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"Dobie Doings"



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**"Buck" and "Edison"
Thornton of Los Angeles**

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With each season that passes, it's such a pleasure to be able to greet you again and say "We're still here!" Thanks to your financial donations and every other kind of help, we will be, for a long time. We passed the 10,000-adoptions point some time ago and still thoroughly love what we do.

Our first raffle in a very long time happened on June 23, and it was great fun. Twenty-three of us showed up and enjoyed the great food at Garman's Irish Pub in Santa Paula. The big prize, the "pot," accumulated \$1,706 in raffle money, and 50% of it was won by Marcus Tompkins of Seal Beach. He used his half for home improvements. Alycia Andrews of Canoga Park won the beautiful Doberman art print created by photographer Cass Greene of San Diego, and Katherine Nguyen of North Hills won the 1,000 feet of sod donated by Sharon Dill at the Somis Sod Farm.

This raffle was held in Ventura County, for the benefit of the large number of adopters living within reach of that location. We'll be holding another raffle on Sunday, October 21, at Wirtshaus, a beer garden in Hollywood. This location will be easier for our adopters in Los Angeles, the Inland Empire, and Orange County to attend. See page 8 for details.

The bad news – and one of the reasons we are doing raffle fundraisers – is that we are back to having to buy most of our dog food. This is a huge expense item, and for quite a few months most of our food was being

donated by the Pet Food Bank non-profit organization. We even bought a trailer to transport it. But something fell apart between the non-profit that was distributing the food, the warehouse, the transport, or some combination of the three, and no one has been receiving donated food for several months. We hope it will resume one day!

Please keep in touch. We love your cards, e-mail, and pictures.

Sincerely,

Ardis Braun

ADOPTION UPDATES

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

BEAKER,

our darling little Terrier mix, was adopted by Holly Smith of Thousand Oaks. From her recent e-mail:

"Beaker (now called Breaker) is doing great! He has quickly warmed up to our entire family and greets guests at our home with a wagging tail. We have



been taking him on hikes and found out he is quite the little hunter when it comes to squirrels and lizards. He has also gone sailing with us on our boat and adjusted very well to that lifestyle. Everyone calls him my shadow as he loyally follows me everywhere. He is starting to become a watchdog as he has realized that this is his home. He is an extremely smart dog and everyone in the family agrees that we could not have gotten a better pup."

NANI,

the lovely Dobie-Shepherd mix with her CGC (Canine Good Citizen award) who waited five months for her forever home, has found it with Carla, Bob, Danielle and Chase Diego of Camarillo. A recent e-mail from them says:



"WE ALL LOVE NANI!!! She rides so nicely in the car...WHAT A DELIGHT she is!... We couldn't have asked for a

better dog....Thank you for OUR new LOVE!"

WHIMSY,

our precious little Chihuahua-something mix with the crooked smile, now smiles for Kyla Hall of Camarillo. From Kyla's recent e-mail:

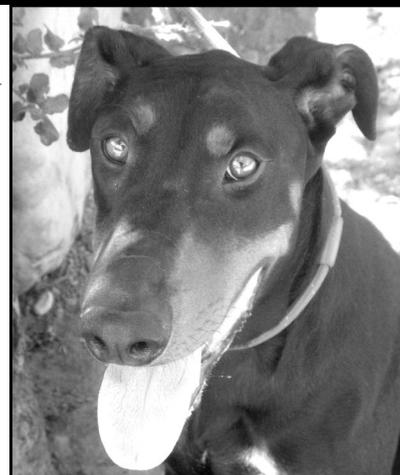
"Here is a cute picture of the wonderful Whimsy...but I changed her name to Percy. She is my perfect little girl. She always brightens my days, especially with that smile of hers!!! She gets extremely playful when I come home, loves riding in the car, going on walks, and snuggling up at the end of the day. I really scooped up the best lil pup!!! We have a wonderful and strong bond."



WAITING FOR HOMES

FREEDOM

is a big black and tan Dobie boy who has already been with us for 5 months, much too long for such a magnificent creature! He's about 2 years old, affectionate, not too hyper, and quiet. Freedom's only known negative is that he isn't believed to be good with other dogs.



T-REX

is probably a Chihuahua-Beagle mix. He was adopted from us 3 years ago as a puppy and was just returned because his family moved to a no-pets apartment. They also have a new baby, and T-Rex wasn't adjusting well. He's housebroken, good with other dogs and cats. Actually, we think he might do best with another dog in the home, as he's a timid fellow.



COCO

is a red female Dobie with a natural tail. She's quite slender, very representative of the Greyhound side of the Doberman lineage. Though she probably weighs only about 55 pounds, she is fearless and will make someone a good watchdog. At this point we don't think Coco can live with another dog. She's about 3 years old, housebroken, not destructive, and she's not a needy dog, so she could be a good choice for someone who has to work longer hours.



