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We're not used to really hot days here in Fillmore since we're about 20 minutes from the ocean, but we have had to build shade in places we've never needed shade before during this oppressively hot summer that is now nearly over. It's amazing how quiet the dogs have been during the heat of the day!

As many of you know, we are about the only active Doberman rescue in California now, down from five a few years ago. Primarily due to illness, retirement, and in the case of one rescuer, death, these good folks have disappeared, leaving us to try to rescue unadopted Dobies from over thirty California animal shelters before they are euthanized. It's an impossible task for any single rescue, but we're doing our best. Our kennels are always full, to the dismay of many Doberman owners who are unable to keep their dogs for one reason or another. The only good news about this is that if anyone is seeking to adopt a rescued Doberman, we're it. Please refer worthy people who might be interested, and consider maybe adding another dog to your own home.

Thanks to very generous donations from adopter friends, we were able to replace broken concrete and some kennel sides in two groups of kennels, making them not only much easier to clean and sanitize, but also more visually attractive. We have a couple of additional areas we're hoping to improve this way, perhaps some time in the new year.

Unfortunately, the plans we had for having our next get-together/fundraiser/raffle at a winery,

didn't materialize. Wineries are not like beer gardens, and those we spoke with were not welcoming of the idea of having our event, so instead we're making this year's Oktoberfest bigger and better (details on page 8). Since this is our fall newsletter, some of you will receive it belatedly, but we'll always be having more fun events, including (hopefully) the next Deck the Halls with Bones and Balls holiday party during December.

Thanks for all you do,
Ardis Braun

ADOPTION UPDATES

Of the eight dogs featured in our last newsletter, six have been adopted. Not bad!

BRAT,

our sweet senior Doberman girl who had been severely injured when we took her in, was adopted by Christine Moorefield and her family of Costa Mesa. Her new name is Indie. She made a lovely recovery, with only scarring on her chest to attest to her previous trauma.

From Christine's e-mail: "We adopted Indie a couple months ago and we couldn't be happier. It took us a long time looking through the bios on the website until we found the perfect dog for our family and Indie was worth the wait! From the moment we brought her

home she has fit right into our family. She is very good with my two kids as well as the toddler that I nanny. She

Avery and Courtney, with "Indie"



likes to try and sneak kisses to everyone every chance she can get. I planned on liking our new dog just a regular amount, but that is not possible with Indie. I am so smitten with her and I can't imagine living without her. We love her so much."

PAWLA,

our little "project dog" Schnauzer mix who initially didn't like anyone except the one person she trusted, began to overcome her reservations as we had more and more people hold her and win her trust. After a few months she was adopted by Elizabeth Thurber of Los Angeles. She's now called Summer.

Excerpts from Elizabeth's many text messages: "She is an absolute delight, extremely independent yet like a shadow. She does not get upset when I leave but very welcoming when I get



home....She still runs 20 or so times around the yard at least once a day... but loves being the watchdog up front, which I really love. I've never had a new dog love me so much so soon. She's not used to being someone's love, but I knew how she greeted you; that was what I wanted for myself! She

gives back so many laughs! I hadn't laughed for ages. She is delightful!"

PEACHES,

our mellow, sweet-natured Dobie girl, was adopted by Doug and Alyson Cornelius of Modesto. She often goes by Peachie now. Alyson writes: "Peaches has been with us 2 months. She initially was very curious of our stairs and being inside our house. We think our poor dog had never been in a house before. She learned to use the dog door and we



potty trained her within the first month. She loves our 2 yr old son and they play every day. She also enjoys our 12 yr old Shih Tzu, Bella, and keeps her young! Peaches even enjoys her baths when we

take her to the groomer. We are so grateful she came into our lives and has been a perfect addition to our family."

ARTHUR,

our stunning boy who was named by one of our volunteers, has had two more name changes since arriving at his new home with Erin Knight and her human and canine family of Bridgeport. He became Zeus, and subsequently, Pooka.



According to Erin, he has two "sisters:" Pips, a fellow Doberman, and a little terrier that "moved in." They get lots of walks, outings, love, and "they are spoiled, lol."

PIPER,

our intimidating watchdog whose behavior was mostly bluff, waited awhile to be adopted because of her tendency to scare people, but we vowed to get her adopted promptly after noting how wonderful she was in the car on the way to get her rabies booster shot. And, she WAS adopted promptly, by Sarah Semple and her family of Inglewood.

