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We can't remember ever being so busy with Dobie comings and goings as we have during the past six months. Covering California's animal shelters from Sacramento to south San Diego county, and east to the state line, doesn't give us much opportunity to have any time off. Our kennels and foster homes are always full, but having an empty kennel always makes us feel sad that a dog that should be occupying that kennel is probably at high risk someplace.

We have traditionally always had a supply of non-Dobies and small dogs for adoption as well as Dobies, and we still do, but there are so many other rescue groups now that accept smalls that are adoptable (meaning not overly sickly or aggressive), plus various shelters have their own events intended to place these smalls themselves, that we aren't needed for these dogs to the extent we once were.

As always, we are filled with gratitude for your generous gifts of every kind. At this point our veterinary bills and dog food expenses are especially daunting, and we could never manage these challenges without the tremendous help we receive from you: our amazing adopters, supporters and fans around the world.



Blessings,
Ardis Braun

ADOPTION UPDATES

WILLOW,

(center of picture)
an unusual blend of Doberman and Great Pyrenees, was adopted by Dante Palacios of Fresno. Rave notices from Dante: "She is doing so good. She has grown strong and has a big appetite. She is respectful and happy. She loves to play and nap with Bruno and loves to cuddle. She is shy towards new humans and dogs but always stays respectful and keeps her distance. She enjoys the dog park. She is loved and adored at her new home and we feel lucky to have such a well-mannered dog."



ADOBE,

our pretty young girl who lost her home for snapping at a young child, now makes her home with kids that are respectful of her, and she is thriving. She was adopted by Raye Ann Clayton and her family of Camarillo. An update from Raye Ann: "Adobe has been renamed Jolene (aka Jojo). We absolutely

love our sweet girl! She is settling in well here and learning quickly. She has never had an accident in the house and sleeps soundly all night. She knows the commands sit, shake, lay down, and is learning many new ones. My children are so happy to finally have a dog of their own! She loves to play fetch with them and gets lots of snuggles, too. We are so happy she is a part of our family. Thank you, Dobie Rescue, for the work you do!"



GARNET,

our lovely girl who was used many times as a brood mom, now has a great home with Diane and



Gordon Woodward of Calimesa, and her new name is Abby. Diane texted recently: "Abby brings me my slippers so that I can put them on when I return (from outside). She is a very intelligent dog. We are very happy to have her in our household. So is our Manchester terrier."

PIPPI and COSMO,

the little Terrier mix siblings that needed to be placed together, were able to be returned to their adopter, Sonya Lincoln, who had needed to return them to us when she couldn't find housing allowing her dogs. Sonya had extended her rental lease for an extra month in vain, but she finally prevailed, finding a new place to live, and was able to re-adopt them. The picture tells it all!



WAITING FOR HOMES

Diego

came to us in April, 2019 from an upstate animal shelter where he had been impounded, emaciated and with a very diseased eye. The staff there quickly became enamored with this handsome dog, who is sensitive and will fully submit if he thinks he has done anything to displease.



After we committed to rescuing him, he was sent to U. C. Davis for surgery on his diseased eye, and unfortunately the eye was not able to be saved and was removed. It's believed that the problem was congenital rather than an injury. During Diego's subsequent stay with us, we noted that he had diminished sight in his "good" eye, and many vet visits and diagnostic tests and medications later, he has completed very expensive cataract surgery on the other eye as of February 5, 2020, and he's ready to begin his new life full of visual stimuli. **WE DON'T WANT DIEGO TO HAVE TO SPEND HIS NEW LIFE IN A KENNEL!** He's a tall, lanky boy, about 3 1/2 years old, who rides well in the car, behaves himself indoors, and can live with a large female dog. No cats, however. He has been living in a temporary foster home during months of his diagnostics and post-surgery, and we are desperate for Diego to transition directly from his foster home to his forever home.

