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**"Jethro" Bender of Ventura, with Nick**

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**T**hough I imagine nearly everyone is tired of reading about COVID-19, there is at least one good thing to be said, from our rescue group's point of view: adoptions have been astounding! With so many people at home during the crisis, there is a lot more time to spend with and train a new dog, and folks have been responding in droves. While there is always the concern that some of these dogs will no longer be able to stay in their adoptive homes after adopters return to work, we have tried to minimize the likelihood by taking extra care to place dogs in what we believe to be stable home environments. We have also, for the most part, resisted "fostering" dogs out, which many animal shelters have done. We feel that because so many dogs are being adopted, some of our lesser beauties have an enhanced opportunity of being adopted permanently now, and to be adopted they have to be here to be seen.

During the eight weeks ending May 15, we placed 91 dogs! That has put us in the position of being able to accept some dogs from owners needing to rehome their dogs, something we had difficulty doing previously without turning our backs on worthy dogs facing immediate euthanasia in the many animal shelters seeking rescue for Dobies.

No worries, small-dog lovers; we are still maintaining a number of smalls and other mutts in need, though at present we have almost depleted our small dog population due to our numerous

adoptions. We do seriously love all breeds, but we have found it beneficial to specialize in a particular breed, otherwise we'd be just another animal shelter. There are plenty of those already!

I want to express our deepest gratitude for the many kinds of help so many of you have provided. Because we are about the only active Doberman rescue group in California now, we are not only receiving a lot more dogs, we're also receiving many more sick and broken dogs requiring medical care and rehab. On some occasions these dogs require hospitalization for many days, even weeks, to survive. Without your financial help, we couldn't make it happen.

For about the 80<sup>th</sup> time, I wish we had space enough to print ALL of your beautiful, adorable pictures of your dogs enjoying their lives with you. It would be impossible even if we didn't print anything else in our newsletters! Please know that all of your pictures are treasured and we look at them time and again even though we can't print all of them. I have already saved many of them for our fall newsletter, giving preference in this summer issue to summer-y pictures taken outdoors, with the dogs enjoying the outdoor freedoms many of us can't enjoy as readily until the COVID-19 threat is past.

Take care of yourselves and your dogs; stay healthy!

*~ Ardis Braun*

## ADOPTION UPDATES

### **CINNABON,**

our darling petite fawn girl with an open cleft palate that was unable to be closed during surgery, has made her home with



Marjorie Borrero of Chula Vista. Her new name is Khaleesi, and Marjorie is happy with her: “Khaleesi is doing so great! She’s eating just fine; she sleeps with us and goes everywhere I go. We love taking long walks and snuggling. I’m so in love with her!! So grateful to the adoption agency!! Thank you.”

### **DIEGO,**

lucky boy that he is, had cataract surgery on his only eye (the other having been so damaged that U. C. Davis vet school had to remove it), had spectacular care from Danielle Lewis, our volunteer who medicated him and delivered him to repeated vet checkups, and finally was adopted by Tia Rogers of



Copperopolis. In a conversation with Tia just before we went to press, she said he is doing extremely well and having a great time running her acreage, chasing wildlife but always

keeping her in view. Even indoors he is always by her side. Diego has also been friendly with a small dog in his environment, so he’s a keeper and a very happy guy.

### **DODGE,**

one of our only dogs deemed to be good with cats but unadopted for nearly two years, now lives with Wyvonne Davis in Yucca Valley. His new name is Nykt. He had a considerable breaking-in period, according to her: “We picked up ‘Dodge’ because we were looking for a companion for our Rotterman female... We were introduced to ‘Dodge’ because he was a quiet male who had passed his cat test. He



came home and did not eat for a week. We learned the first day that he would not stay in a crate. He broke the door of the crate so he could lay on the couch. We were worried but the rescue told us to give him time to settle in. Since he had not

shown any aggression when we were gone, we never put him in a crate again. It took 3 weeks before he started eating regularly, and a month before he would even untuck his tail. Now at 3 months, he is a constant companion to our female and does not mind being petted by the cats. He spends his time sleeping on the couch and sunning himself...His tail is now a flag when he runs, and he does not have to spend any more time in a kennel.”

### **DAISY,**

our super-shy little Terrier mix who was dumped two years ago at age 7 by her previous owner, has been fostering with Martine Williamson of Thousand Oaks for



about a month as this is written. Martine has been making slow but steady progress with Daisy, who now follows her and wags her tail, something we hadn’t seen during the two years she spent waiting. We are very hopeful this home will be her permanent one!

