



**"Zoe" Chase of Chula Vista**

## "Dobie Doings"



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**"Baxter" Kulzer of Ventura**

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This is written in mid-May, that time of year when rescue people become depressed because adoptions are down and intakes are up, primarily due to adopters' plans to move during the summer or their vacation plans. It always seems to us that summer is the right time to adopt a dog because kids are home from school and working people who are entitled to vacation time every year could use some of it to train their new dogs. Historically, that's not usually what happens though.

Our crew attended the Orange County pet expo again this year in April, and we renewed old acquaintances and made new ones. All of the dogs we brought were pretty well-behaved and got lots of love. We've included some pictures from the weekend below.

Once again we thank you, one and all, for

your support throughout the year. You helped us to be able to afford some of the large medical bills for the sick and injured dogs we took in over the last few months. These never stop - we took in two more during the past week (Sweet Georgia Brown and Hitch) – but some months are much worse than others.

Be sure to keep your dogs safe and secure during the 4th of July, especially if this is your first 4th together.

Thank you also for sending us lovely updates and pictures of your dogs. I wish we could print them all!

Have a great summer,



*Ardis Braun*



## ADOPTION UPDATES

Three of the eight dogs featured in our last newsletter have been adopted!

### GOOFY,

a big (!!!) lovable Dobie mix we rescued from upstate, was adopted by Ingrid Fines of Pico Rivera. She has a 7-year-old Rottweiler girl adopted here that

lost her canine companion, and she wanted a large playful male to keep her company. Goofy's name changed to Toby. Ingrid says: "Toby has some amazing



talents: He can jump a 4-foot fence with the greatest of ease. He is a dedicated world-class digger, able to dig holes wide and deep enough to plant small trees. Nonetheless, I love him dearly. He and Chica are very good friends."

We particularly liked Ingrid's story about looking for Toby for hours after he had treed a raccoon. She knew he couldn't escape her property, so she prepared for bed...and found him all nice and comfy on her bed.

### JESTER,

an unusual combination of what we thought might be Scottie and Bull Terrier, was adopted by Michael Nelson of Simi Valley. His new name is Chester Bonito Nelson.



From Michael's text message: "He is the best dog ever. He knows all basic commands, lovesss to

cuddle and give kisses, and his favorite toy is a peanut butter-filled Kong....he's so amazing. We also found that he is a Lurcher. Half hound/half terrier."

Whatever he is, he's unique.

### SOLA,

an affectionate Dobie girl who became a favorite of ours, was adopted by Bonnie and Richard Perry of Madera, together with Roscoe, a male we also

liked a lot. From their e-mail: "They are both happy happy here with us, very spoiled and just loving everything. They are indoor dogs,



very comfortable here and eating good, vitamins daily, food twice a day and lots of naps in their beds. We are very happy with both of them; they are great, getting along well and getting a whole lotta love... Thank you for completing our family."

## OOPS

It's kind of a standing joke with us that no matter how hard we try and how many times we proofread Dobie Doings, every issue inevitably has one mistake. Most of them wouldn't be noticed by any of our readers except perhaps a dog's own owner.



In our last issue, we identified our cover girl as Buddy Fisher of Franklin, MA, and the real Buddy was actually in the centerfold, identified correctly. Our cover girl, featured again above, is actually Cali Gregory of Long Beach.

We are human, I guess.

## WAITING FOR HOMES

### GINA

is a volunteer favorite, though she's quite aggressive to other dogs when on leash or viewing them from behind "her" fence. She's a fun-loving, playful 3-year-old Dobie who loves to play tug-of-war (she usually wins) and fetch. An adult home is probably best for her.



## **COSMO AND PIPPI**

are sibling Terrier mixes who were found as strays. Their temporary foster home couldn't find their owner but really wanted to keep them together because they're so bonded, finally hoping we could do that. They're medium-sized at about 16-22 pounds, long-legged, and about 2 1/2 years old. They're housebroken, know their commands, are not destructive and don't dig. Pippi is shy, so these little friends would probably do best in a gentle adult home.



