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We're having a normal early summer here, a combination of lovely sunny days and "May Gray," the overcast mornings common to southern California in areas close enough to the ocean to be affected. The dogs love it because it's cool enough that they're motivated to run like maniacs, chasing and playing with each other. By late June they'll all be sacked out for the warmer hours of the day.

Colleen and volunteer Natalie Rimmele were at the Orange County Pet Expo every day of this year's weekend event, and various other volunteers and adopters also stopped by to visit and help. We made new friends and received some donations to help us care for the dogs. We've also learned of another way we can receive a little extra help: please read the article on page 6 called "Another Way to Help."

We're still hoping to launch a fundraiser party shortly, to be held at a winery. Please keep an eye on our website and social media for updates.

As always, we thank you for everything you do for us, financially and every other way!



Enjoy your summer,
Ardis Braun

ADOPTION UPDATES

Four of the dogs featured in our last newsletter are loving their new homes!

PRINCESS

is now called Kona, and she is living at Lesley Parks' home in Simi Valley. Kona was the mother of a litter of Doobie-Shepherd mix puppies we rescued last year, so when Kona's time was up at her animal shelter, we couldn't abandon her.



From Lesley's recent text: "Kona, a fuzzy teddy bear, lays within eyesight at all times. She enjoys having her teeth brushed, bounds like a playful deer with her toy, pushes her way through any obstacle to get wherever she wants to go when she wants to go and keeps our other German Shepherd (Robbie) company – wrestling with his legs, chasing him around and quite obviously making Robbie happy. Quite the mischievous one, you may find her with her nose down a gopher hole or eyeing Robbie's ball despite the 10 balls she has surrounding her. Great in the car, superb on walks, friendly with anyone, our Kona is a welcomed and necessary addition to our family."

MOXIE,

our little Terrier fence-climber, lives happily now with Sue and Joe Zarnoch of Prescott, AZ. In a recent e-mail they said:

“After loving our first Terrier mix from the Dobies and Little Paws Rescue, Ally, for 15 years, we decided it might be time to adopt again, so we took



the trip from Arizona to meet her and decided she would be a great addition to our family. Moxie is just shy of 10 pounds and is all energy. She loves playing with her toys, primarily her

hedgehog and rat, going on long walks every day, socializing at the dog park, and if there is even a miniscule ray of sunshine, she instantly plops down for a sunbath.

Moxie gets along well with our cat, Fergie, and is a great travel dog. Moxie is also very intrigued with our printer and waits to see what happens as soon as it is turned on. She just graduated from beginning training at PetSmart but we think we will continue to allow her to enjoy the printer – you just have to grab the paper before she does!”

BOOKER,

the clownish red Doberman who was found tied to a post starved half to death (who was taken in and restored to health by dear friend and rescuer Betty Cochran in Clovis) has the home that deserves him now: with Kate McGraw and her family of Rancho Cucamonga.

From her e-mail: “Booker, now known as Archie, has been a

great addition to our home and loves to be the center of attention. He’s a very social dog and loves to play and run with other dogs at the dog park. He is a great inside dog except when he

Here's Booker with his favorite kids, Connor and Skylar.



steals food off the counter. Archie is never far from his humans....

Archie loves when we go on our bikes and runs by our side. Whenever we go out with him we get lots of compliments on how handsome he looks and how he gets along with small and big dogs. We can’t wait for summer to see if he likes our pool!”

SKY

had been returned to her animal shelter for not getting along with the other dog in the home, and then she became sick, so a rescue was needed to save her life. Now she’s the treasured pet of Matthew Little and his family in Monrovia.



Matt recently e-mailed: “We would just like to thank you and all who helped us at the rescue. After our previous dogs passed, we had to take some time off from ownership. Bringing a new dog into the family is not always an easy task. Wow, did we hit the jackpot with Sky! She has eased herself right into the swing of things.

You all made the transition back into dog ownership a dream. We have a hard time understanding how Sky found herself without a family but we have been more than happy to accept her into ours!”