CASH,

previously called Cassidy, is a shelter favorite, impossible not to love. He's a slightly-mixed red Dobie who is in most ways a very good dog: affectionate, quiet, and reasonably mellow. His one large negative is that he isn't good around other dogs. It's a territorial issue with him: he is overprotective of his handler on walks and becomes overstimulated when he observes another dog. Cash would be perfect for someone living in a more rural environment without other dogs in the vicinity. He's now 4 years old and has been with us a full year.



GRACIE

was just returned to us by a family that adopted her 5 years ago, because she barks at other dogs. This is another dog who would do best in an environment without other dogs in the immediate vicinity. She is probably a Pomeranian-Cavalier King Charles Spaniel mix, and she's about 6 years old. Gracie is housebroken, good with other dogs, cats, and children.



SANDY

was returned to us a year after her adoption because she couldn't tolerate another (small) dog in the home. In other respects, she's a great dog: housebroken, mellow, quiet, affectionate, and fine with kids. Sandy is 8 years old now, so we



think perhaps an older retiree wanting only one dog would be a good choice for her. She's a larger-than-average Cairn Terrier mix.

WORLD WIDE WEB OF RESCUE

BY Colleen Anderson

When Ardis started Dobies and Little Paws Rescue 25 years ago, things functioned much differently. Adoptions were promoted by ads in the newspaper, word of mouth, and (starting 18 years ago) by sending out Dobie Doings. When our web site was created, Doberman adoptions tripled! Now the internet is making it even easier, not only to get dogs adopted, but to find the dogs that need our help.

Our web site now gets over 800 views a week, and it's a fantastic way for us to get our available dogs seen and share information with our supporters. Last year our organization joined the social networking giant, Facebook. What originally was created for college students and teenagers is now heavily used by businesses and non-profits. We use our page to introduce new arrivals, feature some long-termers, announce fundraisers, and share important information. We also enjoy sharing fun dog pictures, jokes, poems, and videos. We love being able to constantly interact with our adopters and friends, and we always enjoy your comments. You can find our page under Dobies and Little Paws Rescue. "Like" us today!

Most of our dogs, Dobermans and little ones, come from shelters where they have run out of time. Some shelters call us, but most leave it up to us to find the dogs in need, of which there are always too many. We recently joined a Yahoo group called DART (Doberman Animal Rescue Team), which has a message board where up-to-date postings by all of the members in California, Nevada, and Oregon share information that keeps everyone abreast of dogs needing help and dogs able to receive it from one of the groups. It lets us rescue Dobermans more efficiently without redundant efforts and stepping on each others' toes. We never compete for dogs, as there are always more than enough to go around.

The little dogs we always keep a supply of are chosen from www.petharbor.com, or from special pleas from animal shelter volunteers, and are available everywhere, all the time.

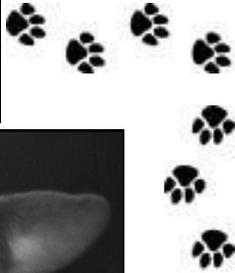


**"Jessie" and
"Ruby" Flores of
Santa Maria**

**"George"
Matthews of Oak
View**



**"Bart" Byassee of
Lancaster, with Caroline**



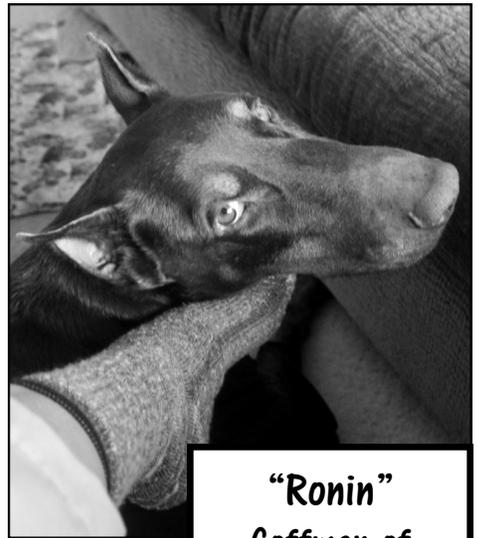
HAPPY ADOPTEES!



