# Dobies and Little Paws Rescue Report

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t's the fall season now, so another quarter has slipped by! Amazing how quickly that happens, the older you get.

Though the huge overpopulation and heavy euthanasia is still occurring at every animal shelter we know of, adoptions for us have picked up somewhat since July 4. For the first time, we received absolutely no calls about dogs with our i.d. tag being lost or stray over this past independence day holiday. That means our adopters are being super-careful, and that is very good news!

With fall weather comes the fire season and, combined with extreme drought in most areas, we sincerely hope you will all be safe and sound through this season and beyond.

Your ongoing support of all kinds has made it possible for us to continue making improvements here at the ranch and being able to provide the level of care for the sick and injured dogs we take in, as well as the healthy ones needing a safe place to land.

Happy Halloween and Happy Thanksgiving, until you hear from us again...

Ardis Braun

# ADOPTION UPDATES

Ziggy,

our shy little mystery-breed dog, was adopted by Laura Castillo of Fillmore. He had been

overlooked for a long time at his animal shelter because he was so fearful, so we were his only hope, and Laura hoped he would be happy at her home. Three months later: "He is doing very well after a rocky beginning, because he was afraid of his own shadow. He is slowly coming around and he is the sweetest dog I have ever met!



He loves us so much and we love him!! Even the cat is warming up to him!"

#### Micah,

such a good allaround Dobie who could fit almost any lifestyle, was adopted by Doug Moore and his family of Reno, NV. His new name is Astro. Doug's update:

"Since we adopted our Dobie from



you on June 18, 2022, we've had only the most amazing experiences ever with a dog! Astro is a ball of love! He's always excited to see his favorite people and everybody LOVES him! Astro is sweet, loving and gentle always to all people. He's really good with other dogs too!

Adopting from Dobie Rescue was the best decision we could have made!"

#### Cherie,

our sweet mixed-breed girl who had a rough start in life, was adopted by Angela Andrade of Santa Barbara. From a recent e-mail: "We are so happy Cherie



joined our family 2 months ago. I was looking for a second dog to join my quirky young male Lab mix and she was the perfect match. She is very sweet, smart and accommodating of her doggie brother and helps him when he's anxious. She is a fierce watchdog for our avocado ranch, an angel we didn't know we needed! We are so grateful to Dobie Rescue for saving Cherie last November when she was found as a stray, emaciated (at roughly half her current weight) and hit by a car in Stockton, California! She's come so far!"

### Charlene,

our beautiful white Dobie girl who was a little apprehensive due to visual impairment, has made her home with Erica Hounshell of Santa Barbara. A few weeks later: "Charlene is a true beauty queen with a huge personality and a slew of



kisses to offer. Every morning we wake up together and start our day by pressing our noses into each other. Once she realized that she is now a part of my family she became an instant love bug who snuggles beside me. The first time I saw her have 'the zoomies,' I cracked up in laughter and joy. She loves to play tug of war and even lets me win now and then. 'Charlie' is thrilled to join me in any adventure, yet is also the best napping buddy. What a blessing to have her on my team and in my life!"

#### Bogdan

wasn't actually adopted in the traditional sense, he just charmed us into letting him out of his kennel to free-roam with other dogs here at the ranch. He's such a good boy we couldn't bear to keep him kenneled any longer, and of course that opened his



kennel space to another deserving dog.

# WAITING FOR HOMES

## Barley

Sweet, goofy Barley was given up by his owners because their work demands didn't provide enough activity or space for him to live a fulfilled life. He's 4 years old, weighs about 85 pounds, and he's housebroken, crate-trained, and not food aggressive.



He has a solid foundation of basic commands and good leash behavior, but he needs activities that focus his mind and give him the exercise he needs. Barley can be reactive to some dogs and people on walks and in social situations, so we're recommending an adult home with no other pets, one that can devote time and provide stability for him.

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## Polly

was rescued from an animal shelter earlier this year and she has been an easy keeper for us. She's dogsocial, friendly, and we suspect she would make a good family pet. When examined by a vet, no current fractures were palpated



despite a rear leg functioning at an abnormal angle, likely either an old injury or birth defect. As a result, Dolly probably will not be an ideal candidate for long hikes or climbing, though dogs with these types of conditions are self-limiting and the dogs show restraint when they're uncomfortable. According to the shelter's estimates, Dolly is about 18 months old, and she's a red Dobie weighing around 50 pounds.