### **BOULDER,**

our big mellow teddy-bear of a dog, was adopted with a similar, very compatible female by Vic and Ty Allen of Studio City. The dogs’ new names are Beau and Ellie. A few days later: “...we are absolutely in love and they are both so sweet. Beau is a big lovable goof who can’t lick your wrists and forearms enough and leans in for affection. Ellie is a silly happy girl who gets so jealous if Beau is getting love (if she isn’t at the exact moment).

Ellie loves watching squirrels eat and play in the backyard. Beau loves to roll around in the grass

and lay in the sun. And they LOVE their big cushy dog beds and going for long casual walks. We think they're both pretty happy and are giving us as much love or more than they're receiving.

We can't thank you enough for the time, recommendations and patience...and for bringing these wonderful babies into our home and hearts."



### **FRITO,**

one of the trio of Chihuahua mixes we rescued from a hoarding situation shutdown, is now called Quake, and he was adopted by Claire Thompson of Thousand Oaks. From her recent e-mail:



"I am so thankful that Quake and I found each other! Life is so much more fun with him. He loves waking up in the morning, when he flies out of bed

the second my alarm goes off, to run around the house in circles. His favorite things to chew on are plants, aglets, and (thankfully) dog toys. He also loves to take brief sprints in the middle of our daily walks."

### **FIZZY,**

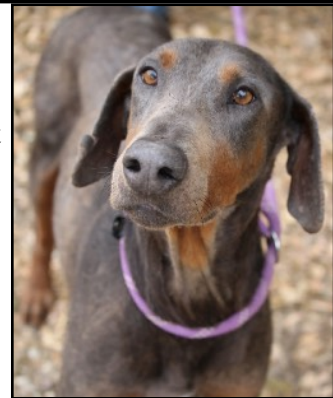
the female Chihuahua mix of the trio, was adopted by Rolando Paraiso of Panorama City. She was quite skittish, so we hoped that being in a home environment would help her "decompress." Happily, Rolando says they have "clicked," except that he's having trouble finding foods she likes. He says she is sleeping beside him and doesn't let him out of her sight. Her new name is Spooky.



## **WAITING FOR HOMES**

### **Chet**

is a sweet adult blue Dobie boy who needs a great home. He is medium to low energy so he would be a good choice for an equally easygoing home. He is affectionate but also independent, so he could be good for a working family since he would probably be perfectly happy napping while his people are away for the day. So far, Chet hasn't been able to happily live with another dog so there's a good chance he will have to be the one and only, but he doesn't get reactive on leash when he sees other dogs.



### **Simona**

is an all-natural, adult red female who is looking for an active home. She is a born athlete, so she would enjoy long hikes, runs, bike rides or any other fun activity. She loves people, is very sweet and affectionate but is also quite submissive. Simona has proven that if she's motivated to do so, she can jump a 6 foot fence. She needs a solid fence she can't climb that is preferably over 6 feet tall if she is left outside unattended. We don't think it is a desire to leave, it is more of a desire to find her people and not be alone. We have had mixed experiences with Simona and other dogs so a meet-and-greet is suggested.



### **Miffy**

is a mixed-breed cutie all the way from Taiwan, perhaps part Formosan Mountain Dog. Like so many, she was a stray roaming the streets of Taiwan until she was rescued and she came to us hoping to have a better life. Miffy is 3-4 years old, about 40 pounds and shy with new people, so she will do best in an adult home with lots of patience. Miffy is dog social.






"Molly" and "Bruce" Bain of Lakewood

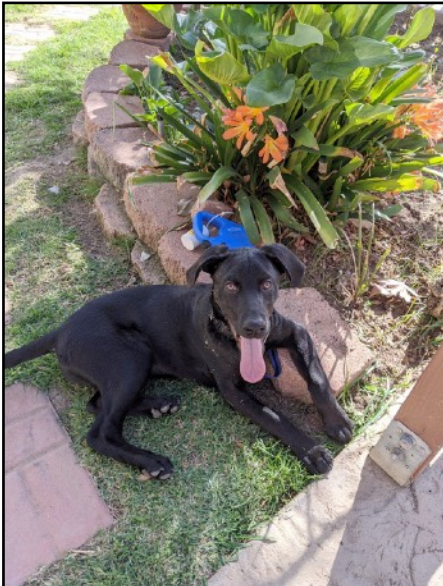
"Shadow" Colachis of Los Angeles



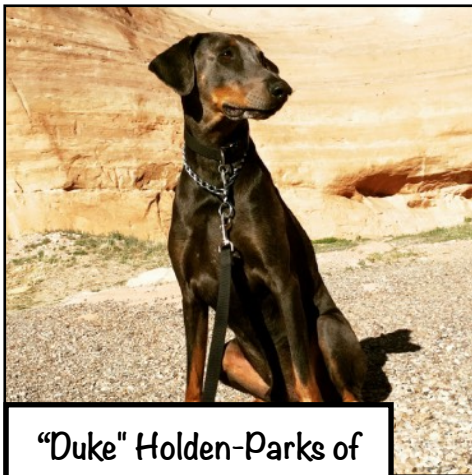
"Joy" Fitzgerald of Oxnard

HAPPY   
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"Dylan" and "Rebel" Leggitt of Fullerton



