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"Oliver" Lawrence of Santa Monica

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The holiday season is typically everyone's favorite time of the year, and this year we're all hoping the worst is behind us; Covid, drought, economic worries, and all the rest that make living during these times so much more challenging. That would really make this season special!

Our adoptions have been hard to predict; slow for a week or two and then surprisingly very good. During one nine-day period in late October we placed twelve dogs! All rescues are overfull and everyone is lamenting the huge numbers of animals needing rescue and the overwhelming number of them not getting rescued.

To promote interest in our dogs and hopefully increase adoptions, we have stepped up our video sessions with the help of volunteers, and some people report regularly watching all of the videos to help them decide on the best candidates, or sometimes just for entertainment. These are often on Facebook and Instagram in addition to our website.

During the past few months we became acquainted with two other California Doberman rescuers that have made it easier to keep up with demand. Bella and Sunshine Rescue works primarily in the Inland Empire, Riverside and San Bernardino County areas, and is foster-based, so as long as they have foster options, they can accept Dobermans. Casa de Love Rescue is in Redding, in far upstate California, and they're a free-range rescue in a fenced ranch setting, so it's super-important that all of the dogs get

along. We have become good friends with both of the founders of these groups and make sure we all know where the greatest urgency is to address it as best we can.

The charitable donations our treasured donors made throughout 2021 have made it possible for us to continue making improvements here, as well as taking care of the dozens of needy dogs coming in requiring rescue, many of them with behavioral and medical challenges. At one point in October we actually had *four* dogs with broken legs! To everyone who helped us help these worthy dogs, words can hardly express our gratitude.

Please remember how much we love your pictures, and holiday pictures sent during this season will likely be in next year's winter newsletter.

Our best wishes for a lovely holiday with your family, friends, and of course, your loved animals.

Cheers!

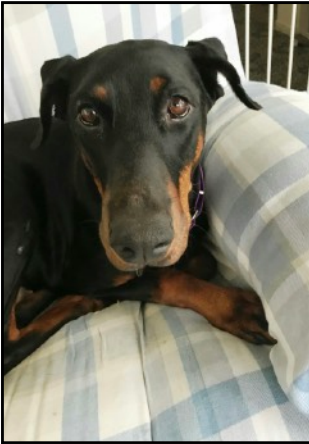


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ADOPTION UPDATES

Lucy II

was unable to live with cats, but she is quite happy living with the Annis family in Salinas. Her name is now Lulu, and the list of her attributes is



pretty long, but a somewhat condensed version:

“Lulu is very much loved by all in the family. She acts like a puppy probably for the first time in her life, and she loves to please. She is very smart, fearless and confident, easy on leash and on the trails. She communicates a lot with her

snout and paws and has a very gentle mouth. She is relentless when she wants attention and it is very funny. She loves to sit on the swing with us and that is just fine with us.

This is our third Dobie, and there IS a reason why they say once a Dobie always a Dobie. Good luck to all!”

Bruno

had a hip/pelvic injury that miraculously healed itself prior to a surgical appointment we had for him, and he also got lucky again when Audrey Kunkel of Carpinteria adopted him. He lives with Audrey and her husband, Eric, and his new name is Milo. Audrey shared fourteen pictures of him, so it was really hard to choose one!



“Milo is doing great! He is a sweet dog and has a new puppy to play with. He loves to go on walks and is never aggressive toward other dogs and is very friendly. We love him!!”

The Lab puppy is about 1/10th his size, and he’s even good with the cat.

Dolly

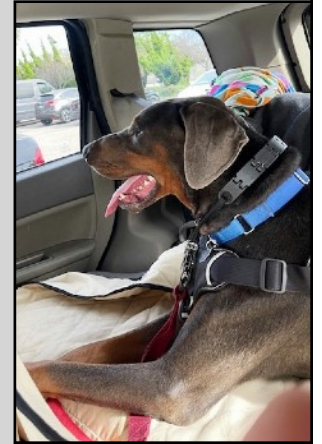
was with us awhile due primarily to a deformed rear leg, which many people worried would be too much of a limitation for their lifestyle. She has made her home now with Shana Goffredi and Victoria Orphan, and she’s working out fine for them.



