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Thanks to our wish list on Amazon.com, many of our holiday wishes came true. We got cases of ground canned dog food, rolls of wire to fix kennels, a bolt cutter, a couple of large new dog crates, a tool kit, and thanks to the outreach efforts of volunteer Carol Dailey, we received dozens of new Kuranda beds...so many, in fact, that every dog received a new bed and we have plenty of spare hammocks to replace damaged ones when they become unusable. Volunteer Mitzi Roberts put them all together on her days off.

Adoptions continue to be good, and we have a few new volunteers who help transport dogs to within our reach, enabling us to save more dogs from such faraway places as Stockton, Modesto, San Jose, Monterey, and Sacramento. Jim Hill of Stockton, California, and Mary and Bert Debusschere of Tracy, California, do these transports as far as Fresno for us routinely.

Though our focus is mainly on Dobermans since our small-dog adopters have become such a minority, we had an idea to offer our small-dog fans: if you're seeking a certain type of small dog that isn't currently available at our rescue, let us know what your requirements are, and we'll try to find a dog to fit your needs. The less specific, the better; for example, we don't often find Maltese or Yorkie puppies that need rescuing! Also, it can be difficult to know which dogs are definitely housebroken, since most of our rescues start as animal shelter strays. But within certain parameters, like "female, 2-5 years old,

15 pounds, short-haired, and sweet," we can probably locate a good dog that meets those requirements.

Thank you all who responded with new pictures of your adoptees! We have way too many to put in a single newsletter, but we'll print as many as we can in each issue. Keep them coming, please. Even if they never make it into print, we treasure each and every one of them.

Your donations of every kind helped to get us through another season of rescuing dogs. Thank you, thank you.

Sincerely,

Ardis Braun

ADOPTION UPDATES

Good news: three of the seven dogs featured in our last newsletter were adopted, and another is now living the good life in a foster home that we truly hope will want to keep him!

AUGUSTA,

our near-perfect little Pomeranian, was adopted by Brooke and Lew Parker of West Covina. They also adopted an extra-large Dobie boy the same day. Lew wanted a Dobie and Brooke wanted a little dog, so we had to match a 10-pound dog with one weighing at least 90 pounds and get it right the first time (for Augusta's safety!). We recently received an e-mail from the Doberman: "I'm a lovable,

handsome Dobie and my beautiful, playful sister is a Pomeranian. We are now known as Shogun and Daphne Louise Parker (nicknamed Daffy Lou) and living the good life in retirement. We travel in style in the family's Airstream motor home



"Daffy Lou"

on trips to Gualala (Google it) to run on the beaches and visit Hazard (a yellow Lab), Chichi and Javier (Chihuahuas, naturally) and the Parkers' grandson and his parents. The

rest of our time is spent sleeping in the master bedroom, minding the backyard squirrels, going on occasional walks and accompanying our parents to watch them take obedience classes at the local PetSmart. They're well trained, with the occasional lapse, but can be very funny. Life is good. Squirrel!?"

Oh, and Lew said that Shogun chewed up his credit cards, which he said was probably a good thing.



"Shogun"

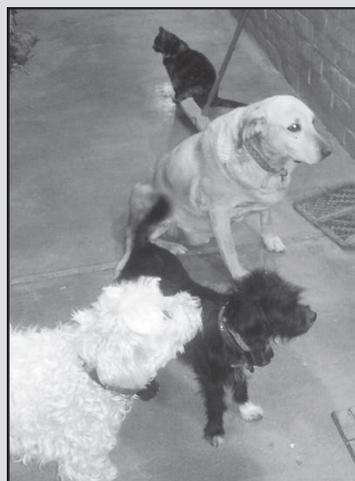
PRESTON,

our funny, scruffy little Terrier mix, was adopted by Velia and Mike Bowers of Chalfant Valley. His new name is Ricochet, and he endeared himself to everyone instantly except the cat, Miss Kitty, who took a few days to decide.

From Velia's recent e-mail: "Words cannot express how he fits into our family. He is loved by all and he loves all of us. I went out of town for 2 days and when I returned he almost went inside out he was so excited to see me."

HARDY,

who spent over a year waiting for the home he so truly deserved, was adopted by Shana and Aaron Schwehr of



"Ricochet" (the black terrier) and his new friends

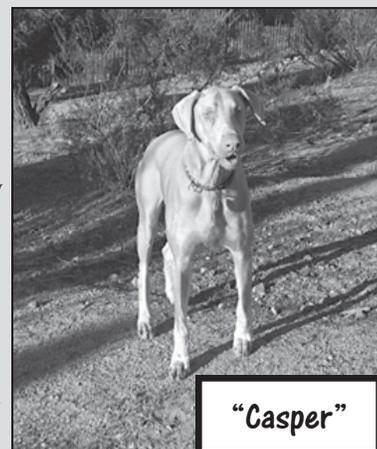


"Harvey"

Lancaster. They decided from the minute they saw his picture on Facebook that he was the dog they wanted to adopt. In fact, when they came to pick him up, he was the only one they wished to see. Not that this is uncommon, it's just that Hardy was never going to be a beauty contest winner, except in terms of his beautiful soul. Shana says "Harvey (his new name) was very easy to houstrain and he loves the kids."

