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Our holiday newsletter is usually our favorite to write and send because we love sharing the pictures of our loved adoptees enjoying their special holiday season with owners who love them also. Whether they enjoy being decked out in antlers and sweaters, we are not sure, but sometimes there are sacrifices to be made, lol.

Adoptions have picked up, thanks to the summer, with its vacations and house moves, being over. We recently had three weekends out of five with eight or nine dogs per weekend going to their great new homes! Naturally, there are always new dogs ready to fill those kennels.

We sincerely hope that none of you were affected by the devastating fires throughout California during the early fall. We did take in a number of dogs as a result of the fires coming too close to where the dogs were housed. We have no idea how many animals weren't so lucky, but certainly there were many.

Another annual Deck the Halls with Bones and Balls fundraiser party will be hosted again this year by Paula Cwikly at her lovely Toluca Lake home. The date for this party is expected to be Sunday, December 17 at 2:00 p.m., but please double-check our website or call Paula closer to the date in case it needs to be changed. You should e-mail her at

pcwikly1@earthlink.net, or call her at 818- 985-5698 to RSVP. As in previous years, there is no charge to attend, just bring a nice gift for our dogs. View the Wish List on our website for ideas, or get creative! Hope to see you there.

Volunteer and board member Natalie Rimmel of Ventura is continuing the tradition of producing "Pippi calendars" again for 2018, featuring her adopted Doberman in settings appropriate for each month of the year. These have delighted their purchasers for three years running and promise to do so again. Natalie donates the proceeds to us. Contact us if you want to order any Pippi calendars.

From all of us at Dobies and Little Paws, our best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season, and don't forget that we love pictures!*



Sincerely,

Ardis Braun

*For informational purposes, pictures shared on Facebook aren't usually transferred to our archived album that we draw from when we publish your pictures in the newsletter. They should be sent to us by e-mail, or if the pictures are traditional printed ones, then by snail mail. Thanks!

ADOPTION UPDATES

Of the seven dogs featured in our last newsletter, three were adopted.

TREVOR,

who was really lucky the day we went to his animal shelter to pick up another dog, was adopted by Marilyn Lawrence of Santa Monica. Trevor, whose new name is Oliver, was in a remote part of the animal shelter where no one could see him, recuperating from a serious pelvic injury that required cage rest.



Oliver was x-rayed and cage-rested here for a few more weeks before Marilyn adopted him. She had just had to say goodbye to her previous adoptee from us, and we were thrilled that she opted to wait for Oliver to heal as well as he could before she took him home.

From her recent text message: "He's so darn cute and loveable. He is starting to chase

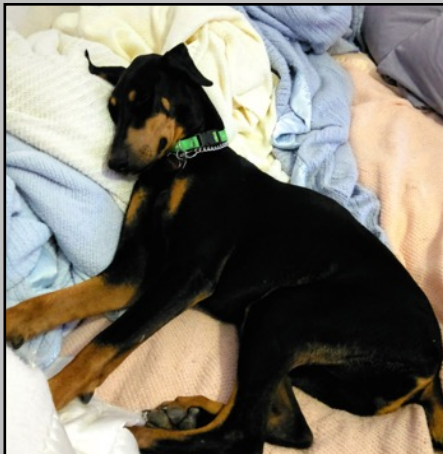
squirrels and wants to play with other dogs when we're out walking. He stops little kids to get pets. I'm letting him decide how active he wants to be and every day he gets stronger and happier."

Lucky, lucky dog.

GG,

who was returned to her animal shelter several times because of her energy level and lack of training, was adopted by Chris Barford of Glendale, Arizona. He says: "GG is doing great. We love her so much, she is such a good girl."

She just needed the right owner!



COOPER,

whose owner left him behind when they moved, now lives with Joshua Murphy of Ventura. He says: "Cooper has been a part of my family for about a month now. Cooper has acclimated and become very close to me, my family, and the other dog very quickly and it feels as though he has always been here with us. He is such a sweet and loving dog and I am happy and feel lucky that he is a part of my life."