WAITING FOR HOMES

Diego

is a new arrival (4-12-19) from an upstate animal shelter where he was impounded, emaciated and with a very bad eye injury. The staff there quickly became enamored with his playful, affectionate personality and the way he bonded with those who worked with him. After we committed to him, he was sent to U. C. Davis for eye surgery; unfortunately the eye was not able to be saved. He's about 1 year old, and he's a tall, handsome, lanky boy who rides well in the car



and loves to play with most other dogs, though he may chase cats. Small kids and fragile seniors might be at some risk due to his diminished vision.

Pawla

is a darling little dog with a great big attitude. She is not comfortable with people she doesn't know, and she'll stare, growl and snap at them. We're working on socializing her with numerous people so she'll be more trusting of new ones. About three days of just letting her decompress in a new situation, and she becomes a wiggly, flirty little ballerina who loves belly rubs. One way to Pawla's heart seems to be with food. She is a voracious eater! She's 3 years old and weighs about 12 pounds, probably a poodle/schnauzer type mix, and she's great with cats.



Brat

is an 8-year-old red female, though you would never guess she was over 4 or 5. She was



surrendered to an animal shelter after she was attacked by two other dogs in the home and suffered an injury that resulted in a huge, open wound that couldn't be closed. We took care of her and used honey wraps to help her heal. Brat can be the occasional brat with other dogs but only out of

annoyance and the desire to have her own space once in a while. She is wonderful with people and we have noticed that she takes to children exceptionally well. Brat is an active girl but she doesn't require strenuous exercise daily.

Rex

is an energetic 5-year-old German Shepherd-Golden Retriever mix (our best guess). He has been good with many of the dogs, cats and kids he has met so far, and



he's a very interactive dog with an appealing personality. For a time he free-roamed with many other dogs at the rescue ranch, but there were too many males with attitudes that didn't mesh well enough. Regular exercise and playtime will make Rex a very happy dog.

Arthur

is a senior Dobie with a beautiful, regal head, but his body shows the results of a mediocre home environment during his 8 years of life. He has been



kennelled with a confident female Dobie; we doubt he could tolerate a male. Arthur does guard his food, which was never an issue with his female kennelmate, but we would not recommend him for a home with small kids or small animals. We have found him to be a very serious dog, so we aren't sure if he has a playful

side or not, but he is focused and attentive. He'll hopefully make a good pet for the right home.

Piper 2

(so named because we have two girls named Piper) was relinquished by a young woman owner who had to move to a different apartment where she could not take Piper. She had found Piper three months earlier as a stray dog and brought her back to health, spayed her, and did some



training. Her strong points are that she's housebroken, good with other dogs, cats, and children, and isn't destructive. She about 6 years old and is on the large side for a female, at about 80 pounds. Piper's only apparent negative behavior is her distrust of strangers, and her tendency to guard her owners and her territory from them.

Shadow

is about 7 years old and he's been good with dogs, cats and kids. He is well behaved on a leash but his favorite place is on your lap, so if you need a



"Dash," "Uma,"
and "Kody"
Sovitch of
Fillmore



"Bleu" Roberts
of Pacific Grove,
with Emily

"Amber" and "Leia"
Pollak of Moreno Valley



"Vader" Chavac of
Pasadena

Happy Adoptees



"Tillie" Vasillaros of Los Angeles



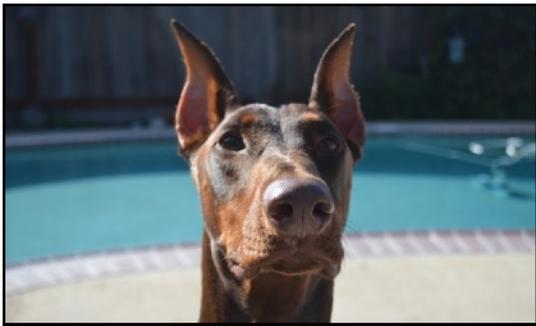
"Greta" Marantz of
Woodland Hills, with
Ron and Dolores

