. Rocco is a bilingual dog who loves children and other dogs but is not a fan of cats. He loves car rides and loves to chill. He also enjoys going on hikes. Also, he snores and I'm okay with it because he completes me. He also loves it when I read to him. He also became an emotional support dog."

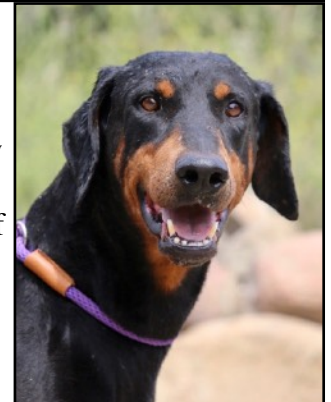


We think that works both ways....

WAITING FOR HOMES

Bardo

was taken in from an animal shelter May 20, 2020 with another dog, presumably his brother. Apparently the shelter identified the owner of the dogs but required proof that they could be safely confined, and the owner did not respond. It isn't clear whether the brothers, then

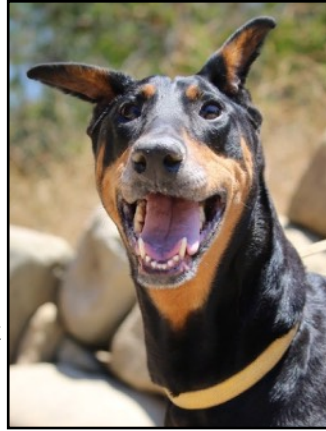


unneutered, got along, as both dogs have a few

marks that could have been from arguments with each other, other dogs, or other reasons entirely. Bardo has quickly become a shelter favorite, as he is such an affable guy who is happy, attentive, not crazy on leash, and affectionate. The animal shelter gave his age as 2-3, but we think he's probably closer to 5 years, and he's average size for a male Doberman. Bardo does have minor weakness in his back end.

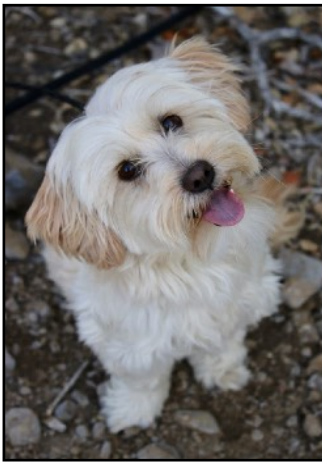
Kaia

is a new dog with us, having been relinquished by her owners on July 25, 2020 due to a move. She is 6 years old and is prematurely graying a little in the face, but her teeth and body are that of a younger-looking dog. Kaia is housebroken, good with kids, not destructive and, in fact, has no known bad habits. Her ex-owners had no idea whether she was good with other dogs, but we have her kenneled with a male about her age, with no apparent issues. She is known to be terrible with cats, though.



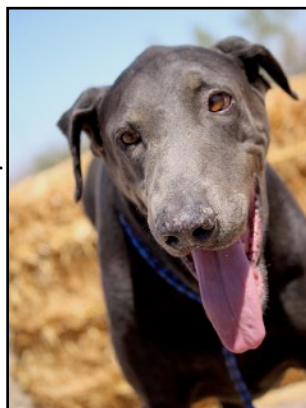
Misty

needed rescue because of a bladder stone that required surgery. Her age was given as 8 years old and she is in great shape for her age. She's almost 20 pounds and we think she is a non-shedder, so she will require grooming. Misty loves walks, snuggles and she's quite social. She will need to be on a special diet to avoid future problems with bladder stones but she is currently in great health.



Picasso

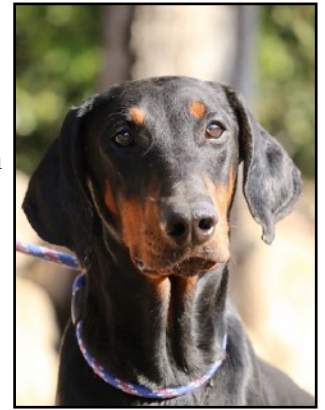
is so named because his curved muzzle resembles a Picasso painting. His blue color and cut ears that don't stand make Picasso look a bit unusual. The shelter aged him at 7 years old but we think he might be closer to 5. Picasso loves people and though a little



bit shy on first meeting, he quickly becomes super sweet and very affectionate. We haven't had the best luck with Picasso and other dogs. He is non-reactive to easygoing females but living with another dog has been a challenge for him. He is crate trained, smart and eager to be part of a family.