WAITING FOR HOMES

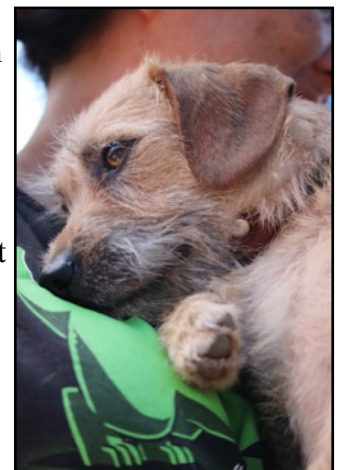
TEDDY

is a big, loveable lug-nut of a Dobie! He's an adult red who is probably starting to approach middle age but you would never guess it when he goes for walks and plays with his female kennel-mate. He was given up by his owner originally because of a move but he has been with us for awhile now and we think he is absolutely ready for a home again. He was an outdoor dog but he is crate trained, plays fetch (most Dobies don't), loves walks, listens really well and loves people.



MAXINE

is a new arrival from an owner who adopted her from an animal shelter and owned her for two weeks while deciding whether she fit her lifestyle. It seems that Maxine is too flighty and shy to be a go-everywhere dog with the woman, who didn't name her. We think Maxine definitely needs to



be in a home with another small, confident dog to follow and that she can learn from. She is partially housebroken and has a very sweet disposition, never offering to growl or nip. Her animal shelter aged her at about 1 year, and she's about 15 pounds. We are betting this dog will be a snuggler in the right home.

SATIN

has been in our program for two years and we have discovered that she has extensive obedience training. She loves playing with tennis balls and using them as motivation, she knows sit, shake, down, come and stay. She is now 7-8 years old, and she has lived comfortably with several different large male dogs during her stay with us. Satin is a dog we hope will reach a potential adopter who just wants to give a nice dog a chance at a good home.



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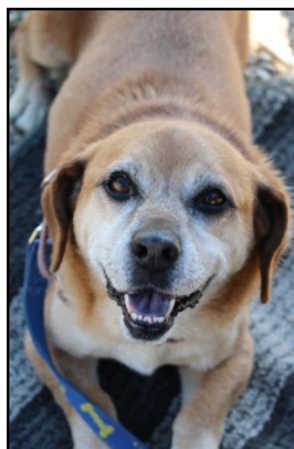
CYRUS

is a rescue from an upstate animal shelter whose employees assured us that he was a purebred blue Doberman Pinscher. He's not, but we're grateful for their error because we really like Cyrus - whom they called Blue Cyrus - because he's charming in all of the right ways, and we were his only ticket out of the animal shelter. Cyrus is about 6-7 years old and is probably blue Doberman and American Bulldog. He's a tall fellow with an adorable big jowly face, certainly over 90 pounds of love, and needs to be the only dog.



ZENITH

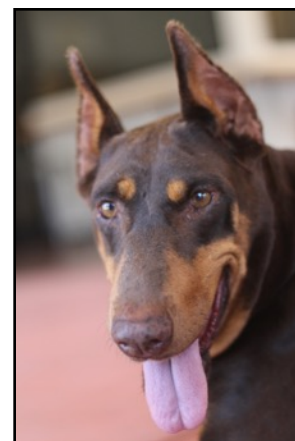
is absolutely breaking our hearts. He's a 12-year-old Beagle mix who was adopted from us an eternity ago. He had been a young man's dog, and then ultimately became his grandmother's dog, as is so often the case with those too young to understand the responsibility of owning a pet. The grandmother took good care of Zenith until she ultimately had



to move and wasn't able to move Zenith with her. He's in good condition for his age, having just had dental work done and requiring only one medication every other day. He weighs about 25 pounds and is housebroken. Zenith would love to live with another senior person, perhaps as an apartment dog or with someone with a small yard, since he's mellow and not destructive.

