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We would like to start this newsletter by thanking everyone who has helped us through one of the most difficult and challenging times we’ve experienced to date in 34 years of rescuing dogs. When we began tracking our number of adoptions during the pandemic in March, 2020, animal shelters didn’t have many dogs and demand for adoptable dogs was high. Then, about June 1 this year, everything turned upside down, with shelters absolutely overwhelmed with dogs, and demand almost at a standstill.

Slow adoptions at the beginning of summer aren’t abnormal, partly because many people want to take vacations and don’t want to adopt until they return. This year, post-pandemic, a lot more people wanted to finally get away, but the number of animals suddenly inundating the shelters was unprecedented! In speaking with the manager of one small shelter, she confided that her shelter population increased from 8 dogs to 65 in just ten days!

The urgent circumstances of dogs ending up in shelters and those needing rescue increased exponentially too. From June 15 to July 21, for example, we had ten major medical cases in those five weeks; dogs that required emergency room visits, surgeries, hospital stays and 24/7 supervision. Adding to the challenge of getting vet appointments and surgery appointments for the dogs was the difficulty of even getting spay and neuter appointments so our dogs could depart for their adoptive homes.

And now, of course, the fire season is upon us

again, at a time of extreme drought. These are times to remind ourselves that life and well-being are fragile and should be appreciated every day.

We have relaxed our volunteering and visitation protocol a bit since most of us are vaccinated now, and we’re also clearing a large area for more exercise opportunities for the dogs. Dylan Mealey and his mom, Debbie Pitts, are coming frequently and doing the endearing videos you’ve been seeing on our website. They really do help to get dogs noticed and adopted!

Don’t forget to send your holiday pictures from last year by e-mail or text before mid-October for inclusion in our next newsletter. We may not be able to print them all, but we try!



Gratefully, for all you do,
Ardis Braun

ADOPTION UPDATES

Of the eight dogs we were seeking homes for in our summer newsletter, six have been adopted, and two of them were particularly challenging cases (Gucci and Lasso).

LASSO,

our lovable, kid-social guy with a medical condition that our vets couldn’t figure out after

multiple tests, bloodwork and a transfusion, has a wonderful home with Lillian Maimone of Altadena. Lillian took Lasso to vet specialists she found and had another transfusion, bloodwork and tests done multiple times, and finally (!) possible causes of his medical nightmare were identified: Rocky Mountain Spotted fever, caused by ticks not present in California, and Ehrlichia, also a tick-borne disease. We do have the Ehrlichia-carrying ticks here, but Lasso was probably infected long before coming here because he was always lethargic. Lasso also has a less-than-healthy heart, and his cardiac function has improved a little during his stay with Lillian. We are so happy for him!



GUCCI,

our ancient little Miniature Pinscher rescued by caring folks from his incapable owner, is now



living out his life with Tom Seckar of Simi Valley. Tom is a regular volunteer of ours who took Gucci home to foster, and about the time we heard Gucci was sleeping in Tom's bed,

we knew he probably wasn't leaving. Tom made it official, and he says Gucci demands several walks a day and is super-spry despite being 15 years old!

FOXY,

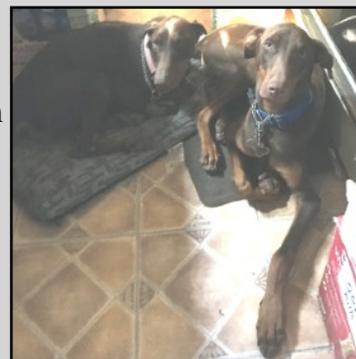
now called Sequoia, was adopted by Hannah Altman of Bakersfield. We had rescued this little girl from that very animal shelter when they felt she would be best served by a reputable rescue group because they thought she had a broken jaw, possibly



having been hit by a car. Our x-rays showed no fractures, just a misshapen jaw that is probably a birth defect. Hannah says "Sequoia has become my partner in crime. She enjoys hikes, playing at the beach, and constant cuddles. Sequoia has become a beautiful addition to my family since adopting her from Dobies & Little Paws in June."

HARLEY,

now called Toby, was a young mother when she came to us, clearly bred during her first season, so she was pretty underweight and frail.



Soon after her parental duties were finished she was adopted by Bobby Marks of Panorama City with another dog, a young male he named Dallas.

Bobby's comments: "Toby is such a polite female and gentle, very intelligent."