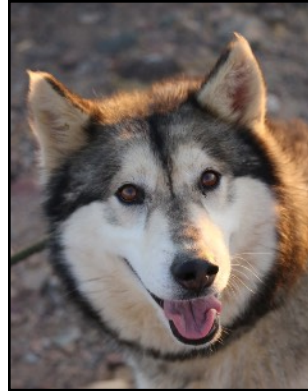
Kendra

came to us from an animal shelter in rough shape. She was emaciated, shut down and needed surgery to remove a mammary mass. Our vet took care of the mass and she's looking much better so we are hoping a loving home is now her next stop. Kendra is probably 6 or 7 years old, on the small side and loves people. She can get along with large male dogs but is very prey-driven with smaller dogs and cats.



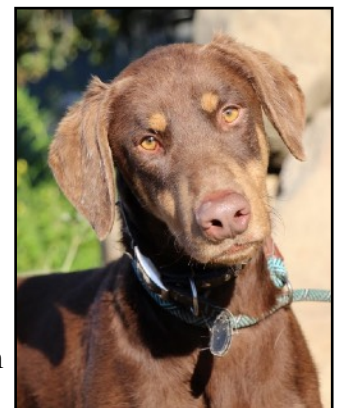
Lobo

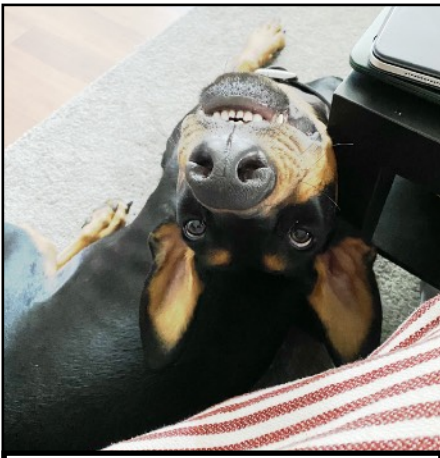
is clearly not a Doberman or a "little paw," but he was a dog in need and we said yes. He's a Husky boy who is probably around 7 years old. Lobo was shut down, super skinny and scared of the world when he came to us. He has a hard time trusting but once on a leash, he is perfectly compliant and the connection gives him a boost of confidence. Lobo has one big difficulty and most Husky owners are no stranger to it...he can escape. He will need a solid, high fence and gate or a secure dog run. Lobo is a great dog and we hope he does get a second chance in a loving home.



Harvey

came to us on March 25, 2020 from a central valley animal shelter, where he had been impounded as a stray dog. He has the appearance of a big puppy, and he's on the shy side as well, but his shelter aged him at about 5 years. Harvey is