MARY JANE

is a red Doberman whom we have gotten to know a bit more during her stay with us. Her age is a bit of a mystery but we assume she is between 6 and 8 years old and she is in pretty good shape for her age. Mary Jane is a confident dog who has been friendly to all the people she has met so we expect her to be a wonderful companion for a person or family. She is self-assured and easy going; in fact, she will happily engage in play with the right companion dog. We hope this spry sweetheart will win someone over with her charm and zest for life.



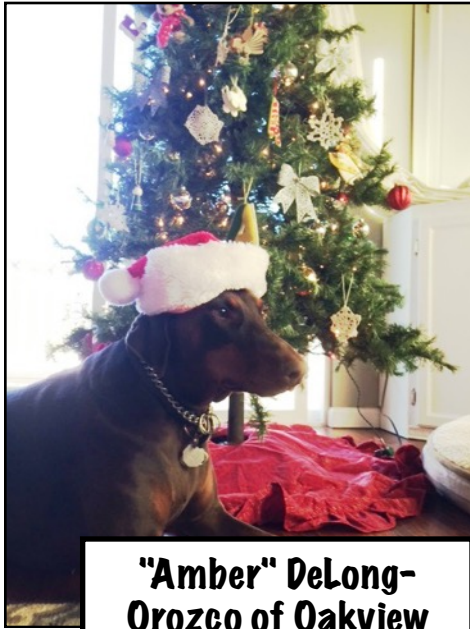
LUNA

is a sweet 4-year-old Miniature Pinscher with a "fatal flaw:" she escapes! We have placed her twice; once with a family with another dog, and the second time in a mostly indoor environment. At the first home she vaulted a block-walled backyard with a flying start; in the second she chewed up things when locked inside with everyone gone. Luna will probably need an indoor lifestyle where she is crated when her owners need to leave, but hopefully one where they won't need to leave too often. She's about 15 pounds and very dog-social.





"Kennedy" Pine of Chino



"Amber" DeLong-Orozco of Oakview



"Rocket" Riban of Lebec



"Molly" Leger of Valencia, with Danny

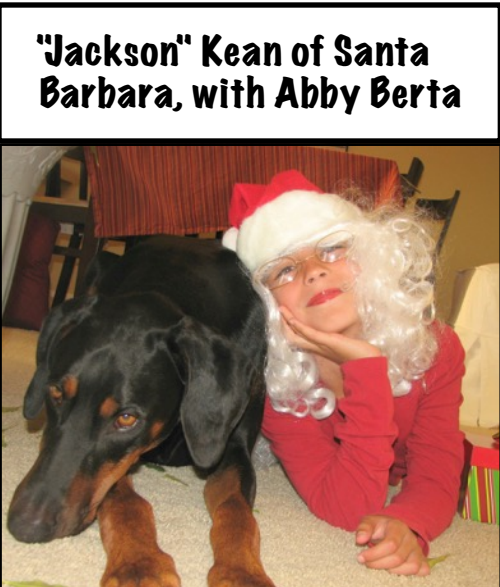
"Duke," "Sasha" and "Maxx" Soares of Oxnard



