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“Angel” Walizada of Fullerton

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The first thing I want to say is thank you!!! to all of our supporters who have helped us get through the most difficult – emotionally, physically and financially – period in our entire 36 years of operation. The volume of dogs needing rescue and the tragic cases keep coming, and we have consistently stayed at our capacity throughout the post-pandemic crisis affecting every rescue group and animal shelter in the state, perhaps in the country.

A very sad day for the rescue community was June 22, 2023, the day that Ann Koch, the founder of Dog Mountain Rescue, passed away. Ann had started her Doberman rescue organization around 2006 in Willits, California, northeast of the Bay Area. When she passed away over 35 dogs remained at her property, and her son, Greg, has worked tirelessly to try to find safe exits for them. Many were seniors, which are loved by all of us but unfortunately can be hard to rehome since their life expectancy and medical challenges worry a lot of adopters. We currently have six of Ann’s dogs.

Prior to that, Nina Culver, who had operated the Doberman rescue kennel in Los Angeles County (Sun Valley), passed away a couple of months prior. It’s unknown whether any dogs remain or did remain at her facility at that time.

As always, we have dozens of wonderful Dobies, Dobie mixes, and a few other assorted breeds, and with summer vacations mostly finished we hope to see adopters taking some of these darlings home with

them. And that, of course, means we can save more worthy dogs.

Hope to see you soon!

*Ardis Braun*



p.s. Don’t forget to send us holiday-themed pictures of your dogs by late October for inclusion in our winter newsletter. We print as many as we can!

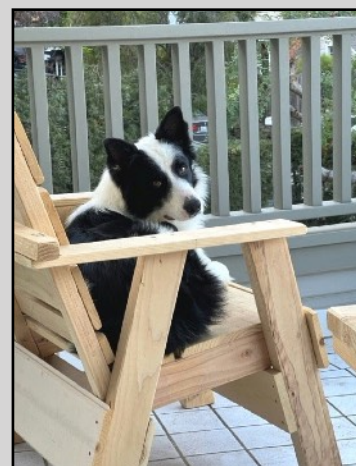
## ADOPTION UPDATES

### BARNEY,

our big Border Collie (a breed we find it hard to resist), has made his home with James Nelson of La Canada. His new name is Billy. A few e-mails followed:

“Billy is a beautiful rascal. He can clear a 6’ fence and steal any food on the counter. So, lots to work on, but he’s a special dog. My spirit dog. Thank you again!”

Then: “...and exquisitely alert. Watching all the time. He’s my Border Wolf.”



Then: "He uses his front paws to grasp, then springs up with his hinds up and over. But he's in charge of his boundary. I'm not worried he will leave. He has gotta home."

## PLUM,

the beautiful fawn girl who was dropped off with her sister at age 7 months because they were no longer wanted, is wanted very much by Jackie Haddad of North Hollywood. From her e-mail:

"Plum has found her forever home and I found a great companion. She rides in the car with me, sleeps with me and is really loving her freedom. My neighbors come by and she recognizes them...I am head over heels in love. When we sleep she loves to be cuddled. Thank you, Ardis. You picked good!"



## HOOVER,

now called Juice, was adopted shortly before this writing by Caitlin and Ryan Herren of San Rafael.

"Juice is enjoying getting used to his new home...He likes to play in the yard, go on walks through the neighborhood, and nap in the sunshine. He is doing great on learning new behaviors and routines, and has been friendly to all neighbors (human and dog). He also likes to settle down at night and watch TV with his parents. (:



We think that Juice will continue to be a great adventure buddy. Thanks again for everything!"