## **JASPER**

is on the small side, a puppyish Dobie boy in his behavior, though he's probably about 3 years old. He's playful and dog-social with large female dogs and probably ok with older kids. Jasper came to us with an old, healed fracture in a front leg that his previous owner didn't fix. Our vet says that it doesn't seem to bother him but that meds can help later in life if necessary. He uses all four legs but might not be the ideal long-haul jogging companion.



## **TRUMAN**

seems to be a good all-around guy. He's a 3 1/2-year-old blue Dobie who seems to like other dogs and kids, and he's said to be housebroken. If a dog can be encouraged to play with another dog, Truman is the guy who can make it happen. One on one with new humans, Truman may need a week or two to bond, trust, and enjoy a new family, but we're pretty sure he'll be a winner in the right home.



## **CHICKADEE,**

our adorable Chihuahua mix, is being featured for the second time in Dobie Doings, the first being in the fall, 2016 issue. She has been with us for almost a year, a whole year she could have been enjoying a new owner, and vice versa. We don't understand why she hasn't been adopted! Chickadee is about 6 years old, weighs 10 pounds, is social with dog companions and probably kids as well. And she's snuggly.



## **KIRA**

is quite a lovable big red girl who will fiercely protect her human, though she's dog-social enough to let a large male dog eat her food. We've never observed her behavior with kids, but she'd probably do best in an adult home. Kira has been with us over a year! She's 5-6 years old now and a really easy keeper.



## **LANCE**

is a large red male Dobie who hasn't presented himself well for introductions because he's shy and a little insecure. He has been with us about 6 months, he's about 3 years old, and he's been comfortable with all of the large female dogs he has bunked with during that time. We'd love to see him blossom in a pleasant home environment.





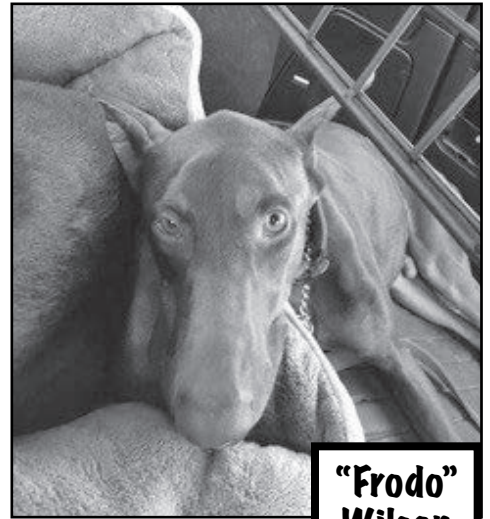
**"Colt" Dunlap of Shafter**

**"Zoe Tinker" Norton (on left) of Santa Barbara**



**"Birdie" Colet of Oxnard**

**"Roxy" Love-SchorNSTein of Carpinteria**



**"Frodo" Wilson of Oak View**



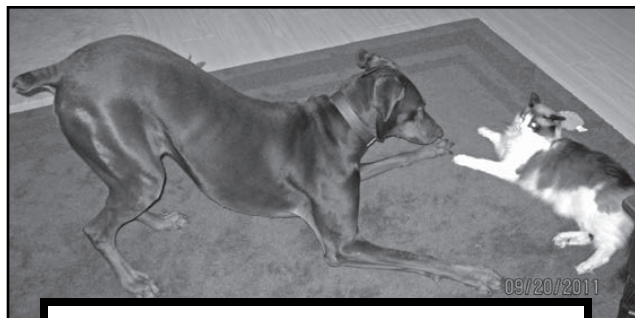
**"Schattzi" Vreeke of Thousand Oaks, with Lori**