“Dolly (now known as Flash) has really settled into her new home in Pasadena. She’s thoroughly enjoying her frozen peanut butter Kong treats, belly rubs, getting to know the neighborhood on our daily walks, and play dates with the neighbor dogs. She is incredibly clever, and a bit goofy, but also a calm and loving pup. We are thrilled to have her as part of the family!”

Blue II

is now called Omega, and he’s the almost-constant companion of Jennifer Barrett of Santa Monica. She takes him with her on her work travels in the car and “he is doing impressively well,” according to her. He has learned commands, likes his new toys, and “he’s getting the hang of things.” Definitely more fun than 24/7 in a backyard!



Butters,

now named Dusty, was adopted by Sara Small of Ventura, and she gave us a lovely update: “Dusty has been a wonderful addition to our family. She is loyal and wants to please us so badly. Dusty is VERY easy to train. She is great in our camper van, walks,



bikes and we are currently training her to run a 5K with us on Thanksgiving Day! Dusty, as you can see in her photo, always looks like she is smiling. We are truly blessed to have her. She is my little shadow and very faithful. I couldn’t imagine life without her.”

WAITING FOR HOMES

Hogan

is a good dog who was repeatedly failed by humans. Someone "rescued" him months ago from another person who was ready to dump him because he wasn't wanted. The "rescuer" kept Hogan until he gave him to a friend as a pet for his family. The friend allowed him to repeatedly run the streets, dodging traffic, until he finally ended up in an animal shelter. In



Hogan's case this might be the best thing that could have happened to him, because now he will be safe until a worthy home is found. He's 4 years old, good with kids and he's been good with large female dogs. He is not good with small dogs and may not be good with male dogs either. During his animal shelter stay he dropped weight over

several weeks, paced his kennel, and was miserable. The home we're seeking for this lovable red boy will appreciate him and be sure to keep him out of harm's way. His ideal weight should be around 85 pounds.

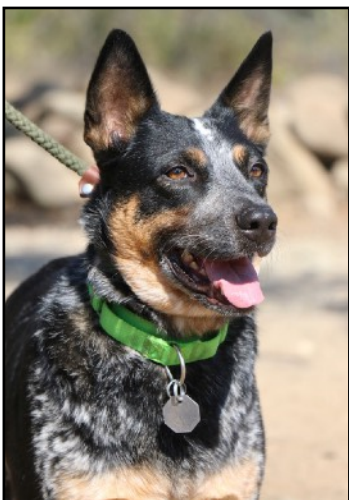
Erika

is a lively young adult who had been adopted and promptly returned to her animal shelter because she wasn't good with the small dogs in the home. She was emaciated and needed rescue, so she came to us. Erika has slowly gained weight despite her high energy, and she is in much better shape. She is sweet, fun and affectionate with people but she is not good with other dogs at all. She will need to be the one and only, but trust us, she's more than enough dog to keep you company!



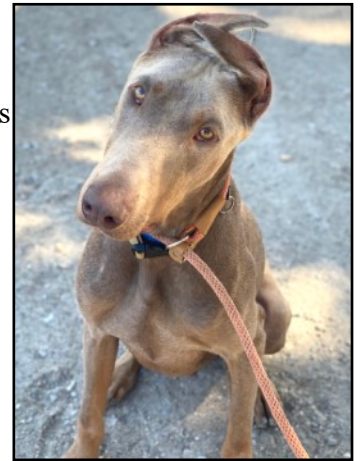
JoJo

was adopted from us in July and was just returned November 1, 2022, for aggression to the adopter's cat. When we cat-tested JoJo in July, the results were fairly iffy, but the adopter was adamant that she could work it out, and obviously that was not the case. We were given very little information about JoJo when she was returned, only that she is good off leash and trained. She is a beautiful heeler who is 6 years old and weighs about 40 pounds. She's very affectionate to people, compatible with most other dogs, but very prey-driven toward small animals.