The dogs follow him everywhere and "they are both left-handed when they want my attention. Very amazed on their adjustments to behave in two months. Thank you all for being able to connect me to my new family."

ANGEL

was a challenging little rascal, as most Huskies are, during her stay with us.



She was adopted by the right owner, Ferooz Walizada of Fullerton. With his patience and training, she has become a dog park player who plays well with other dogs and is compliant with Ferooz's commands, tolerating frequent baths and grooming, and being the pet he expected when he adopted her.

JACK

was adopted just before we went to press by Harry and Chyral Karpan of Santa Maria. His demeanor seems well-suited to their lifestyle, and Jack finally has a home of his own after spending 11 months with us. It's hard for us to understand why Jack was overlooked for so long since he is so

deserving; such a mellow and easy dog to own. He was a shelter favorite here and was so loved by his animal shelter manager upstate that she drove him all the way down to us, hundreds of miles, so he would have a chance at the most perfect home possible.



WAITING FOR HOMES

Fredrika

is estimated at 18 months and weighs 66 pounds. While she has been social with the male Doberman she is kenneled with, her shelter evaluation indicated high arousal when leashed near small or medium dogs, so it isn't known whether she may have high prey drive or merely intended to engage with them.

Fredrika is high-energy and displays some anxiety in the kennel environment, so she is probably too much dog for younger kids to enjoy. Several pictures from her previous home were shared with us showing her in a home environment, so we assume her to be housebroken.



Mowgli

is a new dog we rescued moments before the end of his life. He wasn't available for "general" adoption because he had nipped a trainer after being surrendered by his owner due to a move. We discovered shortly after meeting our new rescue boy what likely prompted the nip: he reacts to being grabbed by his collar to restrain him from running out the door. He's an active, determined 11-month-old dog who is probably part German Wirehaired Pointer, wiry in build and weighing only 40 pounds. The "right" companion dog might be beneficial to him, but we're not recommending Mowgli for families with kids due to his previous experience with having nipped someone. It will be important for this dog to trust his owner(s) and to live in an environment that isn't overly anxiety-producing or stressful.



Junebug

has come a long way but she still requires a very special home. She's quite small, often confused for a puppy, but she's 1-2 years old and landed in an animal shelter in rough shape. Junebug had skin issues and was so terrified that she couldn't be handled. She would lash out, trying to bite and often wetting herself. After many months working with Junebug to help her medically and behaviorally, she can now walk on a leash and allow affection, even returning it. She still panics if approached by a stranger and will need an experienced, patient and dedicated owner to continue working with her. Junebug has been good with other dogs, which may help to make her more confident.



Bean

is 2 1/2 years old, probably a Cairn Terrier mix, surrendered to an animal shelter by her owner. Rescue assistance was requested for Bean because she was "sweet" but terrified. Since her arrival, we have

found her to be pretty friendly and cute with people, though she doesn't care much for other dogs and would be happiest in a home without other dogs.

Bean's behavior with kids isn't known, but her general demeanor seems better suited to an adult home. She weighs approximately 54 pounds.



Buddy

is a sweet youngster that came to us from a rural animal shelter. He had suffered some kind of trauma (we assume either he got caught in a leg trap or a fence) leaving him with half of his back leg missing. It wasn't medically amputated so it was painful and we had to have the rest of the leg removed to relieve his pain. Buddy is now a happy, active tripod who loves to play and go for walks. He is good with other dogs but plays better with large female dogs. The best part about Buddy is that he greets people he knows with a wiggle and a smile!