 *HAPPY ADOPTÉES!* 

**"Dagger" Rosen of Marina del Rey**

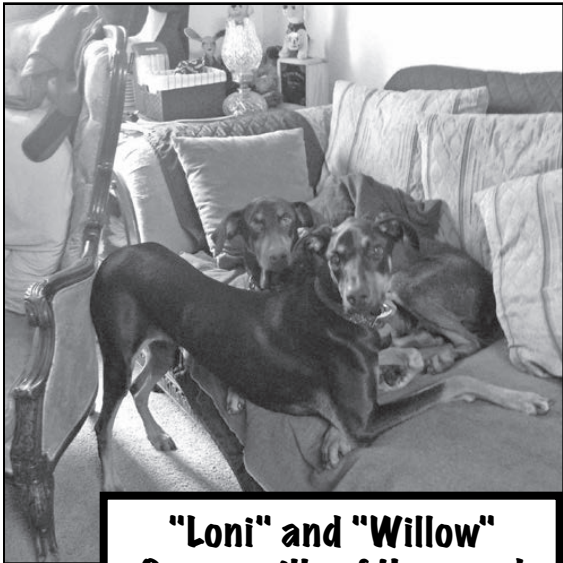


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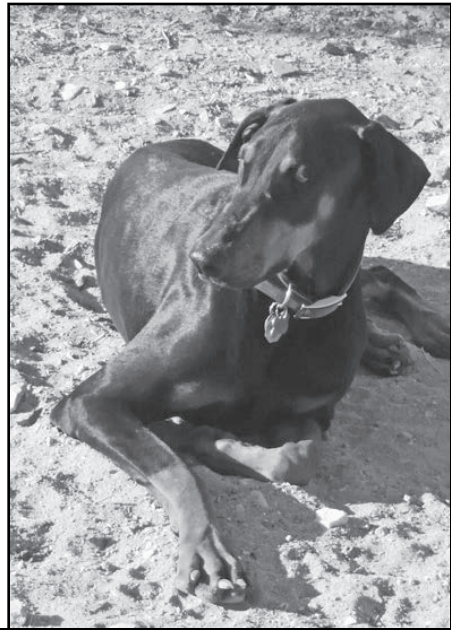
**"Shana" Van Etten of Fullerton**





**"Loni" and "Willow"  
Quenneville of Hayward**

**"Koa" Mueller of  
Ventura, with Pete**



**"Roxy" Biles of Barstow**



**"Diablo" Murray of San  
Dimas**



**"Ora" Aguirre of  
Bellflower**



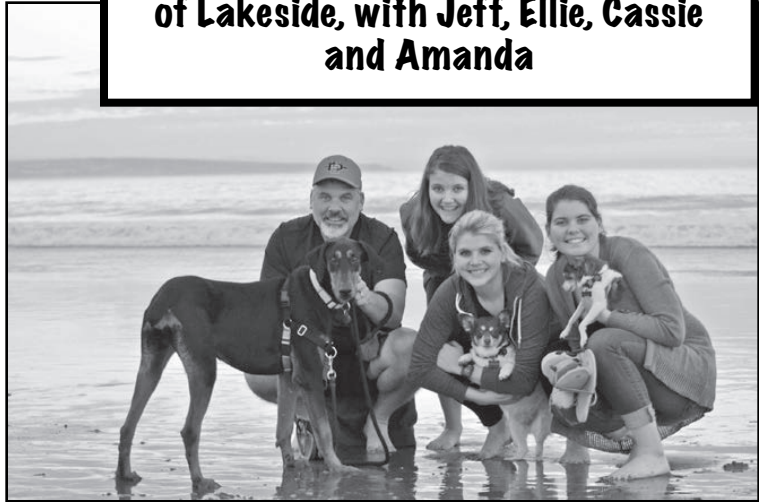
**"Rita" Huszarik of  
Sherman Oaks**



**"Elsa," "Gracie" and "Charley" Gately  
of Lakeside, with Jeff, Ellie, Cassie  
and Amanda**



**"Brinks"  
Cohen-  
Smith of  
Tarzana**



## NO LONGER FORGOTTEN

As most of our readers know, several months ago we started something called The Forgotten Dog Project, which features outings for dogs that have been with us a long time, not only to give them an enjoyable, different type of day from their usual days, but also to capture their joy and share it on our web site so that potential adopters may feel motivated to adopt one of them.