Ozzy

is a 3-year-old fawn Dobie. He's a big boy and he's strong, so he will need a physically strong owner to handle him on leash. He has lived with large and medium female dogs but he isn't good with all dogs, so we can recommend him only for homes with females or no dogs at all. He's otherwise a really sweet, striking dog who loves people.



Honey

has been with us almost six months and was quite the medical case when we took her in. One rear leg was nearly degloved, having been through some sort of trauma that we can only imagine. Honey got her name because we treated her injury with honey wraps for months, and she has made a great recovery. She's an active red 5-year-old who is on the large side, and she's been social with her male kennelmate of several months. Honey is an excitable dog who will benefit from activities that will expend her energy.



Bosco

is a teenager in dog years, probably 7-8 months or so in ours, and he's....not quite a Doberman; he's a bit smaller and more furry than a full Dobie. Bosco is very dog-social, currently living with four other juveniles of both sexes. He's non-confrontational and quite social with dogs and people. We think Bosco would be a fun guy for a family with older kids to play with.



Glory

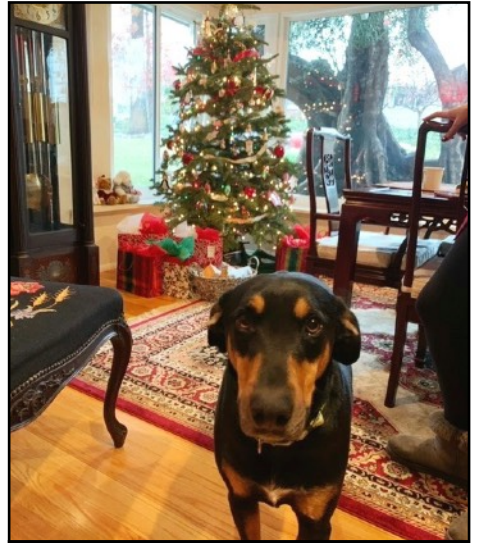
Scanning a list of dogs urgently needing rescue recently from an animal shelter we rarely deal with, there were no Dobermans on the list, but Glory's face was so persuasive that we couldn't forget her. An e-mail



"Bean" Halseth of Shingle Springs



"Allie" Stanfield of Oceanside



"Hunter" Moe of Tujunga

"Daisy" Williamson of Thousand Oaks



HAPPY
Holidays

"Sasha" Tornello of Carpinteria, with Linda



"Diego" Pine of Chino



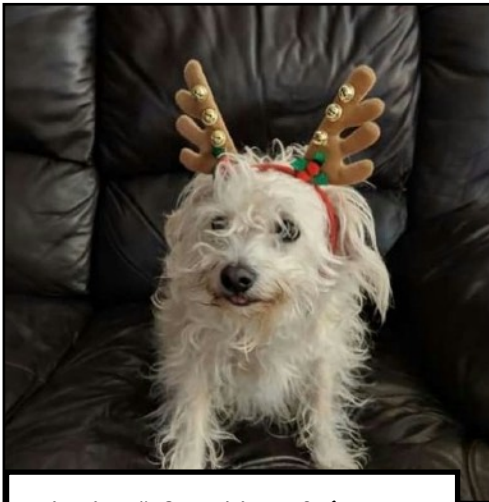
"Ducky" Swander of Santa Barbara

"Bart," "Ice Cube," and "Cash" (the bird) Garcia of Oxnard



"Agape" Tice of Sun Valley





"Kalvin" Buechler of Ventura



"Jojo" Clayton of Camarillo, with Raye Ann, Jack, Quinna and Andy



"Argos" Inciong of South Pasadena

"Danny" Lewis of Los Angeles



"Lexi" and "Jax" Dailey-Guthrie of Buellton, with Pearl Bloom



"Josie" and "Sonny" Jameson of Los Angeles



"Chloe" Randall of Los Angeles



"Jack Benny" Miller-Paolino of Pollock Pines

"Iris" and "Loki" Taylor of La Habra



WHEN BEAUTY ISN'T IMPORTANT

Beauty goes a long way in the world. We are naturally attracted to beautiful flowers, jewelry, clothes, houses, people, and of course, dogs. Whenever we post an unusually pretty Doberman to our website and/or social media, there will immediately be a dozen or more inquiries and applications for that dog.