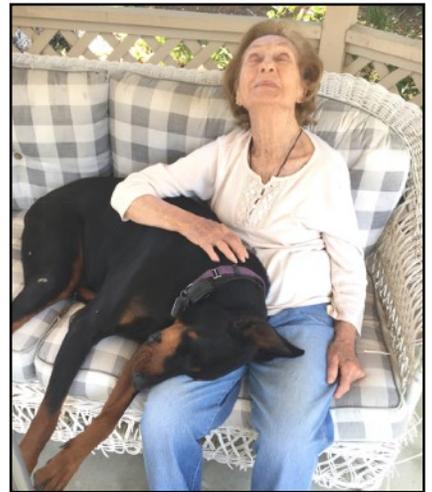




"Cinnamon" and "Sugar" Record of Canyon Lake, with visitor

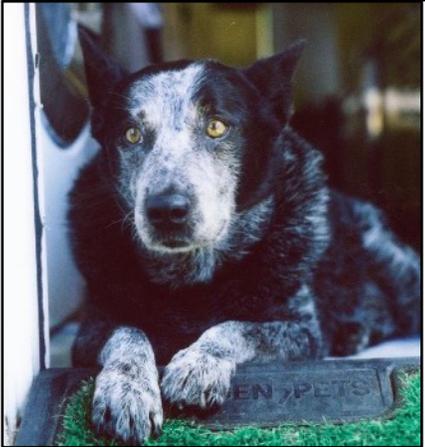


"Brando" and "Riley" Cannon of Beverly Hills



"Rex" Lange of North Tustin, with Vera

"Chomsky" Zenzel-Kennedy-Derkay of Glendale



"Sienna" Huszarik of Los Olivos



"Raja" and "Royal" Hamdani of Santa Barbara



HAPPY ADOPTEES



"Reba" Long of Scotts Valley



"Poseidon" Greene of Gold Canyon, AZ



"Max" and "Maggie" Gleason of Barstow



"Pepper" Chambers of Gainesboro, TN



"Chicken" Brogan of Lake Hughes



"Sophie" McCann of Ventura



"Kobe" Phillips of Ladera Ranch



"Thunder" Dickerson of Washington, Utah, with grandkids



"Indo" Seder of Mission Viejo, with Camden



"Duke" Guadiana of Oak View



"Ozzy" Bonfilio of Watsonville



"Billie" Gouin of Oakland, with Abigail and J.P.

Waiting for Homes Continued...

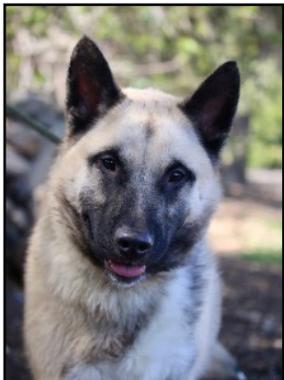
Howie

has been with us a number of months, having come in emaciated and requiring time to get him to a healthy weight. He's almost there. Howie is 3-4 years old, and while he was kenneled with a female dog for a time, our kennel environment eventually proved a bit much for him to share his kennel. He's a good dog, friendly, and ready to learn how to be the right dog for a new owner.



Scouter

His animal shelter called him Scouter, but a better name might be Spitfire! A DNA test found that he's mostly Heeler; he weighs just under 50 pounds, he's a year old, he has long, soft, luxurious fur, and he's hyper-alert and if paired with another dog, he should



have a good-sized yard and ample exercise to spend some of his excess energy. When we asked the animal shelter people why an adopter returned him to the shelter, we were told it was because he tried to climb into the lap of the adopter while he or she was driving. He certainly is unique!

A LABOR OF LOVE

Our contact information gets passed around a lot to people looking to rehome their Dobermans, and sometimes the dogs that need help are really hard to get to. During late May we received a call from a woman in Idaho Falls, Idaho, whose neighbor was splitting up from her husband and moving. The couple owned five dogs: two little ones, two senior Dobermans, and one Lab mix.

The wife was taking the two smalls with her, the Lab mix was considered pretty adoptable if he ended up in an animal shelter, but the Dobie girls had nowhere to go. We were sent pictures of these girls, Brooklyn and Shyann, and of course it's really hard to not do everything possible to save dogs once you've already seen their sweet faces.

The issue was how to get them here. There

were two adopters we knew in Idaho and we e-mailed both of them, hoping they could figure something out; maybe even keep them. One never responded, and the other has a female already and would have been able to keep only one, and only if the girls could get along.

We were a little desperate as the move date closed in, so we wrote a post to put on our social media, and just before Memorial Day weekend, we had an offer! Lisa and Seth Hancock of North Hills offered – at their expense – to drive to Idaho over the holiday weekend to pick up the girls to get them to safety. There was some concern about whether motels would have rooms available on a holiday weekend, so they decided to rent an RV for the trip, and their intent was to bring their own dogs along. However, after thinking it through, they decided that Lisa would stay home with the dogs and Seth would go.

It was laborious, and *far!* The RV chugged along slowly as it had to climb upgrades, and Seth spent three solid days traveling up and back to save the girls. Shyann, the mother of Brooklyn, is 12 years old and actually in great and spry condition. She was adopted almost immediately by Margaret Green of San Diego, whose brother-in-law, Art Campbell, is one of our favorite people.

