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Everything here at the ranch is much the same as it has been for the last few quarters, with far too many dogs needing rescue and adoption from animal shelters, and far too few adopters. It's heartbreaking.

To complicate matters, we are usually having to make 5-hour round trips to obtain a couple of spays and neuters by traveling to Apple Valley, Ridgecrest and Visalia to get appointments we don't have to wait weeks or months for. (And this at a time when gasoline is at an all-time high as well.)

There is never a lack of good news, though. It's absolutely thrilling for us to be able to find great homes for loved seniors who have been with us overly long, and dogs with disabilities like blindness, the loss of a limb, recovery from parvovirus. The list is endless and is, at the end of the day, the reason we do this year after year.

We appreciate all of you who make our work possible in all of the various ways you do. It really does take a village...

Have a wonderful summer!

*Ardis Braun*

### ADOPTION UPDATES

#### **Mochi,**

our terrified, unapproachable little mop dog who had to lose one leg after several dogs attacked him, now lives with June Schneider in Hurricane, Utah.

A month later we had this beautiful update from her: "Mochi is a hilarious dog and extremely curious! Everything is a new experience for him. Even after enduring the trauma of being attacked and losing a leg, he is not afraid of other dogs, new situations, camping in an RV and most people. He runs as fast as my other dog Zazu who is a similar Yorkie mix. And he can climb anywhere!"

After owning more than 30 rescue dogs I can say he is the most loving and lovable dog I ever was blessed to own! Plus he is highly intelligent and I think that many times he can read my mind! A little scary but fun."



#### **Mazlow,**

such a great dog except for his sometime attitude toward kids, has a great adult home in Elk Grove with Robert Rodacker and his partner, Barbara Fink. When Robert came to visit, he said he actually hoped to adopt two dogs to keep each other company when he was away



from home, so he also adopted Mazlow's kennelmate, Sophie.

Two months later: "Mazlow and Sophie have settled into their new home and made it their own. The love that they receive from Barbara and me is more than matched by the love they give. Both have become serious cuddle bugs."

### **Tangerine,**

who blossomed from a stray, shut-down puppy to a shy but loving young adult, has made her home with Elyse and Mark Patierno of Fillmore. Her new name is Clementine, and they are so happy that she is part of their family now. "She is such a sweetheart and is always full



of smiles, tail wags, and puppy kisses. We are happy to say that she is doing great adjusting to her new home. She has definitely bonded with us and is getting more and more comfortable with other people all the time. She is so smart! She has already learned sit, down, stay, come, shake, crate, potty, and games like fetch and hide & seek. She has also made friends with our cat, Jimmy (it was hard for her to be calm around him at first, but she learned that she gets lots of treats when Jimmy is around). Her favorite things are playing with her ball and going on walks. We love Clementine!"

very affectionate. She has one blind eye that is smaller than normal so it may have been a birth defect or some kind of trauma. She is good with large male dogs but she can also be bossy so we recommend her for a home either solo or with a larger male dog and an experienced owner that can help cultivate a healthy relationship. Coquette is a beautiful red girl with a docked tail.



### **Ziggy**

is a recent shelter rescue from a shelter in a fairly remote area that doesn't get much adoption traffic. That, coupled with Ziggy's shy/insecure behavior, meant he had been at the shelter for "a long time." No one can guess what breeds are represented in this little cutie, but we see maybe Dachshund, Pug, possibly even Beagle (though he does not bay). Ziggy is dog-social, having been kenneled at his shelter and also here at the rescue with another male who is roughly half his size. He's about 2 years old, very handsome, likely weighing a little over 15 pounds. We'd prefer not to place him with young kids or noisy, super-social families. Ziggy seems to be a quiet dog who would be happiest in a home where a mellow, lovable guy is exactly what the adopter was hoping for.



