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"Charlie" Nunes of Fillmore, with Linda

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It's fall again, so most of California is suffering the wildfire challenges as usual, in addition to the heat. We hope you and your animals are all safe from the devastating fires, which are among the worst in history.

The situation in the animal shelters is still heartbreakingly unchanged. All of the rescues and most of the shelters are doing their best, and we're actually placing a lot of dogs; just not enough to stem the awful tide of dogs not getting out of the shelters alive. During the two-month period from June 1 through August 1, we placed 35 dogs, which is good news, considering that early to mid-summer is one of the slowest adoption times of the year due to travel plans and vacations. Unfortunately, it's also when the numbers of animals needing rescue is at its peak.

A reminder that updates and pictures shared on Facebook and Instagram will not usually make it into the files we save when we write our newsletters and choose the pictures to publish, so share your news via our e-mail address too!

We hope to see you at Oktoberfest on October 6th (see details inside). Thank you, as always, for everything you do.

Gratefully,

Ardis Braun



ADOPTION UPDATES

SHEBA,

our senior little mixed Terrier who wasn't wanted any more at her home of 8 years, was adopted by Claire Gottsdanker of Santa Barbara. Claire's update: "I have become very attached to Sheba and her to me. She is the best dog rescue I have had. Thanks for giving her to me."



ARCHIMEDES,

now called Almond, had overstayed at his animal shelter, but they gave us a little extra time to make room for him and we're so grateful, because he's



a gem! Almond has made his home with Valerie Ornelas and Austin Ocampo of Long Beach, and he's enjoying his life. We think his picture is better than words!

*He's on the right.

WAITING FOR HOMES

CHOPS

was rescued from an upstate animal shelter where he was tested with other dogs and acquitted himself nicely as a social guy. He's a very handsome red Dobie despite missing half an ear for unknown reasons. (He isn't saying.) Chops is just a cordial, friendly 3-year-old who is hoping for that good home that deserves him. He weighs about 62 pounds.



PEANUT

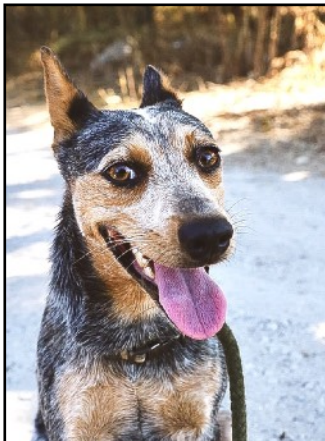
had been surrendered to a local area animal shelter for unknown reasons. While kenneled at the shelter in a small kennel with another female dog of unknown breed, there apparently was some incompatibility with that dog. The shelter employees held her for nearly a month, hoping for adoption or rescue, as she is quite a mellow, attractive girl, and we responded when she had "timed out." During her stay with us Peanut has been kenneled with a large male dog, and they are comfortable and respect each other's space. Peanut would be happy as the only dog, but with an easygoing male companion, we think she would be tolerant.



She's about 6 years old and is average-sized at about 60 pounds, and she shows no desire to escape an area with only hogwire surrounding it; an easy keeper!

QUEENIE

is a 28-pound Heeler mix who got very lucky when a female Doberman we were having transported and had room for that day, was adopted. Our favorite transport pilot alerted us to Queenie, who was urgent at her animal shelter and so insecure that she was miserable. She's about a year old, and she needs a calm, supportive, loving home to blend with and enjoy. She is



timid with other dogs, having been attacked by one and sustaining a minor injury, but she might benefit from a friendly, passive dog companion to boost her confidence.

GREGORY

was impounded at an animal shelter in central California in very skinny condition, often the result of having been a stray for some time. He had already been neutered, and he has a microchip, which came back to someone in Texas with out-of-date information. Despite whatever circumstances led to Gregory being stranded in an animal shelter, he's sweet and social with his kennelmate and all of the people he has encountered so far during his stay with us. He's 3 years old and should reach a healthy weight of around 75 pounds.