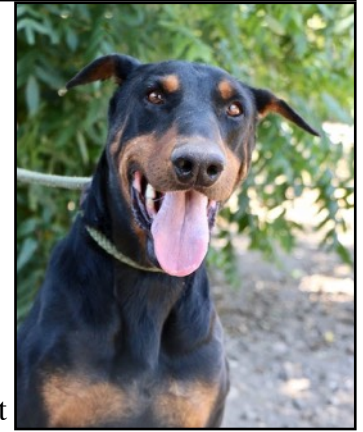
## ELLA

hasn't been adopted yet but she has been fostered since July 3 by an adopter with another of our dogs who would love to keep her if the two dogs can get along a little better than they initially have been. We are all hopeful!

## WAITING FOR HOMES

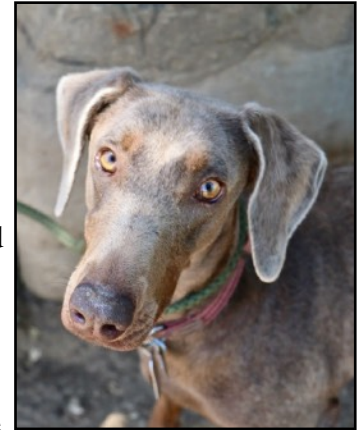
### ELI

is a new arrival who is lucky to be alive (in more ways than one). His animal shelter neutered him and he was slated to fly to Washington state due to the heavy death toll at California animal shelters, but his surgery site became badly infected and he did not fly that day. The animal shelter vet staff treated Eli's infection with numerous medications, so he was already healing a few days later. We really like Eli, whose tail nub never stops wiggling with delight, and he's wonderful with his kennelmate. He's on the small side and aged at about 5-7 years.



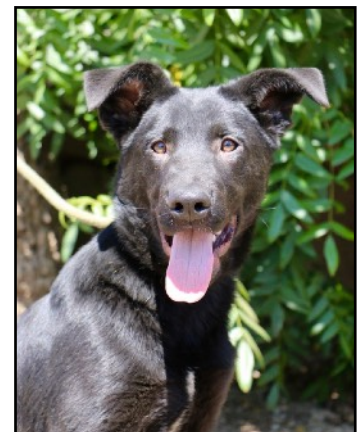
### JULIE

is a recent rescue from a small upstate animal shelter that we rarely hear from. They characterized her as "timid but sweet," and we agree that she can use a little confidence-building, perhaps with another dog companion. Julie is currently in an area with one dog of each sex and does well. She's a fawn Dobie, and typical of many fawns, her coat is a little patchy. She has no skin problems. Julie is an active and happy dog, about 4 years old, and small at about 55 pounds.



### DAISY

is a 6-month-old (as of August 1, 2023) mixed breed pup whose owner had to relinquish her due to incompatibility with her other female dog, the "alpha" dog in the home. Daisy did well with the two male dogs, and in our experience here she has done well with another female that is not a dominant girl. We think she is probably Shepherd-Border Collie or some such mix, and she's incredibly smart. Daisy





"play-nips" gently when excited, which makes us think Border Collie or some other herding breed may be in her gene pool. She's mostly housebroken, knows many commands (typically having to be told only once), aims to please, and loves long walks. Her ex-owner says Daisy is "an absolutely wonderful dog" whom she will greatly miss.

## AMOS

is a larger-boned Dobie who was rescued from an upstate shelter with his brother. They tolerated each other initially, but it was finally determined that Amos enjoys a female companion dog more. He's a fairly quiet, slightly shy boy who loves to give kisses and wags to those he comes to know, and he would likely be an easy, undemanding dog to own. Amos is about 3 years old and weighs about 75 pounds.



## CLEOPATRA

is a 4-year-old darling with a calm demeanor who has become one of our favorites. She was in season when impounded at her animal shelter, so that may have been her motivation to stray. During her stay with us she has been kenneled compatibly with large male dogs, and she has been really sweet with people, pretty easy to handle and without any known bad habits. Cleopatra has a sturdy build and is larger than the typical female Doberman.