Thus far over a dozen dogs have enjoyed outings like these, going to the beach, on trail hikes, etc., and three have been adopted! These are the lucky dogs:

### SCOUT

spent an incredible six years waiting for the home he finally got, with Ned and KC Meislin, in upscale Manhattan Beach, no less!

Scout was turned in to the animal shelter in Lake Isabella during the summer of 2011 because he wasn't "a ranch dog." His owners said he couldn't live with chickens or cows. We didn't think that was too difficult to avoid when placing him, but he also turned out to not be dog-social in our environment, plus he had consistently goopy eyes, which turned out to be "dry-eye" in both eyes, requiring daily medication.

He was also a classic "plain brown wrapper" dog; i.e., not gorgeous, not a youngster, and not exuberant enough to draw adopters' attention. The high point of his day here at the rescue was mealtime. He was otherwise calm and quiet, not barking at the other dogs, laying calmly on his dog bed.

So when Ned called to inquire about another deserving dog who was least likely to be adopted, Scout came to mind.

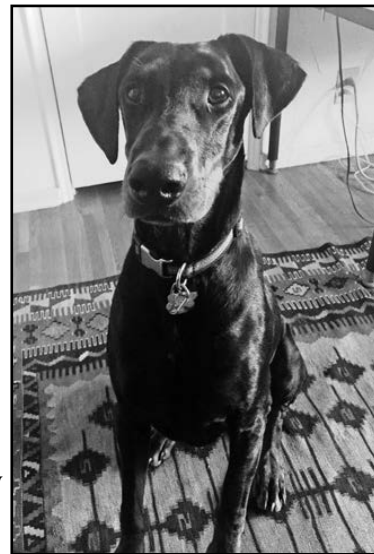
Ned and KC had previously owned Andy, who spent almost his entire life here until being adopted by these great folks at age 10. He lived 4 ½ more years with them; unquestionably the best years of his life.



Scout is enjoying his new life, a LOT. From several of Ned's texts: "Oh he seems to love us. Likes people. Not dogs however. Appears to be afraid of them. Will not approach another dog but will growl if one comes up to him. Been walking him in the (early) morning without a leash. He stops and comes when I call him. Going to start running him with the bicycle soon. I'm pretty sure he likes it here."

### JESSE,

a dog we always knew was a good dog that never seemed to get adopted, was adopted by Debby Kaplan of Los Angeles. She has adopted a number of dogs from us over the years, and her main concern was that her new Dobie would be social with the little Chihuahua



mix she adopted here a couple of years ago. We suggested Jesse, and he has not disappointed.

From Debby's e-mail: "He's the first dog I've adopted whose personality is just about the same as the day I brought him home... a great big slice of wonderful. No surprises with him. He's friendly, outgoing, and a really quick learner. He likes all people and most other dogs. And even with Jesse's friendliness, he's a really good watchdog.

He displays a lot of puppy behavior such as tossing his toys in the air and catching them, and chasing birds in the yard for 20 minutes at a clip. He plays with little Aggie until she goes under the patio furniture to get away from him, but she'll go lay on the dog bed with him every time!

I am grateful to have Jesse in my life... I am just mystified why no one wanted him. Lucky me! Deep thanks to you and all the volunteers at Dobies and Little Paws for the work you do. Jesse has made me so happy and I'm so glad to make his life comfortable and happy too."

### CAPRI

had at least two homes before being adopted by Mary and David Johnson of Avondale, Arizona.



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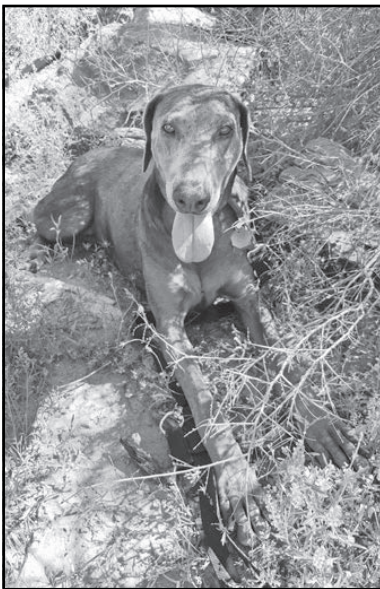
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We had placed her once previously after rescuing her from an animal shelter, but it turned out that environment was too stressful for this sensitive dog.