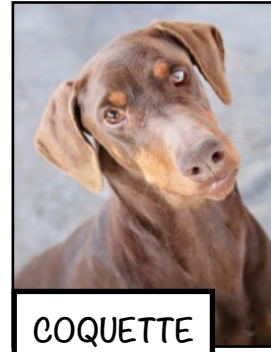
It puts us in an odd position, because the majority of the applicants are drawn to the dog just because he or she is beautiful, but not everyone should own that dog for whatever reasons the dog is here in the first place. I (Ardis) often have to say “we already have a lot of applications, and we’re evaluating them to decide who is the best fit.” Sometimes I even say “isn’t it sad that everyone wants the same dog and we have no applications for the other 140?” Trying to steer these applicants toward other dogs could potentially work sometimes, but for those who love the young dog with perfectly cropped ears, they would always be comparing their rescue Dobie with the beauties they see out and about, and wishing for a prettier dog. It’s human nature.

Ear cropping has been in decline, at least in southern California, for many years already. A lot of the vets who were well-known for creating the perfect ear crop have retired or stopped doing ears. That, plus the look of a cropped dog whose ears were not properly maintained for two months and consequently “flopped,” have made the remaining vets wary of bad reviews for this surgery. Some dogs’ ears are so delicate that they could never be expected to stand upright anyway; there isn’t enough cartilage.

Thankfully, there are also many, many dear adopters who want a rescue dog because they want that dog, no matter what he or she looks like, to have a wonderful life for as long as that life may last. These people, like us, love the dog because of who that dog is; the part that is not superficial. Often these adopters come specifically to see a particular dog: the one with a deformed leg, the one with a blind eye, the tripod, the one with scars from past mistreatment, the one with no ears, the one with one ear, the one with vestibular disease making that dog move weirdly, the old one with lumps and bumps all over, the one bred many times with, well.....you know.

Here are a few of the recent dogs that fit one of these categories, all of them well-loved in their adoptive homes for the beings they are:

COQUETTE and PLUTO, each with one functional eye.

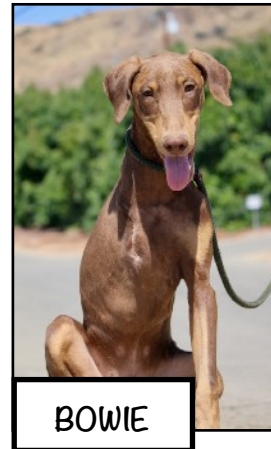


COQUETTE



PLUTO

BOWIE THE RED BARON (formerly Sir Pumpkin Pie), EZ, BEANIE and MOCHI, all of them amputees.



BOWIE



EZ

DOLLY and JAG, each with a deformed leg (see Dolly on page 2).

BRONZO and RAIDER, each with lifelong scars.

PEYTON, with 1 ¼ ears.

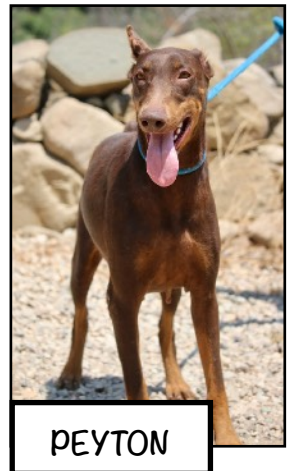


BEANIE



MOCHI

We appreciate all of our adopters who come to give a rescue dog a good home, but a special thanks goes to those who choose the handicapped dog, the one with a gray face, and all the other “lesser beauties” who are at least as deserving of that good home.



PEYTON





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Waiting For Homes continued...

to the shelter indicated that she was on the next day's list to be eliminated, so we begged for and got an extra day



to save her. It would have been an awful shame not to, as she is such a lovely dog! Glory is mostly German Shepherd, but with a fuller, silkier coat than purebred ones have. She was a stray dog that was apprehended while following students to school, and she clearly liked the kids. Glory is a mild-mannered, young adult girl who is

beautiful to look at and lovely to be with.