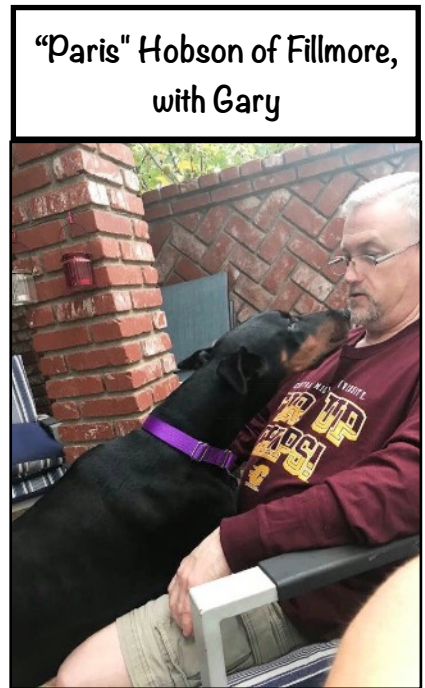




"Guapo" Cox of Los Angeles



"Xena" and "Mikey"
Kelly of Los Angeles



"Paris" Hobson of Fillmore,
with Gary



"Crowley" O'Connell of
Joshua Tree



"Aella" Richardson of San Juan Bautista

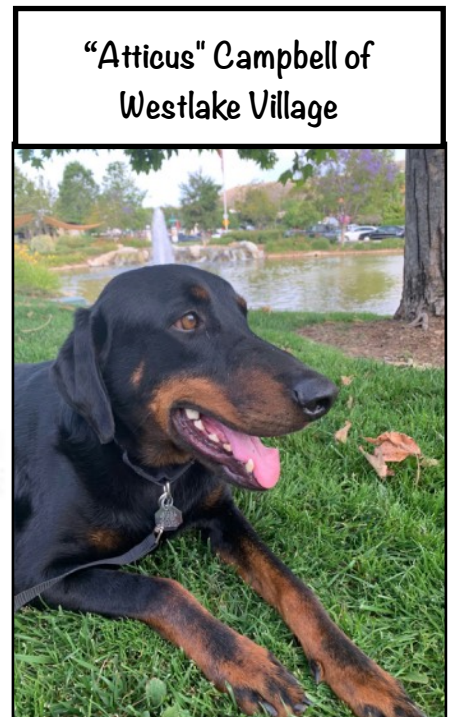
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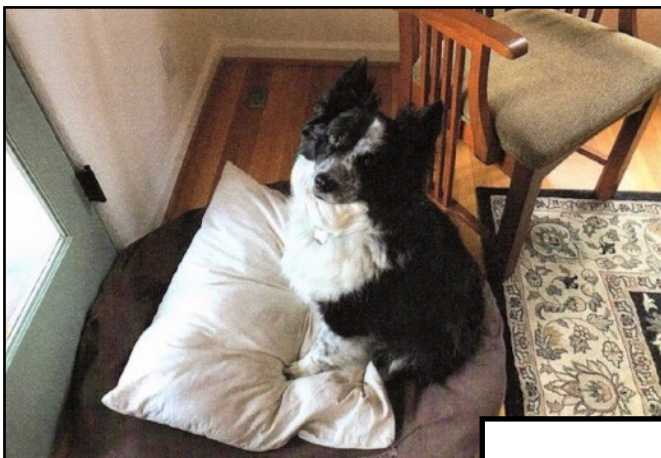
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of Nevada, MO



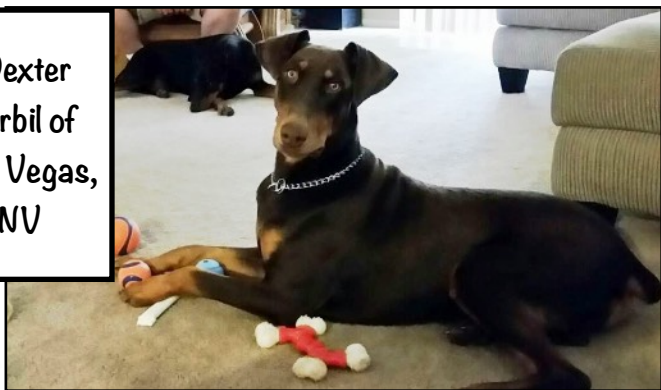
"Oso" Tam-Huang of Marina
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"Atticus" Campbell of
Westlake Village



"Dexter Verbil of Las Vegas, NV



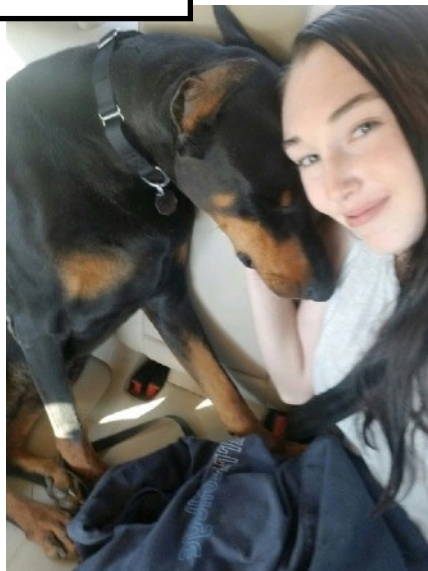
"Coco" Mongiardo-Esposito of Henderson, NV with Mike