## BULLET

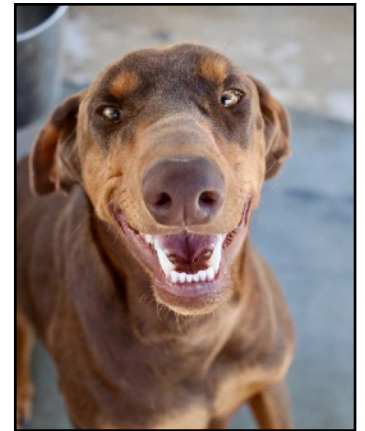
is a new arrival, and though not a Doberman, he was left behind when a Doberman rescuer passed away, and his sweetness convinced us that he should be rescued too. Bullet is dog-social, weighs about 15 pounds, and he's about 7 years old. He is clearly a dog who loves attention and will wiggle his whole body like a



puppy to receive it. We have seen no negative behaviors other than dragging blankets and bedding around to make a heap of them for his comfort.

## LOUIE

was rescued from an animal shelter in the spring, severely underweight and with apparent trauma to his face. Though it wasn't discovered at the shelter, a broken tooth had caused damage to his muzzle and eye, and he fortunately made a full recovery after surgery. Louie is a happy little red male weighing slightly over 50 pounds, and he's about 2 years old. He's compatible with most other dogs.



## GIBLET

is an adorable little guy that we have had for a year who needs someone willing to give him a chance. He's a shy boy that has been coming out of his shell, but he still needs confidence building. Giblet is good with other dogs, and like many timid dogs, he would probably do best with another dog as a companion. He's about 3 years old, appears to be part pug, and weighs about 20 pounds.



## HONEY

is a big red Dobie girl who has stayed with us over a year already, and that's a year longer than she should have been waiting for a good home! She came in from an animal shelter with a wounded foot, which healed nicely with honey wraps, hence her name. Though Honey lives with a big male Dobie, she would likely be just as happy being the one getting all of the attention. She's mellow, sweet and an easy keeper weighing 70+ pounds, and she's about 5 years old.







"Squid" Gutierrez of Moorpark, with Devin

"Boulder" and "Basher" Hayman of Carpinteria



"Moose" Atre-Day of Boston, Massachusetts

"Jackson" Ahuna-Ollendick of Redwood City

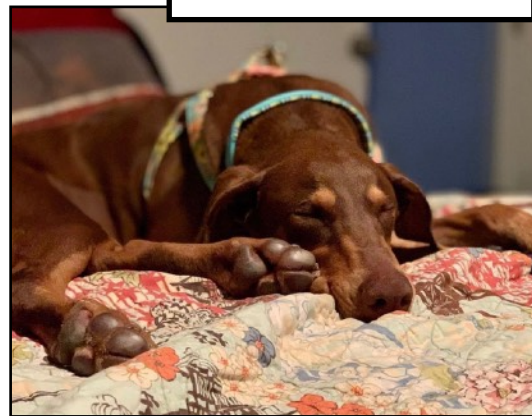


"Xander" Dickhaut of Los Angeles



*Happy Adoptees*

"Rowena" Holaday of Thousand Oaks

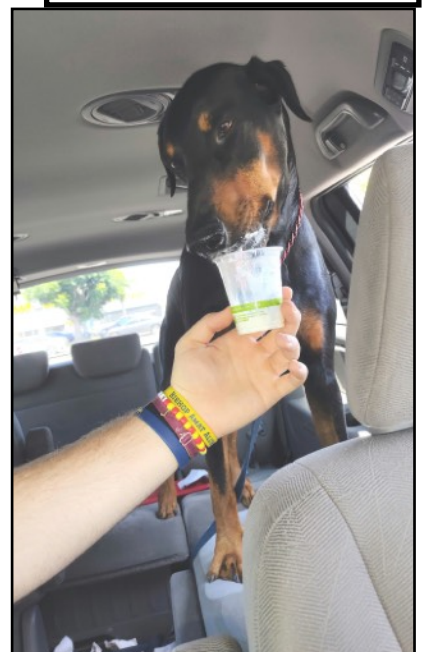
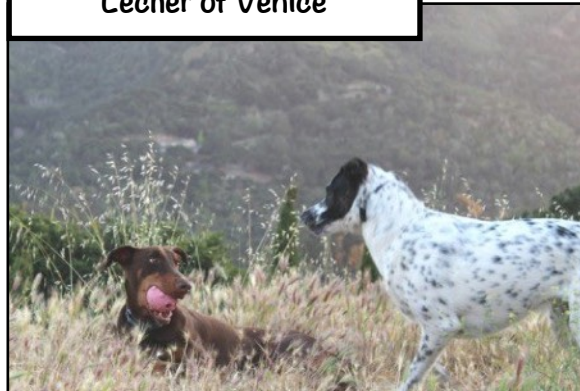