NOLA

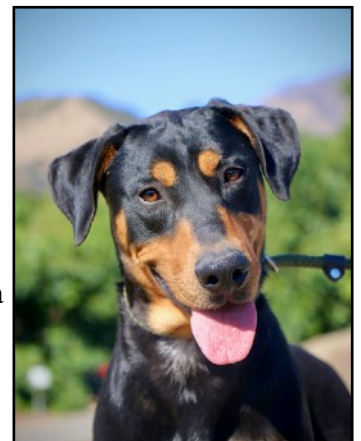
gets an A+ in the categories of "cute" and "sweet." She was a stray picked up by an animal shelter that rarely contacts us unless they have a dog they can't bear to not have rescued. During her stay with us Nola has been an absolute pleasure! She is a solidly-built, slightly shorter than average red Dobie girl weighing 75 pounds, and she's about 5 years old.



Everyone she sees she greets with a happy face and wiggly butt wag. We truly love this dog..

EMMETT

is an adorable 2-year-old Dobie mix who came to us along with his sister (she was recently adopted). He is a happy, playful boy, but it can take a minute for him to warm up to someone new. He loves walks and he plays with other dogs. He is energetic so he would do best with a family that can stay active with him.



BRENT

was on very short borrowed time at his animal shelter, and his bright little face reached us. He's probably some combination of Pug, Chihuahua, and maybe a touch of Beagle, weighing about 20 pounds and about 5 years old. Brent's animal shelter behavioral assessment was good, saying he got along with all of the other dogs he met, which we have found to be true as well. We have also seen indications that he will be a good watchdog, feistiness typical of - probably - the Chihuahua side of his lineage.



HOUDINI

was so named because after being rescued and kenneled, she proved that she could escape from any kennel or confinement as easily as smoke! In order to keep her safe we had to cover every escape possibility with fencing material, and naturally this had a major impact on her adoptability. Houdini has been with us for 2 years, but in January, 2024 she injured herself (we're not entirely sure how). One of her legs was injured at a joint severely enough that it couldn't be repaired, so she is now a tripod. The only positive thing about this is that she is now adoptable, because vaulting over walls and fences is probably impossible for her. She is a sweet 4 year old girl who is compatible with large male canine companions, and she weighs somewhere in the 55-pound range.



DOOLEY

is a sweet, gentle dog whose owners felt that he needed more attention and time from them than they could provide. He's 2 years old, good with dogs and kids, and though not housebroken, he's crate-trained. Dooley knows a few commands, but "come" is not one of them; he is inclined to dart if scared or



startled, so extra care should be taken to keep him on leash when outside a confined area. If he needs to be left alone he may bark due to separation anxiety, so he may do best with a more confident companion dog. We have often seen this behavior with dogs that are the only dog in the home. A cat won't suffice in Dooley's case; he'll chase a cat.

MAPLE

is a Dobie mix, but what other breeds are in that mix, we can't guess. She is a happy, mostly dog-social 3-year-old dog who has been waiting far too long for her own home. Maple has been sharing a large kennel with a male Dobie and a couple of female Dobies, but her heart belongs to her people.



CHECK THE CHIP

Every year on August 15th pet owners are reminded of a small but significant task: checking their pet's microchip. Known as National Check the Chip Day, this awareness day serves as a vital reminder to ensure that microchip information is up to date.

Unless we microchipped your adoptee, his or her chip will likely not have been registered or transferred unless you did so.

If you don't know your dog's chip number, please use the textable number on page 1 to request it, and we'll reply promptly.