"Sidney" Chavez of Simi Valley

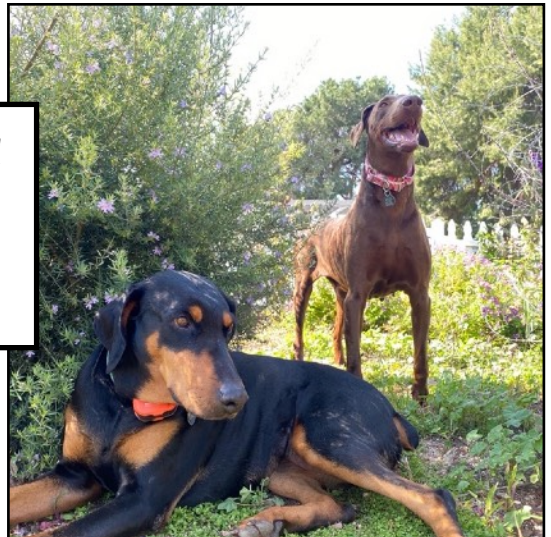


"Duke" Holden-Parks of Los Angeles



"Zeus" Roberts of Whittier

"Canela" and "Phoebe" Meadows of Fullerton



**"Lola" Grant of Madera, with Robert**



**"Dante" Schmainda of Rolling Hills Estates**



**"Gigi" and "Willie" Currey of Monrovia, with Pippi**



**"Summer" Logue of Agoura Hills, with Barbara**



**"Sawyer" Goehring of Encinitas, with "Kiko" and "Koa"**



**"Miel" Easton of Oakland**



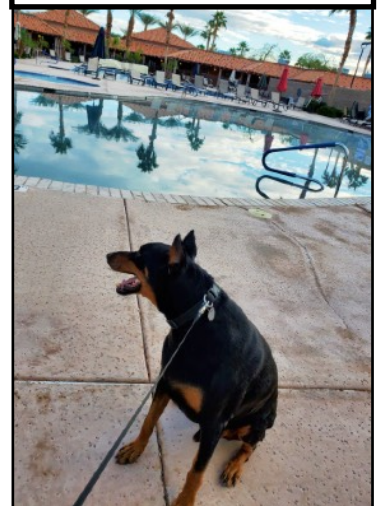
**"Henry" Reed of Palm Desert**



**"Broxton" Bernard of Lincoln City, Oregon, with Dianne**



**"Nick" Vernon of Battleground, WA**



## Waiting for Homes continued

### Hal

is a big all natural Dobie boy who will be 5 years old this fall. Hal is smart, active and driven so he would be ideal for someone who loves training and lots of exercise. Hikers, runners and lovers of the great outdoors, this is your guy! He does have some training so he has a great head start but we recommend that he not be allowed on the furniture because he can be very strong willed. Boundaries will keep him well behaved. Hal can live with a large female dog who is the right energy match for him but he will react to a direct challenge so we feel dog parks and socializing with unknown dogs should be avoided.



### Biscuit

came to us from an animal shelter with demodex, a non-contagious type of mange that often affects puppies with suppressed immune systems. She was confiscated from a property that had too many



dogs that weren't being well cared for. Unfortunately, they also had very little to no contact with people so she is very shy. Biscuit is still under one year old and we would love to see her in a patient, dedicated home where she can learn how to really be loved. Since she came from a home with multiple other dogs we believe a home with other dogs

will help her feel more comfortable. She is believed to be a Doberman mix and she weighs about 45 pounds.

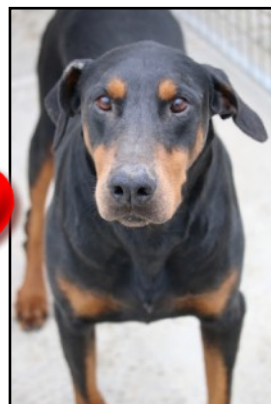
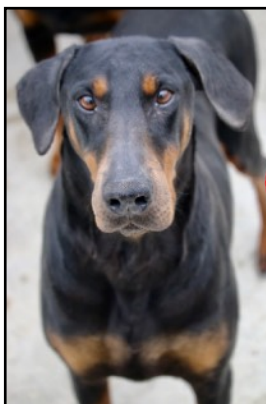
### Moose,

obviously one of our lesser beauties, was so loved by his New Mexico animal shelter staff that they drove him here. He is 3 years old and totally wonderful...except with other dogs. Moose is also super-strong on leash, so he'll need a strong owner, and one who doesn't have social activities where other dogs will be likely to be encountered.