"Scarlett" Neel of Simi Valley

"Uzi" Shue of La Puente



"Barney" and "Sausage" Lecher of Venice







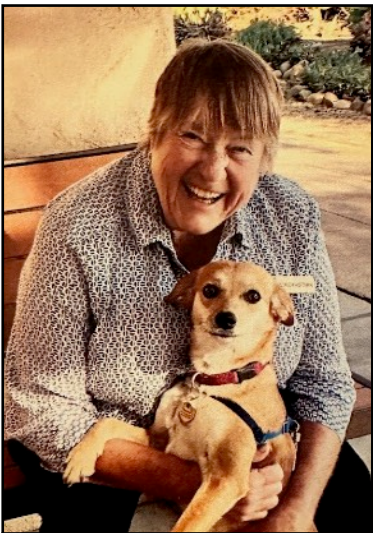
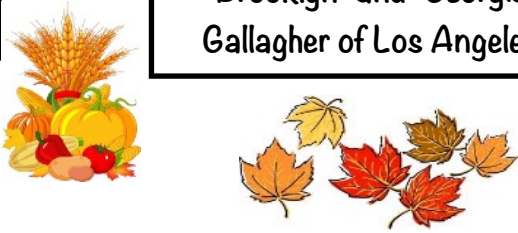
"Marko" Blaschke of Simi Valley