Cinnabon

is a petite fawn girl who needs a very special home. When at the vet for her spay surgery, it was discovered that Cinnabon had a hole in the roof of her mouth, often known as a cleft palate. The vet closed the hole but complications then made the next couple of weeks very scary. Even though Cinnabon doesn't have a clotting disorder (her spay surgery went fine), the surgery led to bleeding complications and she developed a condition called DIC where she was simultaneously clotting and hemorrhaging. A plasma transfusion, two blood transfusions and an eastern medication called yunnan baiyao saved her life. Now, a few months later and she's full weight, healthy, active and doing amazingly well. The hole did open again during the complications and there is

no way we are going to risk her life to try to close it again. Cinnabon is available for adoption but she is a special-needs adoption and needs the right person, couple or family that can provide for her and understand her condition. She isn't expensive to care for on a daily basis but she is susceptible to aspiration pneumonia so future medical care needs to be anticipated. The positive side is that Cinnabon is incredibly sweet, playful with other dogs, loves affection and loves her people.



someone who gives her time to adjust and trust, and she's a good weight for laps at under 15 pounds.

Roy

has been with us since February, 2016, which means he's been waiting four years for his forever home. Initially he was very underweight and was kenneled alone, but he looks good and was so well-behaved on a Forgotten Dog Project outing on February 2, 2020, that we are redoubling our efforts to get Roy placed into the good home he has waited so long for. He is 7-8 years old now, and on his outing he stayed right next to the volunteer's side, passing by large and small dogs without incident. We don't recall having kenneled Roy with any other dogs while here, so he's used to being the only dog and would do quite well living that way, but it's possible he could enjoy the companionship of an easygoing large female. He's a big red boy in the 85-pound range but not difficult to handle.



Dodge

is a worthy Dobie that we rescued after he had been hit by a car and had a minor wound requiring treatment that his animal shelter briefly treated. Hard for us to believe, but Dodge will have been taken in almost two years ago, in early April, 2018. He is close to 3 years old now, and we regret how long he has been overlooked. He is mellow in his kennel, good with his kennelmate, and he cat tested well. Dodge weighs about 70 pounds, an ideal weight for him.



Eden

is a sweet, 3-year-old female who came from an animal shelter where she was held as a stray. It is clear that she has been a mom at least once in her life (probably many times) and several calluses point to her not having had a lot of soft bedding to sleep on. She was in otherwise good shape and she is ready to find a new home. Eden isn't a hyper dog but she is

Daisy

was rescued from an animal shelter 2 years ago, at age 7, so she's 9 years old now and still waiting. Her animal shelter had requested rescue for her because she's so shy and displayed fearful behavior with new people. She is a sensitive, quiet Terrier mix who needs a patient, low-key home without a lot of social activity and stress. Daisy also really needs another small animal companion, cat or dog. We think she will be a good little lap dog for



active and would be a wonderful addition to a family that likes to go for walks, hikes and other active outings. She can live peacefully with other dogs but she can also be bossy, so it will be up to her owners to give her appropriate boundaries around food and sleeping areas. A little training will go a long way with this lovely girl, who is friendly

with everyone she meets.



"Ziggy" Madonna-DeBuisier with Michelle Madonna of Thousand Oaks



"Nija," "Frito-Lay" and "Little Jake" Sherman of Christmas Valley, OR



"Rex" Barnes of Ventura

"Ozzie" Griffin of Silver Springs, NV



HAPPY ADOPTEES

"Charlie" Dempster of Maple Ridge, British Columbia



"Zeke" and "Zoe" Lava of Burbank, with Finn, Sarah, Chloe, and Joel



"Precious Princess" Husar of Redding



"Bitsy" Berger of Pasadena



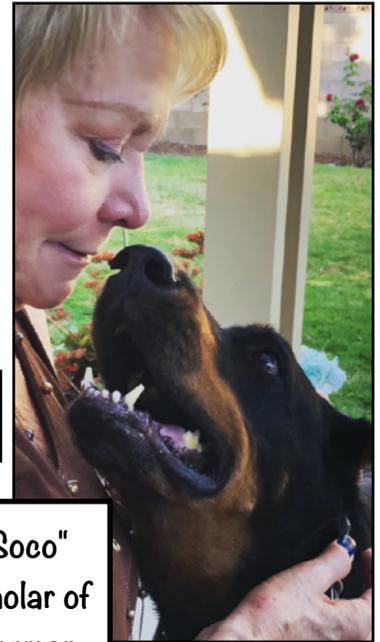
"Bobby" McCarvill-Jackson with Joshua Jackson