"Maxine" and "Sophie"
Child of Rancho
Cucamonga



"Konrad"
Patterson of
Portland,
OR, with
Melissa





"Boris" Austel of Modesto



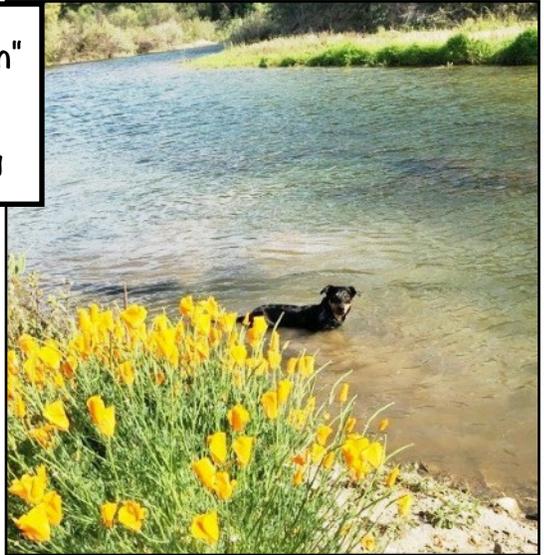
"Remy" Smith of Ventura, with Elise

and Ava



"Diablo" Callan of Aliso Viejo, with Constance

"Finnegan" Todd of Solvang



"Osa" Erney of San Carlos



"Titan" Givner of Ojai



"Kado" Hong of San Diego



"Dash" Johnson of West Hills



WAITING FOR HOMES CONT.

12 pound snuggle buddy, then look no further. We don't know what breed he is exactly because he was originally found as a stray but you are welcome to make your best guess. Shadow is adjusting well and can't wait to be a lap dog in a new home.



Peaches

is a 4-year-old red Dobie girl who won our hearts pretty quickly. She's affectionate, active without being hyper and we think she could be a good family dog. She has dog social skills and has made many friends but she can be particular about who she likes



best. She would be happy to be your one and only dog since she loves her people more than anything, but we think she could also live comfortably with a large male dog. We haven't seen her with kids but we think she would be enjoyable for a family with at least older kids.

ANOTHER WAY TO HELP

It's pretty much a given that all of us, at least some of the time, have to shop for groceries, and some grocery chains issue rewards cards to customers that allow them to designate their favorite charity as a recipient of funds based on a percentage of what they spend for groceries.

So, it occurred to us that if our friends and adopters opted to register their card to help their favorite charity (we hope it's us!), over time this could be a great way for us to have extra help that we need without costing our adopters and friends anything.

We're aware that Ralph's, Albertson's and Kroger offer this benefit. You can find a link that explains how to register your card on the front page of our website. We'd also love to hear from any of you who may know of others. Thanks!



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ANOTHER YEAR, ANOTHER EXPO

By Colleen Anderson

Another April means another weekend we have spent at America's Family Pet Expo in Orange County. After taking last year off, we were excited to try out some new ideas this year. The weekend was full of dogs, catching up with previous adopters and sharing our rescue with new people. We love showing people how amazing Dobermans can be and watching them fall in love with our amazing breed. We found homes for a large, mixed-breed female named Suki and a new female Dobie that came from an abusive situation named Polly Pocket.

The fun addition to our booth this year was a fundraising game we called "What is my breed?" We took the DNA test results for my dog, Chunk, and had people try to guess as many breeds as they could correctly. It helped us raise about \$500 and we had lots of people tell us it was the most fun they had at the expo. We have even better ideas for next year so please contact us if you want to volunteer next April!



Chunk

MEDICAL MATTERS

We hope our readers will take this article seriously. At first we didn't believe what we're about to tell you; we had to prove it to ourselves.

It's about a Chinese herbal compound called Yunnan Baiyao, which was discovered in the early 1900's in China and has been widely used to stop bleeding in humans and animals since then. We were skeptical despite endorsements from many sources including the Greyhound rescue folks, who have used it for a long time and swear by its qualities. For a few months we have been using it ourselves, and we find the claims to be true, at least in situations where the bleeding isn't, for example, arterial.