"Ducky" Swander of Santa Barbara

"Jackson" and "Lily" Perez-Monje of Tustin

Happy Adoptees



"Jackson" Kean of Santa Barbara, with Abby Berta



"Yenko" and "Chevelle" Hidalgo of Victorville





"Lorenzo" Ray of Sherman Oaks



"Raja" and "Sadie" Barton of Thousand Oaks with Jada, Chantel and Tori



"Charlie" Lawrence of Santa Monica



"Renegade" and "Willow" Blamire of Santa Barbara

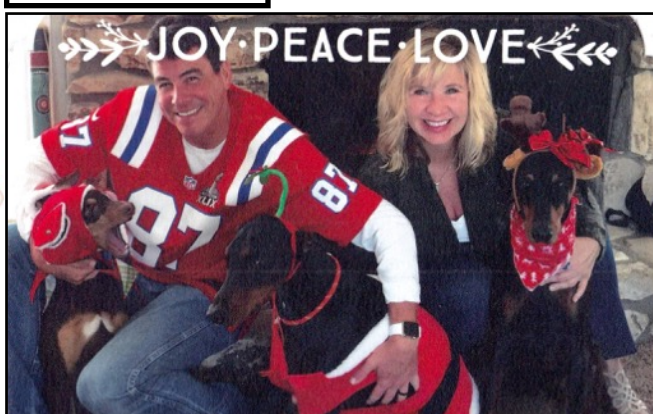


"Quigley" and "Raleigh" Greene of Spring Valley, with Cass and Marty



"Asia" Aguirre of Bellflower

"Harvey" and "Hallie" Schwehr of Lancaster, with Jeff and Avery



"Bandit", "Elmer", and "Gracie Mae" Means of Ventura, with Topher and Gail

ANNIE AND MAXIE

We wanted to share an inspiring story with all of you just in case you ever have a similar experience. To do that, we need to start at the beginning to explain how a fairly “ordinary” dog became a priceless treasure to her owner.

We took in a dog we had named Topsy from an animal shelter where she was unclaimed, and we immediately noticed that she had something wrong with her rear quarters. A visit to the vet and a couple of x-rays determined that she had an old, healed fracture, which didn't seem to cause her much discomfort. But Topsy was so sweet that we knew she could have a wonderful home and make someone very happy even though she wasn't a perfect specimen.



Sure enough, Annie Davich of Mammoth, Arizona, saw her post and loved her picture on sight. Annie is quite a senior lady, so she said she'd love to adopt Topsy if we could each drive partway and meet. Colleen made a day trip of it, and Annie and Topsy were a match made in heaven. Topsy was renamed Maxie, and she became Annie's “Velcro dog.”

A month later, we got a phone call from someone in Arizona claiming to have found a dog with our i.d. tag on her, and we identified Maxie by her tag number. We told the caller that we'd call the dog's owner and also gave them her phone number. Then, despite several attempts to call them but always getting only voice mail, Annie was frantic that she might never see Maxie again. She said that she had hired a couple to do some yard work for her, and that they kept asking if they could take Maxie for a car ride. Annie always firmly said NO, but about the time the couple finished their work and left, Maxie was gone also. Annie said there was no possible way Maxie could have ever escaped the yard on her own.

Now, Annie is not the type of person who, faced with a difficult dilemma, just gives up, and that

is the reason for this article. She was certain she knew who had Maxie, and realizing that they knew she didn't have much money, assumed they called us hoping for a ransom of sorts. We had no idea what the situation was and so didn't offer one.

Here's what Annie did:

First, she called the phone number the people called from that called me. She called several times but did not get a return call. Second, she called the police and reported her dog stolen, with all of the details. It helped that she had worked for the police department and was able to get the address that corresponded to the phone number of the caller. Third, she called the number again, finally leaving them a message saying that she knew they had her dog, she had their address, and had reported the theft to the police, who had promised to investigate. Fourth, she had locks installed on her gates and a motion sensor with spotlights installed around her yard. She had also alerted animal shelter authorities about her missing dog and followed up daily. Most importantly, she never gave up. Annie knew that Maxie was somewhere, and she was going to exhaust every avenue known to man to find her.

Not long after her last phone call to the villains, a car stopped in front of Annie's house and Maxie was unceremoniously dumped out on the road as the car sped off. Maxie immediately went to the front door and waited for the one she knew loved her. The fact that Annie never gave up is so important! It's easier now than it used to be to locate a missing dog, thanks to microchips. Every dog that leaves our facility is microchipped, as are many from animal shelters and other rescue groups. Always remember to update us

when you move and/or change phone numbers so that we can locate you if the need arises, and



also remember to keep our i.d. tag on your dog, even if you have one of your own. Contact us if you need a replacement for a lost one.