### Squid

is an adorable young Chihuahua mix who recently came to us from a rural animal shelter. He is a leggy guy and came in quite lean but he's slowly gaining some healthy weight. Squid is loving, friendly and gives everyone kisses. He's also



good with other dogs. He is confident enough to walk on leash but he loves to be held too. Squid can climb fences so he will need solid, secure fencing when he's outside.

### Blue II

is a blue Dobie we rescued after an adopter returned him to the shelter, saying that he was a resource-guarder, aggressive to cats, and reactive to other dogs on leash. He's kenneled with a female Dobie with us and they play



constantly, but he's very food-driven and ideally should be fed separately in his new home environment. Blue was very well-liked at his shelter by the volunteers and employees, and we expect him to be an enjoyable dog for an active person or couple to own. His shelter aged him at 18 months. He loves playing in the water, is housebroken, isn't destructive and knows commands.

### Butters

We were picking up a different dog at the animal shelter where Butters had been impounded, and she had been there over two weeks. At this point with shelter overcrowding, she had already overstayed, but the shelter employees liked her so much that they kept



her off the final disposition list, and we noticed her with her cute, bouncy personality. Naturally we had to rescue Butters. We think she's probably some combo of Border Collie and German Shepherd, and she's Border Collie size at about 44 pounds. Though she's kenneled compatibly with another dog, Butters is really more of a "people dog," wanting attention wherever she can find it. She's about 3-4 years old.

#### Bodie

was impounded at an animal shelter as a stray dog with an untraceable microchip. The shelter had deemed him "rescue only" because of his behavior when meeting other dogs. Unfortunately they test dogs' behavior only while leashed, which in our breed



makes the dog far more protective of the handler than if introduced with leash dragging. Since his arrival, Bodie has been kenneled mostly successfully with two female Dobermans, so we believe he can live in a home with a non-confrontational large female dog and a knowledgeable owner. We like this dog's mellow, easy demeanor, often characteristic of extra-large dogs. He's a red boy, about 90 pounds and about 4 years old.

#### Avery

is a sweet, beautiful Husky girl who had been a stray from a rural animal shelter. She doesn't seem to be an escape artist since a 6-foot chain link fence has adequately kept her confined, but a shorter fence probably would be risky. Like many Huskies, she is affectionate and intelligent but



also very independent and not always obedient. She should never be off leash outside a confined area because she has too much fun exploring on her own. Avery is good with large male dogs but not small dogs, cats or other small animals. At about 4 years old, she should still be a trainable good dog for a family, couple or single person ready to provide the exercise and knowhow she requires.

### Lucy II

was surrendered back to us by her adopter due to her incompatibility with cats. Though she passed our cat test nicely, and though so many people say they have "always been able to work it out," that is unfortunately not the usual case. Her adopter said she is "super sweet and



affectionate once she's comfortable, intelligent, and loves to cuddle" and be a companion. The adopter said

Lucy may have been used to having a doggie door,



"Arlo" Rogers-Alvarez of Temple City



"Stan" and "Bella" Thorpe-Doherty of Los Angeles

"Freddy" Underberger of Camarillo, with Lucas



"Rue" Huszarik of Los Olivos Нарру Adoptees



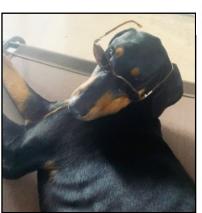




"Kaiser" Gillette of Los Angeles, with Tarynn



"Minion" and "Maximus"



"Clyde" Small of Yorba Linda







#### Waiting For Homes continued...

otherwise will need to be monitored to get her on a potty break schedule. Though she's not destructive of furniture/bedding, she does have a taste for shoes. We have been able to kennel Lucy with male Dobermans during her stays with us and she does well with them. Lucy is medium-sized and about 5 years old.

#### Bruno

It must be admitted that we love Border Collie and Cattle Dog types; they're a close second to Doberman Pinschers, so when little Bruno appeared on an animal shelter list needing urgent rescue for medical reasons, we did that. He was favoring a rear



leg, which his animal shelter had x-rayed and said was a fracture of the left femoral neck. These kinds of fractures usually require surgery, so we cage-rested him for a time initially because occasionally these pelvic injuries can heal themselves if the dog isn't doing acrobatics or trail hikes. And it worked! Followup x-rays at our vet a few months later revealed that Bruno has a healed hip socket and he uses his leg normally! What we know of this young Border Collie mix behaviorally is that he's a very good boy who allows handling, is affectionate, is good with other dogs...in fact we can't think of anything negative to say except he might need a little training. Bruno is just over a year old and weighs about 43 pounds.