From Sarah's e-mail just as we were going to press: "Piper is adjusting to life after the rescue really well! Her favorite thing is going on walks around our



neighborhood. Her second favorite thing is riding in the car. She goes to work with my husband every day where she hangs out with his coworkers and a couple of other office dogs. She absolutely loves chin scratches and her comfy beds (she has four of them in various places). We love her very much and are so thankful for your rescue taking such good care of her! She is a very special Dobie!”

SHADOW,

one of our precious small dogs of unknown lineage, was adopted just prior to going to press by Grace Hougey and her family of Portland, Oregon. Here’s a quote from her e-mail: “Ludo (formerly Shadow) is fitting in nicely with his new friends: two dogs, two cats, two people, and three chickens in Portland. He enjoys belly rubs, walks, eating, and snuggling. He even went for a little hike in the forest! His new sister, Theda, is



“Ludo”



“Theda”

another small dog that came from the Dobie rescue 8 years back. Thanks!”

WAITING FOR HOMES

Wings

is not this girl's original name, but it took "a village" to get her here including a flight by airplane, so those involved wanted to name her Wings. She's a 3-year-old mellow Dobie whose owners had to move, and her shelter felt she would be better placed by a Doberman rescue because she was displaying



fractious behavior when confronted with other dogs for her in-house temperament test. We generally don't accept shelter temperament tests as being indicative of whether a dog can live with another dog or not, so Wings has been properly introduced to several male kennelmates thus far, and there have been no issues. She is still negatively reactive to other dogs on leash, however. According to her shelter records, Wings was owned by her family for less than 3 months, she rides well in the car, walks well on leash, is obedient, does not jump fences or try to escape, and is housebroken.

Durham

is a handsome red 7-year-old Dobie boy whose owners had to find a new home for him because he threatened neighbors' chickens, ducks, and cats due to insubstantial fencing. He's very good with kids, housebroken, and knows a few commands. While living with his owners, Durham was not good off leash and would not voluntarily return, which may have been partially caused by his desire to chase small animals. Still, we hope to find a very secure environment for him wherever the next place is that he can call home.



Mochi

is a 1-2 year old female that we got from a rescue group in Taiwan. She is half Doberman and half unknown breed but we think it could be Formosan Mountain Dog, which is common in that country. Mochi was born in a rural area but she wasn't in a safely confined area. They feared for her safety because she was too friendly and often ran up to strangers who were not nice to her. Mochi was quickly adopted after arriving but she didn't work out in the home despite being loved greatly. She had some bad habits which included barking, jumping and being



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"Thucydides," "Joux Joux" and "Princess Buttercup" Dowden-Laura of Modesto



"Indy" Pery of West Hills



"Lea" and "Snoopy" Reinheimer of Rancho Cucamonga, with Cynthia



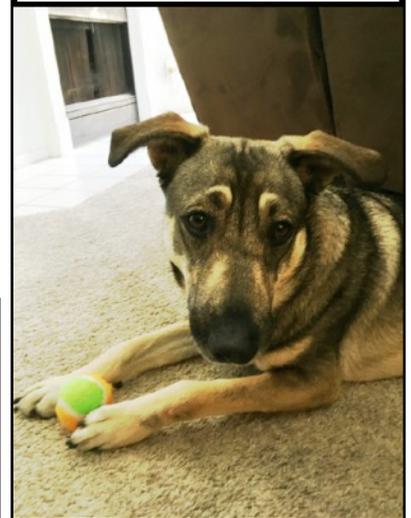
"Phil" Fornadel-Muckenhim of Ventura, with Chip Muckenhim



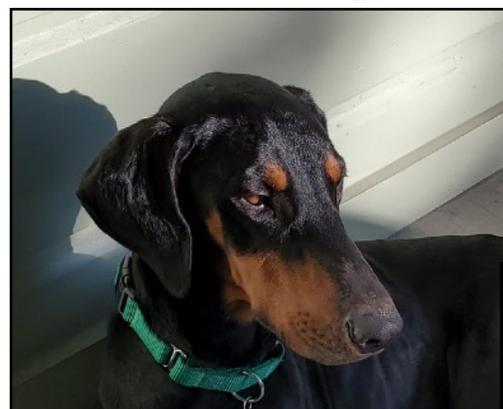
"Stella" Betournay of Thousand Oaks

HAPPY ADOPTTEES!