"Maya" Caramadre of Thousand Oaks



"Dewey" Manning of Goleta



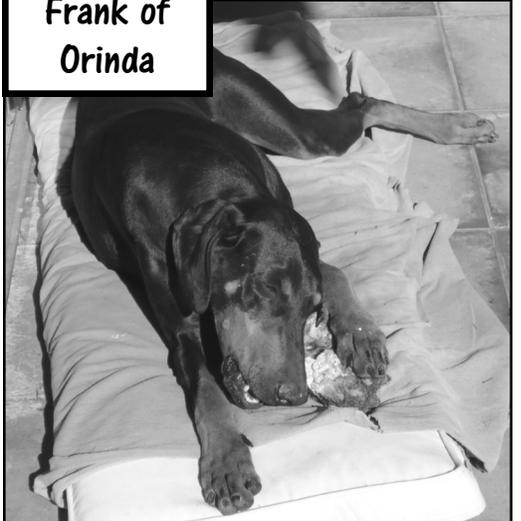
**"Ronin"
Goffman of
Mission Viejo**

**"Keilani" Osborne of
Santa Ana, with Terri**



**"Papas" and "Ned" Chin
of Eastchester, NY**

**"Emma"
Frank of
Orinda**





**"Diablo"
Wrathall
of
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**"Tsar"
Njegovan
of
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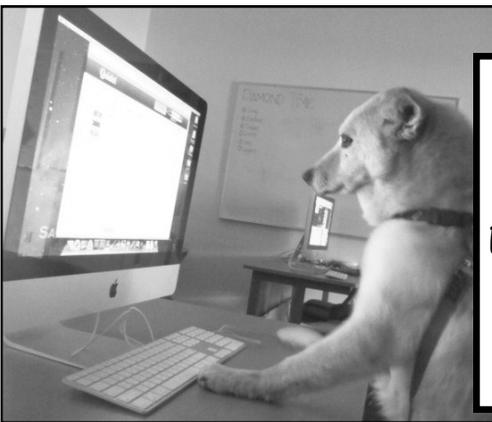
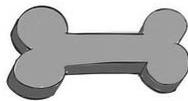


**"Titan"
Stinett
of Lake
Forest**



**"Twiggy" Smith
of Los Angeles**

**"Dali Rocker" and "Jessy" Bonge
of Irving, TX**



**"Ellie
Mae"
Rosenheim
of Santa
Barbara**

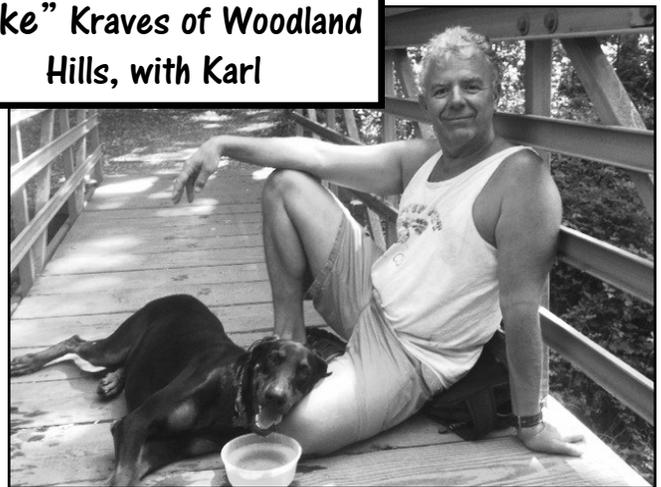
**"Canela"
Healy of
Whittier**



**"Jake" Kraves of Woodland
Hills, with Karl**



**"Shika"
Pickles of
Sherman
Oaks**



LOVE IN A SMALL PACKAGE

(grab the Kleenex box)

Some time during the week of July 23rd, we had an e-mail from Celia Angel (pun totally intended here, as she really IS an angel), a volunteer at the Stanislaus County Animal Shelter in Modesto. Since we often rescue Dobermans from that shelter, Celia thought we might also be able to rescue a senior Miniature Pinscher.

We don't typically rescue Min Pins because there are so many of them that we would turn into Miniature Pinscher Rescue! But, it so happens that long-time adopters of ours, Louise and John Gapen of Los Osos, have developed a real fondness for senior lady Min Pins. These are the folks who adopted Leo, the big Dobie from Taiwan with a bad rear leg that we had to amputate a few years ago. Leo lives the life with the Gapens, that's for sure, as do a collection of other senior and special needs pooches.

Anyway, we thought it couldn't hurt to ask Louise about taking in another tiny senior girl, and the answer was YES! Now we had to find a way to get her from Modesto to Los Osos. Louise could do some driving, but her schedule wouldn't permit a drive all the way to Modesto and back, and the shelter was full. Thanks to Sgt. Steve Fielder at the shelter, the little Min Pin got to stay a few extra days while we worked things out.

So we posted to the Pilots n Paws message board that a little wee thing needed a flight to someplace reasonably local to Los Osos, like San Luis Obispo airport, or Paso Robles. We had joined their list of non-profit rescue groups the month before when we posted the need for a transport, and were very impressed that a pilot volunteered immediately to do that transport.