## **WAITING FOR HOMES**

### **Jax**

is a lucky dog because his animal shelter "went the mile" for him. We think that says a lot about how worthy they deemed him to be, and we agree. Jax is about 4 years old and quite handsome, except that on arrival at his shelter they realized that he had bilateral entropion, meaning inverted eyelashes on both sides. This is a very irritating condition for dogs and can ultimately cause enough ulceration that the dog loses vision. Jax's animal shelter did the surgery! We now have this sweet boy who appears dog-social and fairly mellow, a good choice for a lot of our potential adopters.



### **Micah**

is a handsome blue male who is about 3 years old. He's an active guy so he needs either a home with space to run around or an active owner that can provide a daily outlet for his energy. Micah has a sweet nature and will be a devoted companion or family member. He is good with many other dogs but his activity level and strength are much better suited for larger dogs. He also can lean on the dominant side with other dogs without proper guidance so female dogs are a better fit for him. Micah will require a 6 foot fence without anything that can be climbed.



### **Coquette**

is a sweet girl who came to us from an animal shelter. She's approximately 4 years old, active, and

## Rose

is a sweet 6-year-old Dobie girl who was adopted from an upstate shelter and returned there for nipping an electrician in the back of the leg when he entered the adopter's home to do repairs. The shelter characterized her behavior as "stranger danger," meaning she'll be protective of her home and her owners unless she knows the visitors. Rose is quite a pretty girl, very friendly and even dog-social. We really like her and hope she can thrive in a new home with adequate attention paid to her protective nature.



## Hatchi

is about 18 months old, probably German Shepherd and Doberman. He's a sweet, energetic and happy guy who does well with large female dogs; less so with males. He's a healthy boy apart from the hygromas (swelling from laying on hard surfaces) on his elbows, which are already diminishing and should do so even more with continued care. Hatchi will do best in an active home with people that are ready to teach a young guy how to navigate the world.



## Bogdan

We rescued Bogdan from his shelter just in time. The shelter supervisor had so named him because Bogdan means "God's gift" in Slavic. They had intentionally saved him for many weeks past his due-out date because of his happy disposition. He's about 14 months old (as of April 1, 2022) and he weighs about 60 pounds. Bogdan, or Bogie (his nickname) needs some training and he's medium- to high-energy, so he'll need a yard and regular exercise, and he's definitely social enough to live with other dogs his size. He's probably a Border Collie-Heeler mix.



## Lainey

is a Doberman mix we took in at the beginning of July, 2021, from a central valley animal shelter. She is about 3 years old, good-sized, and dog-social. She is also a LOT of dog! Lainey definitely needs training for her bad habit of being overly welcoming of people she's happy to greet. We think she would be a great dog for a runner to get her energy out, or at least a large enough yard with enough stimulation to get her loping around throughout the day for a reliable daily workout. Lainey is sweet, but not a candidate for seniors or families with kids younger than teenagers.



## Cherie

is a darling young mixed breed dog who came to us from an animal shelter after being hit by a car. She had a badly broken pelvis. To everyone's surprise, her pelvis healed and her hips are healthy. Unfortunately, her knee did develop some unexpected arthritis from the injuries. She is quite active and does use that leg but she favors it and it won't ever be 100%. Cherie is very dog social, loves everyone and she's gaining confidence every day. We would love to see her in a loving, active home with another playful dog or two.



## Charlene

was relinquished by her owners. She's a little over 2 years old, "all natural," and small at about 50 pounds. As a white/albino with light blue eyes, she's very sensitive to bright light. Her ex-owners reported that she is housebroken, quiet, has some training and does well with a set routine. Charlene is playful, sweet and affectionate with people she knows and lives with but isn't trusting of strangers and may be a little growly. She shares her kennel with a male Doberman currently but becomes a little possessive of food. We think an adult home would be best for this lovely girl.