"Boo Bear" Dumont of Pasadena

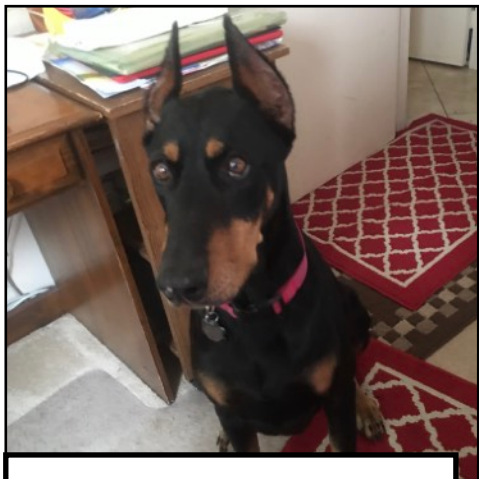


"Tank" Lindstrom of Roseville, with Jennifer

"Braun" Geer of Bakersfield



"Ray" Dolmat of Fullerton with Jack and Luke



"Nora" Baker of Lake Forest



"Angie" Baird of Gardnerville, NV

"Chance" Talley of Oxnard



Waiting For Homes continued

pretty mellow, and he weighed 76 pounds on intake at his shelter; he's a tall, lean Dobie. It isn't yet known if he can tolerate the company of another dog.

Athena

was rescued from an animal shelter after her owner turned her in for jumping 6' fences and digging under them. She's 3 years old, good with kids, and quite pretty. Interestingly, the ex-owner said she is not housebroken but was used to sleeping indoors, including with the owner. We're not sure how not being housebroken worked if she was sleeping with the owner, but she has separation anxiety and was probably not allowed to be indoors unattended. Athena is very loving, knows basic commands, is ok on leash, and is good with other large dogs, not small ones.



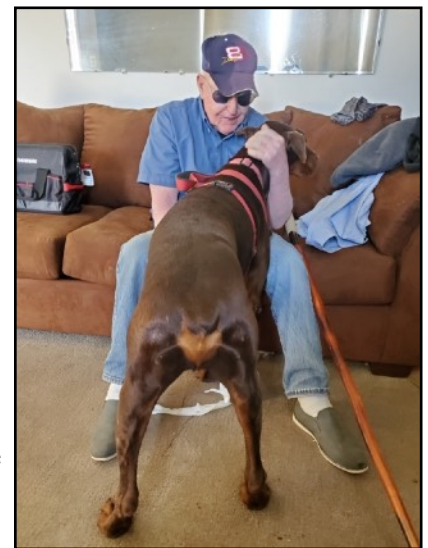
who specifically asked if we had any blind Dobermans for adoption. Her "significant other" had owned a blind dog before and found the experience of giving him a fuller, more fulfilling life such a rewarding one that they wanted to do this again.

Tiffany Fox of Grand Terrace came to meet Charmin a few days later and adopted her immediately. From her e-mail a few weeks later: "Charmin, I have renamed her Honey, loves her new home! She's learning fast and is a great and sweet dog (who) loves to run around in the grass; it's so sweet to see her put her trust in me. Thanks again for my wonderful Honey girl."

The picture tells it all....

A few weeks later we had a call from John Talmage, whose good friend, Bob Schockow of Oxnard, had recently lost his best dog friend, and Bob was seeking another extra-large dog that he could train to help him. Bob is blind, and a senior to boot, but very devoted to training and being a dog's best friend and constant companion.

We recommended Jake to him, a big boy with some training who had been a previous best friend: to a three-legged female dog. We were pretty sure that Jake had "the right



stuff" to assist Bob with physical support and companionship. Not quite a month later, Bob's friend John called to say these guys love each other, that Jake is superbly intelligent, helping Bob understand where and how high steps are by pausing to let him know something is in front of him, bringing Bob to the door to greet visitors, giving his paw when he needs something, learning the dog door and being fully trustworthy using it, on and on....

Finally, on July 25, we had a visit from Caryn Raba of Encino, who came with two companions and a large neutered male dog, possibly a Boxer-Pitbull mix. She wanted a good companion for herself that would blend well with the other dog, and several dogs were introduced to the group.

MAKING BLINDNESS A LITTLE EASIER

During the past couple of months we have had three different adoptions involving blindness: two with blind dogs, and one with a blind person. All three of these are so heartwarming that we really wanted to share them.