Brooklyn, Shyann's daughter, is 7 years old and was in poor condition, with a horribly-infected granuloma on her front leg and a couple of large, gnarly-looking growths on her body. She is now pretty healthy and has had her growths removed, so she's awaiting adoption.

Upon his return here from Idaho, Seth was thoroughly exhausted and hopefully slept for a solid 24 hours afterwards, but he was exhilarated about the role he and Lisa were able to play in making their





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Thank you, friends...



ANOTHER RESCUE ROAD TRIP
 By Colleen Anderson

In recent years we've had a lot more help transporting dogs to the rescue ranch from all over (and sometimes beyond) the state. An amazing group of volunteers, who have also become dear friends, are able to pick up dogs around Los Angeles and out in rural Riverside and San Diego counties. We've also had great success with Pilots n Paws that links us up with pilots to help us get urgent Dobies from central and northern California. This allows us to spend less time on the road and more time helping the dogs and adopters.

That doesn't mean that road trips around the state don't still happen, and I tend to handle the longer drives. Pilots can usually transport only one or two dogs at a time.

One of my very recent trips took me from Fillmore to Stockton to Modesto and back, which ended up being a 14-hour solo trip. The morning started quite early with daily chores, taking care of

dogs and loading the van with crates so I could hit the road by 7:30 a.m.

The first stop was Stockton Animal Shelter, where I was tasked with checking out two dogs. One was Arlo, a sweet almost-Dobie that was in need of rescue due to a hip injury. He was a favorite among the staff, and x-rays showed a dislocated hip that needed surgery and rehabilitation. He was still coming out of sedation from neutering when I got there, so he napped for several more hours. He captured my heart immediately.

The second dog was a mixed-breed named Merle that Ardis had seen on the shelter's rescue-request list for six months. Shelters are unable to keep animals long-term because of the massive influx of strays and surrenders now that Covid restrictions are lifting. The fact that Merle was still there was a testament to how much he was loved by the employees. He was a behavioral case, as he didn't trust new people and was territorial in his kennel. He mostly ignored me, but the way he focused on his handler and the love he showed her told me all we needed to know. I walked back into the rescue liaison's office and told her I'd take both boys. The director, Jolene Mederios, couldn't believe her ears and I think she was on the verge of tears as she said this news just made her month!

The boys were loaded



Merle



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up, Arlo still snoozing away, and I was off to the Stanislaus County Animal Shelter in Modesto, 45 minutes away. I was set to pick up a 10-year-old red Doberman male we named Baylor and a possibly blind black & tan male we named Pirate. Thankfully, it turns out that Pirate does have one perfectly healthy eye and Baylor is more like 6-7 and full of life!

There was space in the car and at the rescue for a small dog since we had just placed one, so Supv. Hooker showed me around the kennels. I fell in love with multiple dogs, and if we had the space and a bus to fit them all in I might have left there with 20 dogs. The Huskies, the Shepherds, the shut-down mixes and the butterball Pit Bulls all pulled at my heartstrings. One of the hardest parts of being a rescuer is knowing your limitations if you are going to be able to help them.

I decided to take Supv. Hooker's suggestion on a 15-pound Doxie-Pug-Chihuahua type we named Garbanzo. But. At the very end of the tour there was one dog I couldn't leave behind. Sitting unmoving in a kennel was a black and white Border Collie mix who was injured. His sweet eyes wouldn't let me leave him and I knew he needed medical help asap. Before I could change my mind I told her we'd take him too. He's since been named Boston, and x-rays show a broken pelvis, a dislocated hip, a broken tooth, a tummy full of stones and a BB pellet from having been shot.

The final stop was a last-minute addition from Kings County Animal Shelter. Cheryl Nielsen, who wears many hats at the shelter, brought a sweet female named Payton to a meeting place right off the

freeway to help me with my long road trip. Payton has saggy nipples, one ear, is immediately affectionate and ready for adoption. Driving home I thought: *I've got a van full of misfits here, but each and every one is worthy of a second chance.*

This is what rescue is all about: giving the unseen, injured, misunderstood, and "lesser beauties" a new chance at a happy life. And when they are all adopted, I'll be happy to do it all again.



Boston

PARTING SHOT

HAPPY HALLOWEEN



"Reef"
Johnson of
San Pedro

"Double, double toil
and trouble:
Fire burn and
cauldron bubble."
~William Shakespeare
~ (MacBeth