Dawn

is a 4-year-old male Dobie whose owner had to surrender him in mid-December, 2021 due to a change in her living situation. She was quite devastated having to do this because "he's such a wonderful dog." Though he isn't believed to be good with other dogs, he's housebroken, good with kids, knows commands, and isn't destructive. Dawn is very protective of his owner and his territory, so he would be an excellent pet for people needing a protective dog for their single-dog home.



String Cheese

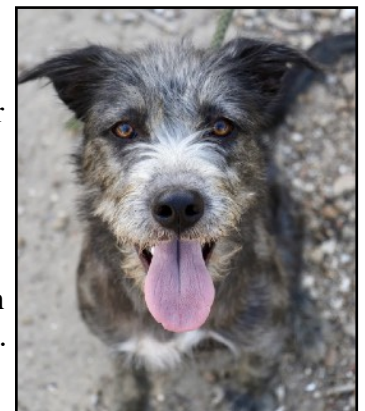
was named at her animal shelter and she is undeniably adorable. She has a slightly longer coat, so she's not all Dobie; her mix is a mystery. She is a happy youngster, gets along with all people and shares a kennel with a large male as well as a large female dog. String Cheese



was beloved at the animal shelter; they worked hard to keep her safe, and she won us over quickly. Seems like a great dog for runners, hikers, and active homes looking for a dog that can keep up.

Bindi

is an adorable terrier mix we found in a rural animal shelter. She was half bald, most likely from flea dermatitis, but she has fully recovered. We are assuming she is part Schnauzer, about 35 pounds and around 1 year old. She is high energy and affectionate. Bindi is good with large male dogs but she can be dominant around food (just with dogs not with people) and no kitties please. She is a hard dog not to love!





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MIX AND MATCH By Colleen Anderson

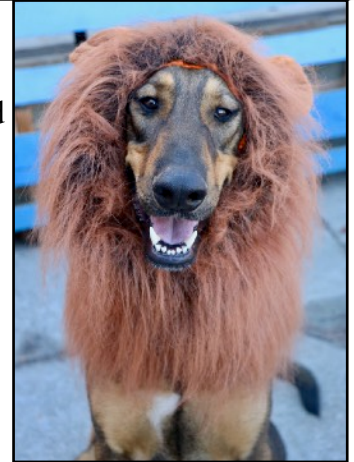
While we love Dobermans and, understandably, most visitors are looking for a pure-bred Doberman, mixes are becoming more prevalent at the rescue and have become some of my favorite dogs. Many of our mixed Dobies have the best qualities of two or more breeds, and mixes tend to be healthier as well, since the bad genes so prevalent from poor breeding are much diluted.

Hatchi is one of the really special mixes that everyone falls in love with, and I can't believe he still hasn't found a home. He originally came to us from an upstate animal shelter with his sister, who happened to look more like a Doberman than he does. We certainly couldn't leave him behind though. Hatchi had entropion, which means his eyelids rolled inwards causing irritation to one of his eyes. He had corrective surgery to fix the problem and I took him home afterwards so he could recover indoors. I got to know him better during this time and I was so impressed with how well behaved he was. He loved walks, was good around the other dogs, affectionate and eager to please.

Bella and Sunshine Rescue arranged a Halloween fundraiser at a brewery in Los Angeles, a dog-friendly place, so I brought Hatchi along, hoping he would impress someone there and land himself a home. Well, he wasn't adopted but he certainly

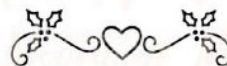
impressed everyone there! He was such a good boy and who could resist him dressed as a cuddly lion? His social skills and ability to give people comfort could even speak to the possibility of him being an emotional support dog for someone.

There are so many amazing mixes at the rescue right now and hopefully some of you may be open to giving one of them a chance?



PARTING SHOT

"Rhea" Psaras of Los Angeles, with Catherine



We all love to give a rescue dog a better life, and they return the favor.