A recent e-mail from Mary and David:  
 “During the stress of adjusting to her new home Capri had some skin issues associated with color dilution alopecia. We started her on a grain-free diet and a vitamin regimen which has allowed her coat to come back nicely. Most mornings she wakes me by putting her front paws on my bed. She plays with Titan, wrestling all over the house. She enjoys her morning walk. It is sad that Capri doesn’t really know how to interact on a playful level with people, but we are hoping as we continue to love and interact she will learn to play. Thanks for all you do for the dogs and the breed.”



## NEW RULES FOR MISBEHAVIOR

New laws were recently passed that are severely, and often unjustly, punishing for dogs that

misbehave. Dogs that injure any other animal or a person can now fall under the supervision of the Critical Case Unit in Los Angeles County and similar units, we assume, in other counties.

A couple of these dogs came to our attention recently; one we were able to save, the other not. The first had been involved in injuring a goat, with the assistance of another dog. By proving that our rescue foundation has more than the \$300,000 of liability insurance required to rescue such dogs, committing to ten hours of intensive training, muzzling the dog when off the property, and ensuring that anyone who adopts the dog within three years follows the same requirements, we were able to save her.

The second dog, a beautiful young Dobie girl who was running loose with two pit bulls, injured a Chihuahua mix, also running loose. The Dobie’s owner didn’t want to get the insurance or meet the other requirements, so the dog, Morena, was surrendered to an animal shelter in Los Angeles County. Though we agreed to all the requirements that we had for the first dog, and though the Chihuahua mix survived, we were denied the ability to rescue her by our own county agency, Ventura County Animal Services. Morena was euthanized.

This is mentioned because dog owners now need to be more careful than ever to make sure their dogs are always securely confined, either in their own yards, or on leash with their owners in



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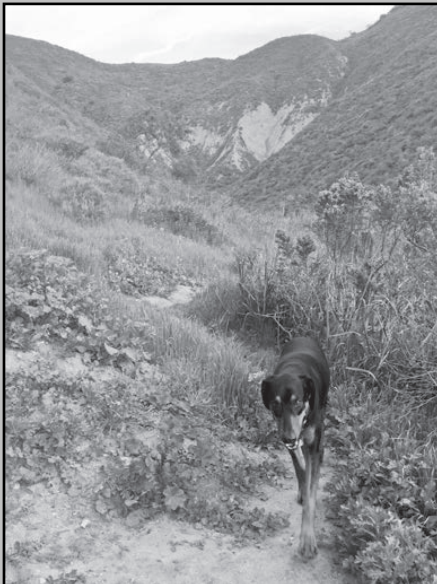
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control, so that none of you ever have to face this horrific new protocol. Even if the dog has been adopted from us – and we always take our dogs back – this may not be possible going forward if Ventura County forbids it.

In our summer, 2015 newsletter, we printed a story about a Dobie named Major that we had rescued from an L. A. County animal shelter close to the one we were not permitted to rescue Morena from. Major had bitten someone and spent his 10-day quarantine hold at the shelter before we rescued him, and we had him for quite a few months before he got a great home, thanks to folks willing to take a chance based on our glowing recommendations about him. They subsequently

have said many times that if Major bit someone, they must have deserved it. In March of this year, an e-mail came from them that said, in part: “He is quite literally the best dog we have ever had. A perfectly lovely part of the family.”



## VIRTUAL ADOPTION RENEWED

Keep an eye on our website because we will be relaunching our “virtual adoption” program really soon. For so many different reasons, we have dogs that aren’t candidates for adoption or who have been with us for years with no adoption prospects in sight. We have committed to caring for our “forgotten dogs” for the rest of their lives but we need a little help to be able to financially support them. Check out our website or Facebook page in the coming weeks for details.

## PARTING SHOT

If you  
 think my  
 nose is  
*Big*  
 You  
 should  
 see my  
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**"Max" Campbell of  
 Thousand Oaks**