## Olivia and Rocco

were surrendered to us in late April, 2020 because the owners were moving. They had been outside dogs, and their primary job was to be good watchdogs, so they had received no other training and the owners didn't know if they were good with cats, kids or other dogs than each other. We have found Olivia and Rocco to be among the most congenial of all of the dogs presently with us. They always appear happy to greet us and seem eager for affection. Though they don't have to be adopted together, they have been long-term companions and would miss each other's company. Their ages were given at 5 years old.



## ABIDING LOVE

There are so many amazing stories that we encounter in rescue that it's hard to pick just one or two to share in these pages. Some are especially poignant though, and Donny and Marie's is up there on the list.

We took them in from an animal shelter where they had been picked up together and given their names. The female, Marie, had been shot in the leg, and it was so badly shattered that it couldn't be saved. Her companion, Donny, had stayed with her in the ditch where they were found and wouldn't leave her side. After they were impounded they had to be separated while the animal shelter did the only

feasible thing: having her leg amputated. It was discovered that she also had pyometra (an infected uterus), which is fatal, so she was spayed at the same





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time. It isn't known whether the dogs were then reunited or whether that remained to happen only after we had rescued them.

Donny and Marie were so happy to be together again here, in a large kennel with two Kuranda beds inside. But no, there was no way they wanted separate beds. This time they were going to stay together, no matter what.

When we took Donny away for neutering, both dogs acted so desperate for that not to happen that we made the decision then and there that these dogs needed to STAY together, despite the fact that Marie was a petite little thing weighing barely more than half what Donny weighed.

Thankfully, the lovebirds were quickly adopted together, by Ryan Fraga of Los Angeles. A month later,

the update was cause for bringing out the Kleenex: "They are the sweetest, interesting and best



personalities, I really lucked out with them. He's very kind and emotionally engaged. She's a bit mischievous because she's extremely smart and still young. We train every day...with lunch kibble, both

are very fast."

And quite a few people were very happy the two went home together to live happily ever after....

## HONEY HEALING by Colleen Anderson

We deal with many different medical matters in rescue and every one of them presents us with different challenges. Over the years we have worked with many veterinarians and I've learned something new from every one of them. Two summers ago we rescued a dog named Phoenix (you can find his full story in our Fall 2018 edition). During that time we learned a lot about wound care and the incredible benefits of honey.

Honey has apparently been used in medical care for a very long time but modern medicine has developed countless creams, balms and ointments that are more commonly used. However, dogs aren't always the best patients and often get bandages off to lick their wounds. We worried about about the ingestion of harsher medications and even the possibility of dogs being poisoned by the ointment used to heal them. One of the best things about using honey is the peace of mind that the dogs won't be hurt if able to remove the bandages. Honey is a natural antibiotic and its thickness provides a barrier from infection. Other great things about using honey? It's affordable, and bandages don't stick to it. Of course we would spend whatever is necessary to help our dogs heal but we also try to save money whenever possible so we can help as many as possible.

Many dogs over the past two years have healed



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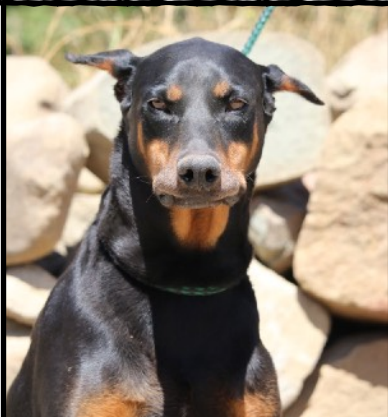
thanks to these honey wraps including Phoenix, Brat, and now Tyson. This boy came to us with a badly injured foot that he was obsessively licking. We got him to the vet and discovered a broken toe that was causing him a lot of pain. No wonder he was practically attacking his foot. We also discovered BB gun pellets in his torso but they aren't life threatening, just a reminder of his tough life. Tyson had surgery to amputate the injured toe and hopefully, relieve his



pain. Unfortunately, there wasn't enough skin to completely close the wound so he is getting honey wraps to help him heal. He isn't the easiest patient, destroying his cone collars constantly and removing his bandage when he can. However, he is still healing and his wound looks good. I don't know how long it will take for him to completely heal but thanks to honey, we know we can safely treat him for as long as it takes. Then we can start the search for a new home for Tyson.

**PARTING SHOT**

Quarantined in the kennel until you get lucky



"Kobe," waiting for adoption

Quarantined at home after getting lucky



"Flaco" and "Jack" Thomas of Temecula

Ready for freedom outing, with conditions



"Boris" Verga of Simi Valley