Since the Von Willebrand bleeding disease and other clotting disorders are not uncommon in our breed, we wanted to pass this information along. Yunnan Baiyao is widely available, does not require a prescription, and is inexpensive. Plus, it's safe. Google it!



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FOSTER FAILURES

In 2014 a former adopter named Deborah Schade of Placentia came to visit. Like many of us, she lives alone and relies on her dogs for most of her companionship, so I (Ardis) shamelessly introduced her to a favorite dog of mine with disabilities that had kept her unadopted for years. The shameless part was the offer to have Alice be a foster dog, knowing with 90% certainty that Deborah would be a “failed foster.” Certain dogs, because they are such lovable dogs, are good candidates for foster failure!

Alice was not only not dog-social, but she had hearing and vision problems as well. Dogs like this are very hard to adopt out because...they are limited. Deborah has a big heart and sensitivity to match, so I knew she would be affected by Alice’s endearing personality and the likelihood that she would never be adopted. She agreed to foster Alice.

That was the beginning of a loving relationship that lasted over four years, until Alice finally



succumbed to ailments Deborah could not fix. Deborah was devastated and would not consider another dog because, on some level, she felt it would be disloyal to Alice to “replace” her so soon. But finally, in early April this year, she called to say she could not be without a dog and didn’t even feel safe

without a dog. She inquired about a dog named Hennessey.

Hennessey is a senior-senior now, at about 12 years old. We had placed her once, with a couple that had no other dogs, and a week later the husband said “mama loves her!” Some time later, though, their adult son came to visit with his dogs. Predictably, Dobies being the way they are,



Hennessey was not happy to have new dogs at her house and a gnarly argument ensued, with the son being bitten. Hennessey was the one who delivered the bite, so she was returned.

By then she was already well into middle age, and with a bite history. She spent five years with us, waiting for a home I feared would never come. Many of our old dogs have the privilege of “free-roaming” six acres I fenced in for their exercise and enjoyment, with access to my house through a doggie door, but I feared that Hennessey might have another argument with a free-roaming dog and didn’t want to chance it.

Having Deborah mention Hennessey felt like an arrow from Cupid, right through the heart. She specifically wanted a good dog who was old and deserving. Hennessey went to live with Deborah on April 25th, and it’s another loving relationship. Deborah said she would never return Hennessey to a kennel, Hennessey is soaking up the love and benefits, Deborah



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(who has been really ill) is feeling protected again with a Doberman in the house, and she's also out walking Hennessey several times a day, which is good for both of them.

 Next, Susan Rauch of Castaic came to see us on February 8th, wondering if we had any Dobies she could foster that could live in a mellow home environment with a cat. One choice was a dog named Raleigh, a very timid boy we had recently rescued from an upstate animal shelter. We cat-tested him, and he appeared to be afraid of the cat, no big surprise since we hadn't seen an ounce of aggression from this dog.



Susan took him in as a foster on February 13th, right after his neuter surgery. On February 18th she texted a picture and said what a great dog he was, doing well with the other critters (another dog and the cat). We didn't hear anything further until March 7th, when we began to suspect this was a failed foster. Finally, on March 16th, Susan came to sign adoption papers, making it official.

 Finally, we took in a dog from an animal shelter, a senior guy named Dash, and my plan was to make him a free-roamer. Unfortunately, he was quite intimidated by the other dogs, so he moved into one of the vehicles on the property, not coming out for days!

Enter Frank Sovitch, now living here in

Fillmore and volunteering with us most weekends. I told Frank about Dash, and he opted to take him for a nice walk, afterwards inquiring about fostering him for the rest of the weekend. Which turned into a week. Which turned into a month. Now, several months later, he's an official member of the Sovitch pack and gets to enjoy living with Frank and a couple of other canines at home as well as spending weekends and entire weeks with them at Frank's getaway property in Pinon Hills. Frank had recently lost one of his dogs to illness, so Dash slid right into that opening. (See Dash on page 4.)

Yes, we love our failed fosters!

PARTING SHOT



*If you haven't
owned
one,
you'll
never
understand*

**"Josie" Jameson of
Los Angeles**