"Brooklyn" and "Georgia" Gallagher of Los Angeles



"Sir George" Goldner of Santa Rosa Valley, with Richard

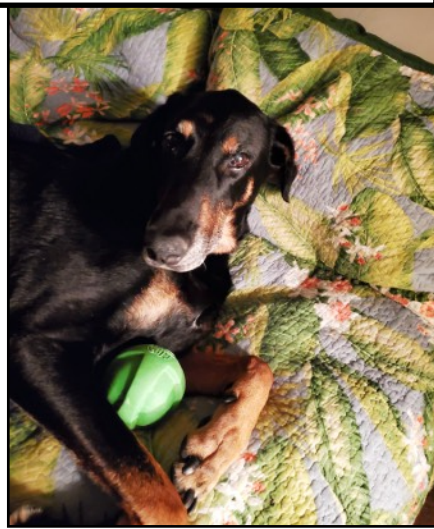


"Phoebe" Hoffman of Ventura, with Claudia



"Petey" Breedlove of Gardnerville, NV

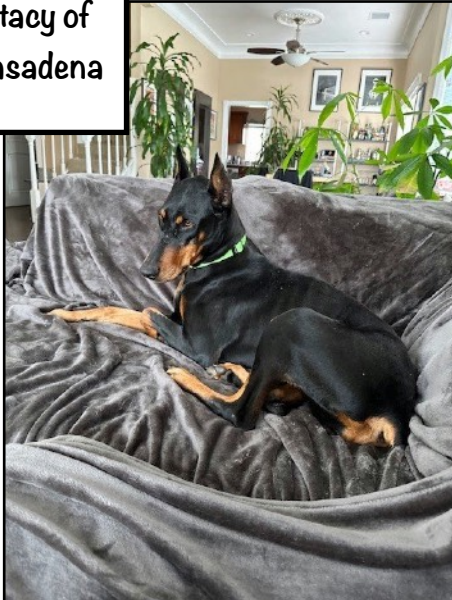
"Basil" Pirics of Henderson, NV



"Maggie" Stacy of Pasadena



"Coco" Zink of Ventura



"Cole" Cruz-Jenkins of Coachella



## MORE HAPPY ENDINGS

Around the beginning of May, a few people tagged us about a Doberman mix at the Stanislaus County animal shelter in Modesto. She was a favorite there, but by the time we were alerted, she had “timed out” and was on the euthanasia list unless someone committed to her immediately.

Emerald had come to the attention of many people on Facebook because, after her arrival at the shelter, she began to look very pregnant. She was given extra attention and pampered by volunteers and staff, but the decision was made by shelter authorities to spay her in her late-term pregnancy, which upset a lot of her followers. Emerald was so sad.

The decision to spay her was controversial, with arguments on both sides, one being that she would be more adoptable without baggage, and that after weaning the little mixed breed puppies, no homes would likely be found for them anyway. And animal shelters are not well equipped to house nursing moms with newborns that normally don't stay healthy in the shelter environment.

A favorite animal shelter staff member said that a woman right here in Ventura County was interested in adopting Emerald, and after hearing the dog's story, we approached our hero pilot friend, Mike Gennis, to fly her. We have to be careful about rescuing a lot of mixed-breed dogs during this time of high demand for space at the rescue, because most people that come to us want... a Doberman. Still, after seeing a dog's sweet face and knowing her history, it's hard to un-see that face and forget the dog.

Janet DeWitt is the woman who had said she wanted to adopt Emerald, and she came to visit on May 9 to meet her, spend time with her, and without much ado decided to take her home, prioritizing her ahead of numerous other dogs she had seen on line. Janet lives right on the ocean in Oxnard Shores, and Emerald, now called Jemma, is the absolute *perfect dog* for her.

Here are a few verbatim text message quotes from Janet:



“She was the hit of our Father’s Day get together...the grandkids adore her, and so do we!”

“She is a wonderful dog and brings us so much joy every single day. Can’t wait to take her on a road trip with me, hopefully in August.”

“She’s a sweetie...I want to say ‘she’s setting in,’ but she was comfortable with us and her home from the GET GO!!! Think this girl and I crossed paths in another life!!! It’s uncanny!”

As of this writing we have received 15 (!!!) pictures of Jemma by text, and every one of them is a reminder that these great dogs will shine like a GEM with the owner that loves them. We are soooooooooooooo happy for her!

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About the same time - one day early this past summer - I (Ardis) was returning from a drive to Bakersfield, where we often have to pick up Dobermans and any other breeds we can rescue, and after stopping to buy gas, I was traveling down Union Avenue, which parallels the very congested Highway 99, especially at the time of day I was making the drive.

Several miles out of Bakersfield I spotted a medium-sized furry black dog wandering aimlessly in traffic lanes, with cars streaming by in both directions. Naturally I had to stop. The dog came right up to me, wanting to be petted and showing no fear. I decided to load her up and bring her back to the ranch, check her for a microchip, and notify the animal shelter.

She did *not* want to get in the van. She really, really tried her best not to get inside, leading me to believe she likely was dumped and had bad memories of her last trip in a vehicle. I prevailed though, and she came along. No microchip of course, no collar, and she was very matted and thin. I named her Cinder.

While we put much-needed weight on Cinder, we noticed she had a strange condition involving her eyes. Her eyelashes and eyelids were always wet. Colleen will finish this happy story:

Veterinary appointments are scarce these days so many procedures are unable to be done immediately





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if they aren't life threatening. Cinder waited a few weeks for her entropion surgery, a procedure that keeps her eyelashes from curling inwards and rubbing on her eyes. She made a full recovery and the fur around her eyes that had to be shaved for surgery started to grow back.