A great example from another time: before



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starting Dobies and Little Paws, I (Ardis) was a volunteer at an animal shelter for twelve years, generally helping the public select a dog to adopt. (Imagine that!) One day, a woman came to a dead stop in front of one of the kennels. When I asked her if she needed help, she said “I can’t believe this is my dog who has been missing for a year, but I think it is!” I looked in at an Old English Sheepdog with the typical amount of hair hanging over his eyes, and he was wagging his tail at the woman. She said “can you lift the hair in front of his eyes, because if he has one blue eye and one brown one, he’s my dog.” Sure enough, he was! She had never given up looking for him, and though she lost a whole year of his companionship, she eventually got him back BECAUSE SHE NEVER GAVE UP looking for him.

We’re happy to report that on Sunday, November 5th, the family delivered 21 now-serviceable Kuranda beds that look brand new! Sean Mealey completed his community service project with the help of twenty other scouts and three troop leaders, plus donations from family and friends to cover the cost of materials. His brother, Dylan Mealey, is looking to launch a community service project of his own by videotaping some of our dogs to get them more exposure and hopefully get them adopted.

We’re grateful to Deborah, her husband, Joe Mealey, and their sons Sean and Dylan for their hard work, and we’re hoping these efforts may inspire others to get involved.



IT TAKES A VILLAGE

A couple of months ago we were approached by Deborah Pitts and her family regarding Eagle Scout projects that her sons could do with the goal of benefiting the community. After a few discussions back and forth, it was decided that fixing some of our Kuranda dog beds would accomplish that goal and really help us as well, salvaging many pricey beds that were otherwise unusable. Mostly, it was the hammock part of the beds that was clawed through, but in some cases the hardware at the corners of the beds was also broken.



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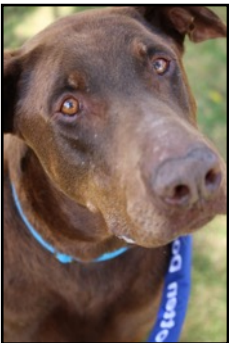
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ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL
 by Colleen Anderson

It's hard to believe that another year is coming to a close and it seems like 2017 went by so quickly. One of the best things for us to do is to go back and reflect on all of the happy adoptions and this year is no different. One of my favorite and most treasured fosters finally got his forever home after waiting for over 3 years. Punch came to us from an animal shelter and we knew he might be a bit more of a challenge to place because he is a mix, but I couldn't believe that it took as long as it did. During his time with me he was on TV, rubbed elbows with some celebrities, spent an entire weekend at a pet expo and he even donated blood, saving the lives of two other dogs that had complications after surgery. He was literally a lifesaver! If circumstances were different I would have never parted with him but I knew deep down that he deserved a real home where could get more attention and more love.

This fall I did a post on our Facebook page bringing to light that all of the dogs that had joined us in the spring at the OC Pet Expo had been adopted except for Punch. It was quite an accomplishment considering the



misfit dogs that were in that group but it still broke my heart to know that one of the best-behaved dogs of that weekend was still homeless. The unbelievable happened after years of no interest when Brandy Jackson-Greenwood of Leona Valley, a previous adopter with a soft spot for the forgotten seniors, sent me a message. If Punch could get along with her other dogs and her son then he had a home with her. It took all of two

minutes for them to fall for him like I had so I knew he had finally found the family he had been waiting for and he continues to thrive.

Punch isn't the only lucky long-termer that got a forever home this year. Let's take a moment to celebrate the dogs that stayed with us for a year or longer. Though we miss many of your faces, we are so happy you are all finally where you belong.

Brutus	Punch	Vi	Roscoe
Tanner	Dominic	Jesse	Kona
Jasper	Scout	Jada	Bingo
Kira	Coco	Princessa	

PARTING SHOT



"Max" Campbell of Thousand Oaks

Hey Santa, make my day!