"Millie" Lorhan of Valencia



"Sabre" Correia of Visalia



"Fritz" Stasko of Paso Robles





“Lucy” Koz of Thousand Oaks



“Annika” Forester of Terrebonne, OR



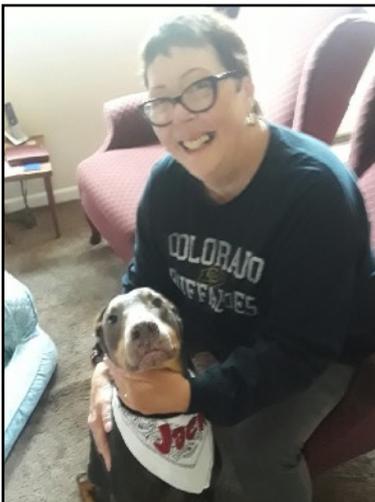
“Summer” Reich-Hobbs of Oakland, with Shayna Reich



“Hennessy” Chism of Palmdale, with James



“Jet” Horne of Burbank, with Keith



“Jack” Gideon of Riolinda, with Joan

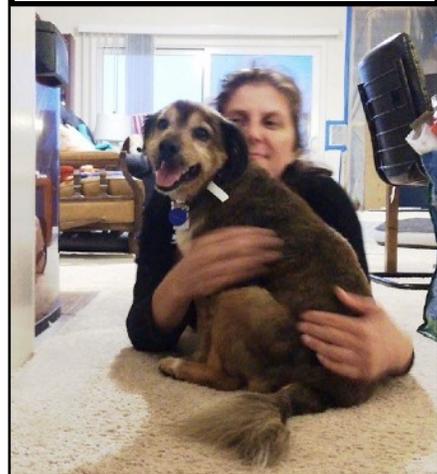


“Max” Brady of Thousand Oaks, with Corinne

“Sammy” Alvarez of Ventura, with Marta



“Buffy” Gudermuth-Mihailovich of Newbury Park, with Diane Gudermuth



WAITING FOR HOMES CONT.

quite destructive. We think she just needs a different home environment including more space, at least one other dog and a strong leader that can give her very clear rules. She is smart, sweet and very affectionate even though she has quite the naughty streak. We know that Mochi could be a wonderful addition to a loving home as long as it is the right one.

Jack

is a cute little Dachshund mixed with another small, furry breed. His adopter passed away in June, and Jack has a temporary foster for now but needs his forever home. He's probably 6-7 years old, housebroken if he can get outside when he needs to, social with other dogs, and good with kids old enough to reliably keep doors and gates closed, as Jack likes to wander!



Belladonna



is a red female about 2-3 years old who has been wonderful with people. She can be a little moody with some other dogs, and we have seen prey drive tendencies around small dogs, so we think her best pairing would be with one or more large dogs, preferably male. Belladonna is active enough for people who like to walk, run, or hike, though

she's not high-energy. She enjoys "down time" too. She would be a good fit for a wide variety of homes and families.

Billy

is a sweet older Doberman-Greyhound who lost his home when his owner fell on hard times. He is almost 9 years old but he enjoys his walks and is still pretty active. He lives peacefully with other easygoing dogs

and kids. He's housebroken and is calm enough to spend most of the day napping on a comfy bed. Billy's only flaw is defensiveness around food, so he needs to be fed separately. We also know that Billy loves the beach so he would be great for coastal living and trips to a dog beach!



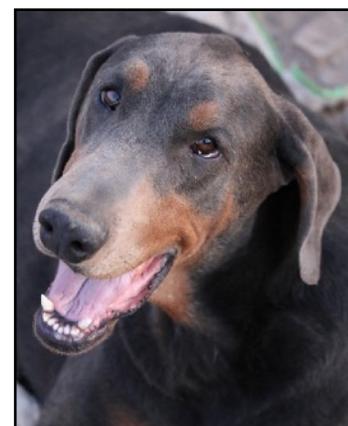
Xena

is a small senior chubby Chihuahua mix who was surrendered with her companion dog for nipping a toddler twice, which the ex-owner said was provoked. She weighs 9 pounds, loves walks, belly rubs, and sitting on laps. Xena is affectionate and fine with most other dogs and new people, and she was trained with puppy pads in her former home. She's presently being fostered with several other small dogs but waiting for her forever home.



Hoss

is a sweet boy who came to us from an animal shelter with an old injury to his hip. Hip surgery alleviated his pain and he uses the leg, though he's not recommended for strenuous hikes. Hoss is one of the most affectionate and happy dogs we know, and he becomes quite Velcro to make sure he gets enough love. He's a big blue boy with natural ears and a long, natural tail. We have had no issues with Hoss living with female dogs but males are hit and miss, depending on chemistry. He's about 4-5 years old with a laid-back and easygoing personality.