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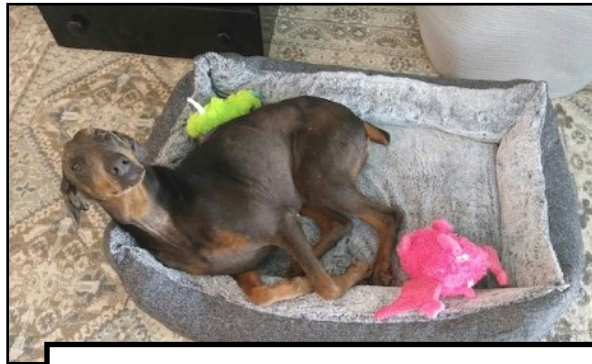
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JOIN US!
Oktoberfest is back and we can't wait to see all of you there. October, 6th at Poseidon Brewing Company in Ventura. Doors open at noon and raffle winners will be pulled at 2:30. Friendly and social dogs are welcome!



"Buddy" Bidle-Schultz of Lomita, with Larry Schultz



"Jackie Blue" Egger of Sacramento



"Sprocket" Rivera of San Diego

"Daisy" DeLong-Orozco of Oak View



"Chipper" Deardorff of Ventura, with Jim



"Missy" Sakamoto of Fountain Valley

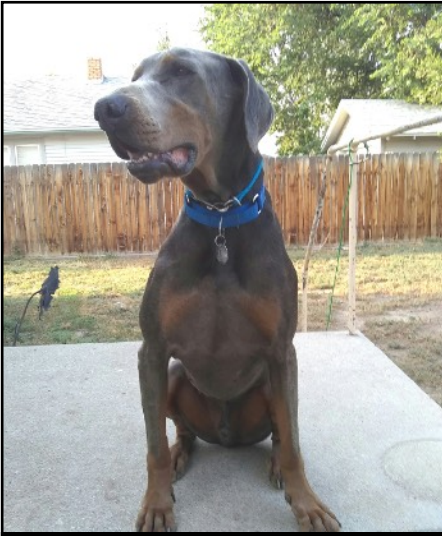


"Vil" Spicer of Bakersfield, with Bobby

"Otis" Nunes of Fillmore, with Jim



"Sophia Marie" and "Rusty" Moffitt of Gearhart, OR



"Bonners" Campbell of Torrington, WY

"Bean" Chen of Villa Park



"Amore" and "Lubeck" Plaschinski-Connor of Palmdale

"Gilliam" Akesson of Los Angeles



"Matcha" Diederich of Newbury Park

HAPPY ADOPTEES

"Zuma" Pery of West Hills



"Max" Siteman of Westlake Village, with Miki



"Rosie" Haskins of Castaic



"Rudy" Horodesky of Laguna Niguel



ANOTHER HAPPY ENDING

Our readers always seem to find our happy ending tales one of their favorite parts of our newsletter, so here is another.

Henry came to us as an animal shelter rescue with a sweet disposition but with numerous scars and a bony point on top of his head that seemed to be a deterrent to adopters. Vets determined that the point was normal and not a concern, but still, adopters passed him by. He had been with us at least nine months by the time Courtney Gregory drove all the way down from Kalispell, Montana to adopt a new Doberman companion.

Courtney required a younger male Dobie with good social skills who could hike and pursue adventures with her, so we showed her a number of dogs that fit those criteria. She asked if she could walk around the kennels to see if specific dogs might speak to her emotionally. She paused by Henry's kennel and inquired about him.

Unfortunately, Henry had just begun to display symptoms of probable Wobbler's Syndrome, a spinal condition not uncommon in Dobermans and other breeds that causes paralysis from the back of the dog's neck to the rear quarters. The culprit is a disc that becomes herniated and causes the progressive paralysis. Based on experience we don't recommend surgery, but the good news is that with a simple steroid like Prednisone, a Wobbler can be kept going for – potentially – years. And it's not painful.

We always try to be completely transparent about our dogs' health and behavior, so we described Henry's condition to Courtney, and she wanted to meet him anyway after visiting with numerous others we recommended. After walking him and spending time with him, seeing that the strong connection between them was mutual, she adopted him. She said she couldn't bear to think of him dying years later in a kennel, unwanted by anyone.