**"Lady" Freuen-Wu of Somis**



**"Maui" Alapati of Oakland**

**"June"  
Almaguer  
of  
Thousand  
Oaks**



**"Nixon" Baclig of San Jose**



**"Archie" Villalobos of Salinas**



**"Dakota" Garcia of Glendale**



**"Scootch" Safford of Wheat  
Ridge, CO**



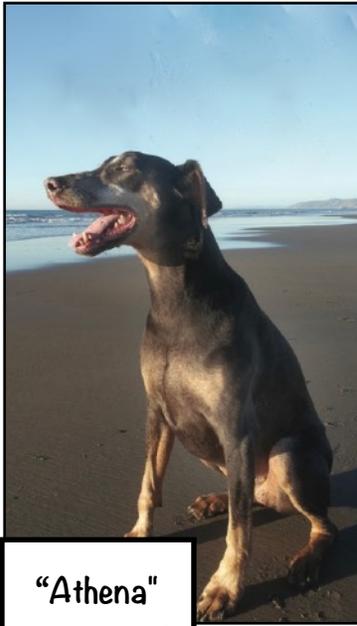
**"Lexxy" Arevalo of Santa Clarita**

**"Pepper" Valdez of Malibu**





"Bailey" Kobayashi of Palos Verdes Estates



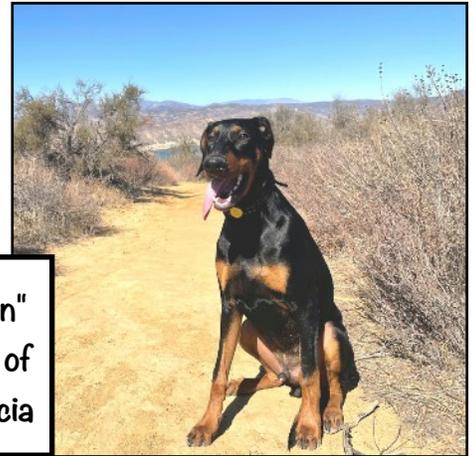
"Athena" Tornello of Carpinteria



"Kendall and "Aries" Allen of West Hills



"Danny" Lewis of Los Angeles, with Danielle



"Tyson" Deme of Valencia

Happy Adoptees



"Kachina" Roberts of Simi Valley

"Macie Jae" Zaha of Placentia, with David, Madden and Jordie



"Buddy" Vinson of Fillmore



"Bean" Bertolucci of Stockton



## HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL

There is a definite allure to becoming a rescuer or becoming involved in rescue activities. It brings out the mother in some of us, the healer in others, and the best friend in many. One of the difficult things about rescue is a lot of hard choices we have to make, but one of the most wonderful things is seeing how some of those choices turn out so amazingly, achingly rewarding.

Like Hope, currently for adoption: we had two hours to save her at her animal shelter, as she had been taken in with her 4-day-old puppies that tested positive for parvovirus. When we arrived at the shelter the puppies were too far gone to save, but Hope came home with us and we did 3 days of subcutaneous fluids, and she came back from the almost-dead to the beautiful blue girl she is today.



Like Bonnie, currently regaining her health after an intern vet botched her spay surgery at her animal shelter. Again, we had two hours to save her, so we picked her up and rushed her to an emergency clinic, where they drained her abdomen, gave her a transfusion, and resutured her correctly, and she is another stunning survivor.

Like Phoenix, who was found tied up on a freeway offramp with the worst chemical burns we had ever seen, that literally looked like molten lava covering his back. He spent 40 days hospitalized, getting daily treatment with honey wraps, until he healed as much as he could. He lives with us here at the ranch, healed



and whole, belonging now to Colleen.

Like 4-year-old blind Fifi, whose owner couldn't afford a little tube of eye antibiotic when she developed an eye infection, instead relinquishing her to



our vet clinic for disposal. When we agreed to take her they first had to remove one eye because the infection had progressed so far, and then the other eye, because removing both at once would have caused too much trauma. She has a wonderful home with other

small dogs and a cat here in Fillmore.

Like Daisy Red, a beautiful 7-month Doberman girl who tested positive for parvovirus when her owners dropped her off at an animal shelter, and again, that shelter gave us two hours to save her.

And again, 3 days of sub-Q fluids later she began to want and tolerate food, and she is putting weight back on currently so she can be adopted.