At first it was confusing to me that we didn't have a long list of applicants for this stunning dog. Then an application came in from Jeff Maus in Avon, Colorado who was looking for a companion to join him for hikes and hang out at his tattoo studio while he worked with clients. Jeff was up for the road trip so he hopped in his car and came out to Fillmore. The two bonded almost immediately and it was clear that she was just waiting for him to find her. We got a recent update from Jeff:

"Jada and I found each other in April. Since then she has been loving her new home in the mountains of Colorado where she gets lots of hikes and fresh air. Jada's favorite toy is a stuffed octopus and she recently learned how to swim! She's friendly with other dogs and people and has been the best companion to me...we couldn't be happier together."

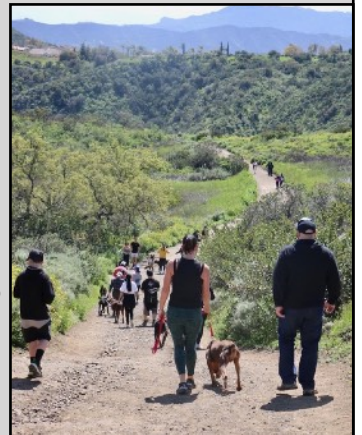


## HITTING THE TRAILS by Colleen Anderson

There is nothing that helps me clear my mind or feel at peace more than exploring a beautiful trail with a dog. I have always enjoyed doing it on my own but I was inspired by a friend and adopter, Alex Morehouse-Herman, who organizes various meet ups in her community. Since my community tends to be dog lovers, why not invite more people to join me out on the trails and give the dogs a fun field trip at the same time?

I organized my first pack hike in March to Paradise Falls in Thousand Oaks, CA. All people and all dogs were welcome to join and I offered to bring some dogs from the rescue if anyone wanted a companion for the day. The response was overwhelming! I brought along 8 dogs and about 25 people came out for the hike. The waterfall was beautiful, the dogs had a blast and despite us getting a little lost, everyone had a great time. I learned the importance of having better knowledge of the trail ahead of time and that served me well on future hikes.

Next, I invited everyone to join me on Tapo Canyon Trail in Simi Valley in April. It was an absolutely beautiful day.







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There were a few repeat hikers and some new additions along with some dogs previously adopted from the rescue. That day struck me as special because I realized how amazing it was to see a group of strangers brought together by their love of dogs and leave as new friends.

The next couple of hikes didn't quite go as planned. I wanted to challenge myself to do a slightly longer hike and chose the Backbone Trail out near Malibu, which was almost 6 miles. Only a couple of friends joined me for that one thankfully because the distance and growing heat proved challenging for the dogs. Only hikes that are about 3 miles in length are considered now and I prefer trails that are out and back so we have the option of turning around early if anyone is struggling. The next hike I decided to cancel because I didn't have many people planning to come and my schedule left me a bit burnt out.

The last hike was pretty exciting on San Vincente Mountain in Encino. It was a beautiful



morning and the early fog burned off allowing us to take in the amazing view. I brought a van full of

9 dogs and there were requests for even more. There were about 15 people there that day and only one of them had joined me on hikes previously. It was, again, exciting to meet so many new people, talk about dogs and enjoy a little exercise.

The rising temperatures made me very nervous and I didn't want to risk anyone's health, person or dog, so I have postponed future hikes until the weather cools down. Hikes will continue to be within an hour or so of the rescue and future get togethers will still be scheduled primarily on Sundays. If you want to join me for any upcoming hikes then you can follow me on Instagram @colleenrescuesdogs or (if social media isn't your thing) you can email me at [dobierescuefillmore@gmail.com](mailto:dobierescuefillmore@gmail.com) for email updates.

## PARTING SHOT

"Maggie" Winzer  
 of Castaic

Pass the turkey  
 please....