#### Bella

is a cute little 2-yearold red girl we received earlier this summer from an animal shelter. She has been living comfortably with both a male and a female Doberman, and there have been no incidents. Bella primarily stays at the front of her kennel wanting attention from humans



though. She'll need a fence that is secure at the bottom because she likes to slide under and follow her humans everywhere. We think Bella may be a German Pinscher because she's small, though at 50 pounds she's not thin and has the more the build of a GP than a small Doberman Pinscher.

# WHEN DISTANCE IS JUST A WORD

While most of our adoptions are within California, we're not overly reluctant to place dogs in neighboring states like Arizona and Nevada because the distance isn't so great that we aren't able to reclaim a dog if the adoption fails for some reason. However, since websites are viewable all over the world, it's not uncommon for people *long* distances away to apply for a dog housed here with us in southern California.

Usually we decline to place dogs this way. If a dog is pretty adoptable and social, it makes sense not to stress the dog by making that dog travel to the Midwest or the East Coast to land in a worthy home environment. Conversely, if the dog isn't as adoptable or social, the risk of the adoption failing is higher, and then it can be very difficult to get our dog returned. It's also one of the reasons we usually require the adopter to bring other dogs living in the home for introductions. One woman who drove from Wisconsin didn't bring her two resident dogs, and the dog she adopted wasn't acceptable to one of her other dogs so – yep – she had to drive him all the way back.

There are exceptions to our long-distance adoptions. In late May, we began hearing from Carrie Levitt, a woman living in Toronto, in Eastern Canada. She wanted to adopt a young red male Doberman because red males had captured her heart in the past, and she had her eye on one of our dogs. He was called Buddy II, since at any given time we have several dogs named Buddy. Carrie lives alone and shares her life in such an inclusive and fulfilling way for the dog that any dog would be thrilled to live there.

Initially we tried to talk her out of it since we can't know everything about our dogs that could cause an adoption to fail, like being aggressive to visitors, causing the adopter an allergic reaction, having severe

separation anxiety resulting in destruction of the home, etc. We also are so desperate for kennel space due to the huge number of animal shelter dogs facing euthanasia every day that we can't really "hold" dogs for people who plan to come and adopt. Getting a dog adopted *right now* means we can save





another's life right now. Carrie was undeterred. She wanted Buddy II, and we knew he would not fail to be a wonderful pet for her. We also knew that, going to the trouble and expense she would be taking on, she would have some extra motivation to make it



work. Carrie made airline reservations for herself and Buddy II, and we held him overnight for her visit the next day. They flew back to Toronto together, and these few months later, he is her heart dog, probably getting more love and excitement than he could have in any other home we could have found for him.

There are other stellar examples of longdistance adoptions, usually to people we know will not fail to be the home we trust they will be: Missy Atkins and her dog Chase in Florida, Pam and Jack Abramoff and their dogs Sandy and Yogi in Maryland, Jenifer Hunter and her dog Dibu in Alaska, Ruby Musante and Glenn Turner with Bella in Texas, Cassie Fetters and her dog Grimm in Alaska, and more.



Bella



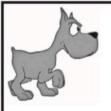
Grimm











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### K-POP AND DOBIES By Colleen Anderson

The last couple of years we have been missing the occasional fun of going to events like the OC Pet Expo and our own OkDoberFest. Restrictions have kept those events from happening and so when we got an unconventional invite via Instagram DM, we jumped at the chance. Eternally Events is a group of ladies run by Jazmin, Hanai, and Sasha who put on events around Southern California celebrating K-Pop. This event was specifically celebrating the upcoming birthday of Jungkook, a member of BTS (a South Korean pop group), and his Doberman, Bam. They wanted to add a Doberman Rescue to the event in honor of Bam and hopefully to help us find forever homes for some of our dogs. We also invited a new Dobie Rescue group to the party, Bella and Sunshine Rescue.

We really didn't know what to expect, but we

were blown away by how popular it was. Located in Fullerton next to Katsubo Tea, we joined a group of small businesses and artisans. Everyone was so gracious, welcoming and they absolutely loved having the dogs there. We brought along Tortellini, Coco and our tripod pup, Sir



Pumpkin Pie. We don't always know how dogs will handle crowds, especially for 5 hours, but they happily soaked up every ounce of attention they could get. While the theme of the event was new for us, it was great to see that the <u>love for dogs is universal</u>. Thank

you so much to everyone that came by to say hello and everyone that donated. We may consider more outof-the-box thinking for our next event.



# PARTING SHOT

"Walter" Vitucci-Osinski of Moorpark

"You can't wait until life isn't hard anymore before you decide to be happy"

- Nightbirde