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SOMEONE VERY SPECIFIC

A friend and many-time adopter of ours, Louise Gapen, has been known to us for over two decades. During that time she and her husband, John, have adopted dozens of dogs from us, large and small, many of them very senior, disabled, even terminal. If there is a better adoptive home than theirs, we're not aware of it.

There is always at least one Doberman in the Gapens' home and an assortment of other dogs, and the only serious criterion is that they all have to get along. It wasn't even overly important that any of them like anyone other than one of the Gapens. One small terrier mix named Cheerio, for example, tried to bite everyone but John. And Bumbles, a little Miniature Pinscher with bat ears and plenty of attitude, typically tried to bite anyone other than Louise, even when he had only one tooth left.

So...in Mid-June this year, Louise delivered the heartbreaking news that her beloved Bumbles had passed away at age 19, and her husband had been diagnosed with Stage 4 lung cancer. Louise was holding up well but really needed something lovely and positive to hang onto. She asked us to watch for someone very specific: a 4- to 5-pound female Miniature Pinscher or Chihuahua-Min Pin mix, black and tan, 3 to 5 years old, who would love and snuggle with her and prefer ONLY her. Attitude welcome.

Louise had already reached out to an upstate group advertising such a dog, which we followed up

for her, but neither of us could receive a reply from the group.

Soon after, we noticed just such a tiny dog on one of the "urgent; rescue needed" lists that come daily from many animal shelters. She was a stray dog impounded at the North Central animal shelter in Los Angeles, and rescue was needed because she was emaciated and needed dental work. She was to be available to rescue at 8 a.m. on June 20th. We sent the post to Louise, who replied immediately: "I want her!"

A quick call to Jackie at the shelter, advising her that we had the perfect home for the tiny little Chihuahua-Min Pin mix weighing 4.3 pounds, 4 years old, black and tan, ready to adopt her. Jackie arranged to have the dog's paperwork processed for us at 8 a.m. on June 20th, and one of our authorized pullers, Sharon Dean, went to pick her up and take her home pending Louise's arrival, driving from Bullhead City, Arizona, to pick her up that day.

After picking up little Tea (pronounced TEE-a), Louise drove here to the rescue ranch to meet Colleen and I (Ardis) after adoptions, and we all got to meet and praise the newest Gapen much as family members do to a newborn baby.

It takes a village, and plenty of faith....





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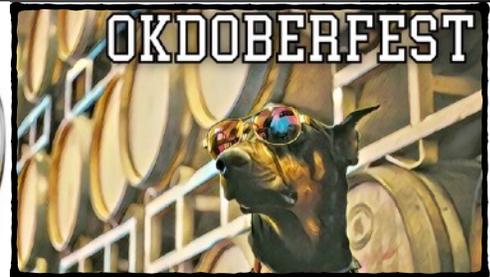
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LET'S PARTY!
 By Colleen Anderson

When I first got involved with rescue, it was truly about the dogs. I had a connection with dogs from the time I was young, and being surrounded by them every day at the rescue was heaven. However, another unexpected joy I've found thru the years is actually the people I've met at the rescue and the community of Doberman lovers I now feel a part of.

Doberman Pride is a Dobie-themed apparel company that puts together Doberman meet-ups all over California during the warmer months. They recently hosted a meet-up at Huntington Beach Dog Park where nearly 50 Dobermans and their owners came together for a day of fun and sun. It was amazing! I had never experienced anything like it. Now there are several groups who are working together and organizing Dobie meet-ups in their own areas. You can find Doberman Pride, SoCal Dobie Crew, NorCal Dobie Crew, and now Sin City Doberman Crew for our friends in Las Vegas, all on social media. Keep track of events in your area and join this amazing and supportive community of Dobie lovers.

Another great way of helping us celebrate our lovely breed is to join us for this year's Oktoberfest Raffle/Fundraiser! We are partnering with Doberman Pride this year to enjoy not just one, but multiple weekends in October. Check out the dates and locations on the right and we hope to see you there!



OKDOBERFEST

October 6th - Ventura Coast Brewery - Ventura
October 12th - (To be determined) - Sacramento
October 27th - Angel City Brewing - Los Angeles

***Please keep an eye on our website for details**

PARTING SHOT

**"Jackson" and "Jade" Williams-Johnson of
 Portland, OR**



Get ready...get set...GO!