CASPER

waited quite a few months to live in a home environment, and technically he is still available, but he has been fostered since January 15 by Missy Atkins of Carefree, AZ. She had earlier lost a loved albino Doberman, so she has a fondness for them and understands their needs. We hope this may become a "failed foster!"



"Casper"

WE HAVE FUN ON SATURDAYS



WAITING FOR HOMES

SERENITY

is a recent rescue from a distant shelter where the local rescue groups passed on her, partially because she exhibited what may have been two seizures during the time she was impounded as a stray dog. The shelter spayed her for us, as she had clearly been used for breeding, but she still has a decent figure, so it doesn't appear she had been overbred. During her stay with us the past few weeks, we have watched her carefully for signs of additional seizures or disorientation, and we haven't seen anything at all, so her earlier episodes may have been a reaction to the vaccinations given at the shelter or some other, non-permanent cause. Serenity is about 4 years old and is solidly-built. She's bossy with her food but has been able to live with an unaggressive large male dog if fed separately.

J.R.

is a large red male Doberman who is about 4 years old. Though he's been with us only a few months, we hope to find him a new home soon because we think he will make a great pet for the right home. He's not vocal, very mellow, appreciates attention, and in our experience, can be walked by other dogs without being very reactive. It isn't known whether he can live with another dog; it probably depends on that dog's personality. We did place him briefly with a dog he did not like and he was promptly returned. All things considered, J. R. will probably do best as the only dog in a home that will appreciate what an easy dog he is.

PATTY

is a Miniature Pinscher we recently rescued from an animal shelter when her owner died and left her an orphan. The shelter notes indicated that she was a sweet dog but very overweight. This turned out to be true; she weighed about double, at 27 pounds, what her bone structure should reasonably support. We think she is about 7 years old. Patty is presently in a temporary foster home where she can be fed separately and receive enough exercise to allow her to shed the extra weight. It appears

she's housebroken and tolerant of other dogs and kids.

JODIE

is a small terrier mix that just came in from an animal shelter. We aren't sure exactly what breeds she's made of but we just couldn't resist that fuzzy face. She's only about 1 year old, 10 pounds, good with other dogs, and sweet with people. Jodie just loves being held and giving kisses.



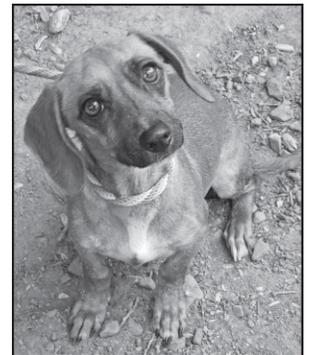
TAZ

is a 4-year-old pedigreed Doberman we received from the owners when they had to move and couldn't take him. He always attracts attention here because he's rarely seen without a blanket or toy hanging out of his mouth. He's tolerant of some dogs and is good with kids, according to his ex-owner, and he knows basic commands. Though Taz was always an outside dog where he lived, he's affectionate and will enjoy being with his people, indoors and outdoors. At this time (March, 2014) he's been with us five months.



SCALLOP

is a darling young female Dachshund mix who had been at an animal shelter as a stray. She was very thin but is gaining weight nicely. Scallop is thought to be about a year old, weighs under ten pounds, and is very dog social. Though she has not been kenneled in direct contact with cats, Scallop and two other little females are housed in our cattery and appear to be reasonably social with cats.



BOO

was just returned to us several years after her adoption because she attacked the other (male) Doberman in the home on several occasions. In other respects, she's a good dog who has never shown any aggression to people, including kids. She is now about 4 years old, housebroken, knows her commands, and isn't destructive. Boo is believed to have lupus, and the medication she takes is called niacinamide, an inexpensive vitamin.





"Chanel" Grdanc of Newhall, with "Stella"

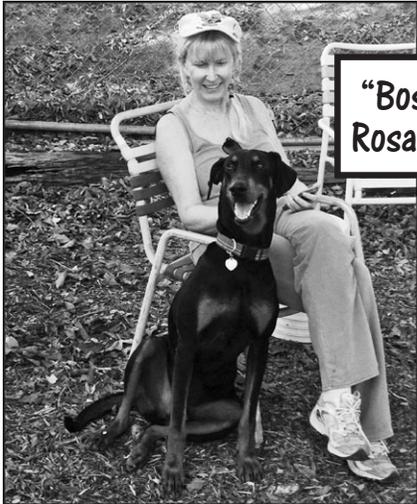


"Jessie" Cara-Olsberg of St. Augustine, FL

"Buttons" Hasler of Oceanside



"Jack" Allen of Castaic, with Kenneth



"Bosco" Volpe of Santa Rosa Valley, with Marnie



"Phoebe" Schore of Los Angeles

HAPPY ADOPTEES!!



"Canelo" Berdeja of Paso Robles



"Sir Barks A lot" Budroe of Ventura, with Max



"Ralph" Berglund of Huntington Beach