“Joey” Shirley of Madera



“Anna” Halperin of Los Angeles, with Andrea



“Soco”
Scholar of
Sherman
Oaks, with
Holly

“Zelda” Frank of San
Francisco



“Kelly” Ambrocio of
Thousand Oaks



“Callie” Richards of Yuma, AZ, with
Angela and Brian



“Obie” Givner of Ojai, with Lilly



“Vader” McCall of
Pasadena, with Rebekah



“Rigby” and “Pepper” Baker
of Los Angeles

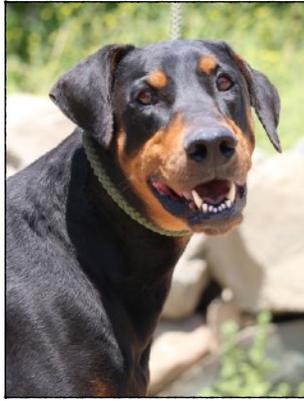


“Linus” Pollack of Ventura

Waiting for Homes continued

Boulder

We joke about the big black natural-eared males we have that are sweet guys but what we would normally call "plain brown wrapper," except these boys are black and tan. Boulder is one of them. He's been with us long enough (about 9 months) to gain more weight than he should and then get overlooked like the other guys who get chubby and lazy. Boulder was originally found by people who tried for two weeks to locate his owner, unsuccessfully. He is now about 5 years old, and he's a mellow, social dog who enjoys being petted. He lives easily with his female kennelmate. Because of his size and probable lack of training, he'll need adult owners who are strong and committed to making him an integral part of the family, and he's worth it.



Fizzy, Fluffy and Frito

were rescued from an animal shelter where they had been impounded with about 50 other small dogs from a hoarding situation. They all lived indoors, and their living conditions were dismal. Fizzy (pictured on the left) and Frito (on the right) are about 13 months old and are short-haired Chihuahua mixes. Fluffy (in the center) may be some combination of long-haired Chihuahua and Papillon, and he's about 2 1/2 years old. These little ones are insecure and potentially "flight risks," so we would be quite happy to place any of them in an apartment situation without direct outside access, with a more confident small companion dog. The most confident of the trio is Frito, and Fizzy (the least confident) is the female in the trio. All three dogs are in the 5-pound weight range.



CLOSE FRIENDS

One of our favorite things about rescue is having the opportunity to match people with exactly the right dog for them. In fact, a lot of people allow us to steer them to a specific dog, especially those folks who have let us do that before and have been thrilled with the dog after adoption. Now and then, however, an adopter will come to see us with a dog already in mind or one they strongly connect with after viewing our dogs, that absolutely did not "appear on our radar" at all.

One such dog is a dog named Desi, so named because we rescued him from the Desert Hot Springs animal shelter. One of our committed volunteers, Frank Sovitch, picked him up for us and found him quite charming on his travels here. We also were enamored of him after his arrival, a very pleasant senior dog of about 7 who was well-behaved and friendly to all of us.

Initially we kenneled Desi with an easygoing female Dobie, and that worked well until one day...it didn't. No one observed what happened to start the confrontation, but Desi wasn't overly willing to end it. At that point Desi was kenneled alone the rest of the months that we had him.

Enter Jordan Sparrow, a Canadian resident who was spending time in California, and while here she explored the idea of adopting a dog here and returning to Canada fairly soon, taking the dog with her. She promptly zoomed in on Desi, and she spent considerable time getting to know him before deciding he would be her new pet.

It always makes us a little nervous when our dogs travel so far away because, in the event the adoption doesn't go well down the road, it's really difficult to have them returned. And we always require them to be returned because as they potentially could get passed from one owner to another, there can come a time when no one knows we are the safety net for our dogs as long as they live. Placing them again ourselves also helps to guarantee that the next owner will be bound to the same level of care as our original adopter.

We couldn't turn Jordan down. She and Desi obviously had such a strong connection, coupled with Desi being a senior dog that we expected would have to be the only dog in his home, that provided the okay for this adoption to proceed. Jordan officially adopted



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Desi on November 9, 2019.

Two months later we received the following e-mail:

“I just wanted to reach out and give you an update on how Desi has been doing. He’s an absolutely incredible dog...He’s loyal and affectionate with me more than anyone, but still super friendly with everyone he has met, which is the perfect situation. He goes with me when I go over to friends’ houses; there were quite a few gatherings for the holidays so he got to meet lots of people in different environments. He really is so people-oriented and manages to steal everyone’s heart. I already have more offers from people who want to dog sit than I could ever need. I’ve been especially happy that quite a few folks have said they never would have considered adopting an older dog but after meeting him they are quite swayed! If I wasn’t already confident in senior dog adoption, he’s certainly solidified how special and worthwhile a choice it is.”