The first of these involved a lovely, sensitive Dobie girl we named Charmin, for her soft and gentle personality. She has one very small, deformed eye that is tucked up under her eyelid, and the other eye is criss-crossed with cloudiness that likely allows her to see shades of lightness, but not much else. She came



in from an animal shelter with another dog that became a sort of seeing-eye dog for her, and we really expected him to be adopted first, leaving her adrift until another good candidate could be partnered with her.

Much to our surprise, we had an e-mail from a woman



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We were already partial to Cola, a big 1-year-old blind Dobie boy who was abandoned by his breeder with another



dog (a one-eyed female Dobie) at a foster home that was supposed to be temporary. After months went by and the breeder didn't return phone calls, the dogs were brought to us for placement. The female was adopted first, but Cola is such a great dog...we feared he might be with us long-term. That would have been unfortunate because this guy is housebroken, good with dogs, cats and kids, and he handles his blindness very well. He uses his nose and his feet to "test" the ground and obstacles as he approaches, and he's easy on leash because he's tentative about his next steps.

After Caryn and her friends met several dogs, Cola was the winner! He was in the visiting area twice with them, both times locating the couch with no trouble, hauling himself up onto it, and making himself comfortable as though he absolutely deserved to be there. We couldn't agree more!

Caryn calls him James now, and "He's doing great! We love him so much and he and our other dog Hank are good buddies."

AN OASIS FROM COVID

by Colleen Anderson

This year has certainly been a tough one and I'm not sure anyone has been spared the stress of the times. Covid-19 has been worldwide and the effects of the virus have been felt by everyone. Many have lost their jobs, their homes, loved ones and just about everyone has had to adjust to a different way of life. My heart breaks for anyone who has suffered during this time and I hope that there is relief soon.

At first I was jealous of people as I scrolled thru my social media feed each morning. People staying at home, picking up new hobbies, enjoying a Netflix binge and working in their pajamas. Here I was, busier than ever (and a little salty about it). Life had not changed one bit for me here at the ranch because life had not changed for the dogs. They still needed cleaning, feeding, water and attention. Adoptions were still full speed ahead (though we were taking more precautions), and our phones, emails, and messages were non-stop. I would have killed for a day of yoga, Netflix and learning how cook a new dish.

However, I have realized that I am actually quite lucky in my situation. The dogs kept me busy and the solitude at the ranch was pure peace. The craziness of the world outside continued and I could simply focus on the Dobie in front of me that needed some cuddles because for them, it was just another day. I'm grateful for the dogs while they teach me to live in the moment and appreciate the little things.



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MEDICAL MATTERS

by Natalie Rimmele, Board Member

My Dobie, Pippi, went for a routine checkup with her veterinarian in June, 2019. On the advice of a fellow Dobie owner, I had her tested for DCM (dilated cardiomyopathy). Although she was not showing any symptoms, DCM is common in Dobermans, so I figured the earlier it could be detected, the better. I was sure the tests would come back negative, but I was sadly mistaken; Pippi was diagnosed with very early stage DCM. The vet prescribed supplements and Vetmedin, and recommended a recheck in six months to a year.

I joined a few Facebook groups for Dobermans with DCM and diet-related DCM. Pippi had been eating grain-free food and I learned that a taurine-deficient diet could contribute to DCM. After reading a few accounts of DCM turning around when fed a diet with grains, I switched her food. After six months, we went back to the vet and I was hopeful she had been cured. Her tests showed nothing had changed. She hadn't gotten better, but she hadn't gotten worse either. I asked the vet about her diet, but she didn't want to get my hopes up, as DCM is common in Dobies and likely genetic.

We stayed the course and returned to the vet six months later. This time I feared she had worsened as she had developed a sporadic cough. I braced myself for bad news. When the tests came back, Pippi had actually improved! And the vet was hopeful that one day she would not need

medication. It turned out her cough was caused by her food bowl being on the floor. I was overjoyed!

So for now, we stay the course and hope for the best. The moral of this story is that early detection likely saved her from an early demise. And, eating those grains!!!

Reminder:

Send us your 2019 holiday pictures if you haven't already so we can show as many of them as possible in this year's holiday newsletter.

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PARTING SHOT



"Lilah" Carlisle-Kurkjian of Sherman Oaks



Happy Halloween!!