Like Billie, featured in our Winter 2021 newsletter, who was so infected with mange that we couldn't tell what color she would turn out to be. Over a few months of intensive treatment, she made a perfect recovery and went on to become the psychiatric service dog for her new owner.



These kinds of happy endings fill our hearts and remind us that there is always room for hope. These wonderful animals, survivors all, are a testament that almost any living creature worth rescuing is worth whatever it takes to fulfill our promise to try to give them a healthy, forever happy, life.



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## SUPERMIKE TO THE RESCUE!

We've written and raved about Pilots n Paws before, the volunteer network of pilots nationwide who donate their time and gas money to transporting dogs in need to rescues and shelters where they will get the care they need and the homes they deserve.

Since we are the primary Doberman rescue organization in California, not only are we placing dogs all over our state and beyond, but we also have to take in the dogs from all over the state that need medical help, behavioral help, or have simply overstayed their time at their animal shelters. This latter reason has become the primary factor since animal shelters are seeing four or five times the number of animals being taken in than what was



“normal” for them. We would have no way to get most of the dogs from shelters numerous hours away without Pilots n Paws.

Amazingly, we actually have the private cell phone numbers of 23 pilots we've connected with through this group, but the man who always seems

to be the first to volunteer is a rancher who lives on acreage with apple orchards, llamas, cows, horses, dogs and cats, and he and his slick little airplane have saved...well, we've lost count: a lot of dogs that likely wouldn't have been able to find their way here without his help. Most of the pilots can't accommodate large crates in their planes, but this pilot can, and does, over and over.

His name is Mike Gennis, he's based in Placerville, quite a distance upstate from us, and he's our hero!

## MEDICAL MATTERS

Though the condition called Copper Toxicity or Copper Poisoning has been around a long time, it's still relatively unknown as a common but very serious condition to be aware of, especially in certain breeds including Dobermans (as well as Labs, Cockers, Westies, Bedlington Terriers and Skye Terriers).

Symptoms include anemia, depression, diarrhea, pain, abdominal swelling, weight loss, blood in urine or from nose or mouth, and more. This condition is serious because it essentially destroys the liver and is fatal if untreated as the condition worsens. One of the causes is too-frequent and unnecessary deworming, which surprised us.

Just another thing to keep in mind and have the vet check for if a dog appears unwell, displaying any of the symptoms above.



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## VOLUNTEERS, WELCOME BACK! By Colleen Anderson

The last two years have been quite the rollercoaster, and we've had to adjust as each new challenge comes our way. One of the unfortunate changes we had to make for safety reasons was to limit the number of people coming to the ranch, so we had to focus on adopters who were ready to take a dog home, and to not have many volunteers. We know that people have been anxious to get out to see us, walk some dogs and lend a hand. Well, we are finally ready to open the gates!

We're changing how we utilize volunteers since we can get quite busy on Saturdays during open house, and we want to be able to be available for guidance. We're going to have designated volunteer days, starting on some Sundays only, for now. On those days we will have specific tasks we're looking to get help with like weeding the play yards, organizing, dog walking, exercising and training, and taking photos and videos. We may have lots of other projects we'll want to focus on at different times, so if you have any special skills we would be happy to chat with you about them. Each volunteer day will

be announced on our Facebook and Instagram pages as well as our website, so stay



tuned for future dates. If you'd like to come out and help, we're asking that you RSVP us so we can make sure we are prepared. You can e-mail me at [dobierescuefillmore@gmail.com](mailto:dobierescuefillmore@gmail.com) with any questions or to RSVP for any of the designated dates you're available.

We are also looking to resume our Forgotten Dog Project, which provides a fun day out for some of our longer and more needy residents at the rescue. These groups will remain small so we can really focus on a few dogs at a time, but we'll be accepting volunteers for those outings as well. Looking forward to a wonderful summer!

## PARTING SHOT



"Pippi" Rimmel  
 of Ventura

♪ "Sweet dreams are made of this..." -Eurhythmics ♪