Here she included remarks about how easy he was to train and how much he already knew and how eager he is to please, concluding with:

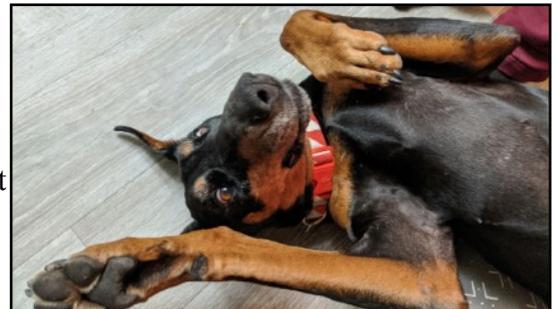
“My biggest hope when people meet Desi is



that more folks will consider dobies and senior dog adoption. I really think he’s had a successful adoption story that addresses a lot of folks’ fears of considering an older dog.

I was so excited to bring Desi home but there was a part of me that was worried I would struggle to connect with another dog after losing Ringo (recently). I knew I’d love Desi, but I didn’t know if he’d be able to crawl quite so deeply into my heart. I could not have asked for a better match and I am blown away at how closely we have bonded. He’s an amazing dog so full of love and affection. I’m so grateful to you and your entire team for caring for him and helping me to find him. It’s so clear that you all care so much about the dogs and I think it shines in stories like Desi’s.”

We have known it for a long time, but we love to hear it reaffirmed:
**SENIORS
 ROCK!**



**A SWEETHEART NAMED SWEETUMS
 By Colleen Anderson**

One of the best parts of doing rescue work is that I get to meet some pretty incredible dogs. One of those dogs is a youngster that has been with me for several months now, appropriately named Sweetums.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Sweetums initially came to the rescue from an animal shelter. She had demodex mange and showed signs of an upper respiratory infection but she declined quickly into pneumonia, requiring hospitalization. Thankfully she survived that first ordeal and I was able to take her home and continue nursing her back to health. She was doing really well and improving daily over the next several weeks but severe pneumonia can take a long time to recover from.



One day I noticed she wasn't quite "herself" and she refused to eat. I got her back to the vet and x-rays showed that her pneumonia was back and even worse than before. Again, she remained hospitalized for several days. To be honest, I was scared. I wasn't really sure if she was strong enough to survive this again and some of the vet techs caring for her shared my fear. Somehow, she fought her way back once again and I was so happy to see her return to her happy, bouncy self. Taking her home from the hospital was such a relief and I focused even more intently on her recovery. I'm happy to report that her most recent x-rays look excellent and her lungs only continue to improve. After months of watching this incredible girl fight for survival, my only remaining

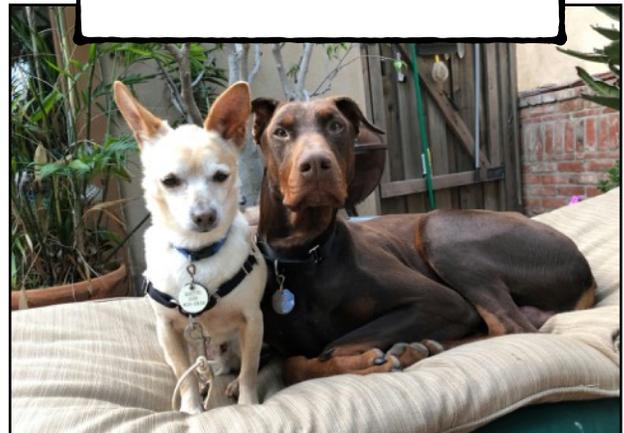
wish was for her to find the loving home she always deserved. While putting together this newsletter, Sweetums was adopted and she is settling in to her new home with Kristin Lee in Hermosa Beach. Her new name is Freyja and she is getting along well with her new brother, Loki. Good luck sweet girl and enjoy your new life!



PARTING SHOT



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"Jaco" and "Zeke" Ricker of Pacific Palisades