Right away we had offers to do this new transport, and the wonderful, generous pilot who flew little Amy to her new life is Gary McDonald, who flies out of Petaluma. The great volunteer pilots who offer to do transports by responding to the Pilots n Paws postings that they can handle, do so without any expectation of

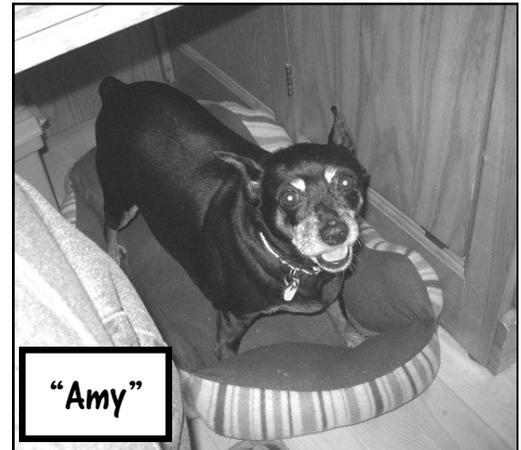


financial gain. Donations to this non-profit and to the pilots themselves for their very expensive aviation

gas (and in some cases, plane rental) are welcome, but not mandatory. In Gary McDonald's case, he wouldn't even take any money.

Amy arrived in Paso Robles the afternoon of August 3rd, and we got a heartwarming update from her new mom:

"Amy fits in well with our group. She runs and dances and is very playful, getting along with the other dogs and every person she has met so far. She doesn't even mind my daughter's cat! She often appears to be smiling! The first couple of days she spent exploring the back yard – every nook and cranny. She



has taken up residence under my desk (see picture). Amy is so sweet and a joy to have around! Thank you, Celia and Gary, for the huge role you both played in getting her out of 'prison' and away from certain death. Senior dogs are such a joy and are so grateful for their new lease on life."

SMART DOGS

In our last issue, we asked you to share stories of dogs you know or have known personally that did intelligent things (behaviors they were not taught to do, or genetically predisposed to do). We had some great responses! We can't print them all at once, otherwise we wouldn't be able to say anything else, but we'll print them a few at a time. And keep them coming!

From Amanda Moerke of Rosamond.

"Vicki, my Doberman mix, demonstrates the common affliction of wanting the toy her dog-sister has. Delilah, a German short-haired pointer mix, is in general very good-natured about Vicki stealing the toy she is playing with, simply picking a different one. However, sometimes Delilah REALLY wants the toy that Vicki steals, especially if it is one of her favorite balls. Delilah prefers to be non-confrontational with Vicki, because Vicki is dominant. In this case, she finds another high-value toy, sometimes running into a different room to go get it, and



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"Delilah" and "Vicki"

then proceeds to saunter past Vicki with it in her mouth, even throwing it to herself and catching it. She then nonchalantly drops this new toy,

causing Vicki to pounce on it, and leave the ball that Delilah REALLY wants behind. Delilah promptly scoops this up and then continues to play happily....it seems to work every time....I love how Delilah plays upon Vicki's desire for what she is playing with to get what she really wants back!"

From Cathy Verga of Simi Valley.

"My first Dobie, Hobbit, would grab the leash a foot or so down and shake his head vigorously until the choke chain flew off his head if I tugged on the chain too often. Fortunately, he just wanted to be rid of the choke chain and rarely took advantage of his newfound freedom.

Annie drags her favorite dog beds to whatever room I happen to have settled in, even if there is already another bed in the room. And if she is feeling particularly creaky, she may drag in a second one and double-stack them."

From Michele and John McMullen of Oxnard.

"Buddy (formerly known as Rocky) has an

aversion to peas....he actually cleans all of the dog food off the peas and then spits them back into his bowl.

He also opens the sliding GLASS door on the balcony. He pushes the long center bar with his right front paw until the door is open approximately 5 inches. He then reaches up with his left paw and continues to push the door at the opening he made until he can get out."



"Buddy" with Chico the rooster

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PARTING SHOT

“No animal should ever jump up on the living room furniture unless absolutely certain that he can hold his own in the conversation.”

--Fran Lebowitz



...we can talk later.



**Join us on Sunday,
 October 21st
 from 4 - 7pm**

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Wirtshaus

**Check out their website at
www.wirtshausla.com for directions and to take
 a peek at their menu!**

So far we have many items we are raffling off including jewelry, a huge chocolate basket, great wine and much more.

Check out our website for a full list.



We encourage you to buy tickets even if you can't make the event! They are \$1 each and you can buy them in person, by mail, or over the phone.



Thank you so much for all of your kind words about our "Trust and Respect" article in the summer newsletter. One more quote to leave with you from "The Dog Whisperer":

"If you don't respect their needs, do not expect to be respected."