Four months later, as this article is written, Courtney had the following update to share:

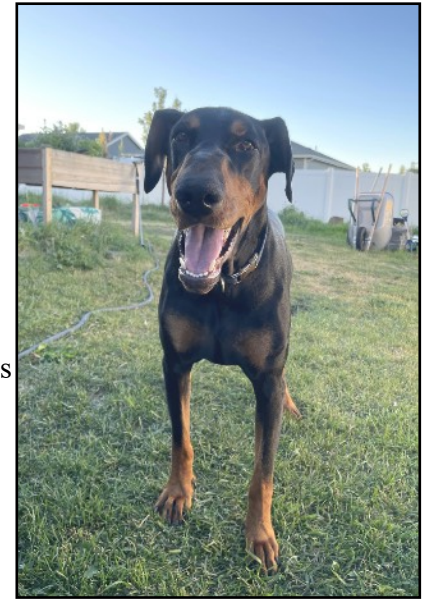
"Henry, now Kuro, is doing very well in Montana and he enjoys sunbathing and playing ball in the backyard. I am getting him all geared up (for winter) with booties, jackets, and pajamas. As with any Doberman, he loves being around his human, and when we are outside, he is right there by my side walking

around the garden or resting in the cool grass. When I first got him, I'm not sure he knew how to have fun, so under the tutelage of my other Doberman, Indigo, he is learning how to dog. He still sucks his blanket but has transferred his love of blankets to my pillow, which he often falls asleep with in his mouth. He has settled right in with

Indigo, adores her, loves to play and snuggle with her.

When I first met him there was some concern about his health, and Ardis and Colleen recommended that I meet a few more dogs, as he would probably end in heartbreak. I agreed, but my heart and mind kept him at the forefront; I was already in love with the big guy and even knowing what may come I just couldn't imagine leaving California without him. He is the sweetest dog and his energy matched that of Indigo, so the only logical thing to do was to bring him home. He was an absolute love bug and travelled so well on the long trip home. My Dad had an opportunity to meet Kuro, and just like myself, he fell instantly in love. Anytime I take him somewhere, he is always getting compliments, everyone thinks he is such a beautiful dog. On a recent walk around our neighborhood someone commented that he was gorgeous and I probably don't have to worry about intruders. His vets love his chill but goofy personality and he makes everyone laugh with his quirks. I was told that he had been there for 9 months and had no interest, possibly because he, as with most rescues, has some scars, one of the biggest on his head causing a larger bump than is normal. He is perfectly imperfect and I love him all the more for it.

When I met Kuro, the concern was that he had wobblers, which Dobermans are prone to getting. We have started the journey to find out what is causing him to be a bit unsteady on his feet. As for right now he is responding very well to the laser light therapy, supplements, at home physical therapy, and is on a bit of a diet as he has gained a bit more weight that he should have. And despite all the poking, prodding, and having to get in the car, his personality has not changed. He is a loving, silly, cuddly dog that I fell in love with when I met him at the rescue. I could not imagine my life without him in it.





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I have made him an Instagram page to bring attention to rescues and adopting those not so perfect animals, so if you want to follow his journey/life please follow Kuro_the_Klutz. Thank you, Ardis, for saving Kuro and all those many Dobermans that you do; it's hard work with a lot of heartbreak, but without you Kuro would not be here bringing joy and laughter to my life.”

We’ve talked about this before, the willingness of some adopters to overlook the imperfections: the



crooked ear or the dog with no ears, the tripod, the dog with one eye, the girl with baggy “undercarriage” from many litters, the one with a poor coat or awful scars from abuse, etc. To us these adopters are especially appreciated because they put vanity low on the list, preferring to have that special connection

with a dog that might otherwise never have the chance.

We have many dogs like this, waiting for that chance...



GETTING DOGS HERE

It goes without saying that a big part of what makes rescuing dogs possible is getting them here! We are eternally grateful to our volunteer (and even paid) ground transporters and the dedicated volunteer pilots from Pilots n Paws, all of whom often have to drop everything and hit the roads and airways to save a dog or dogs that literally have hours to live.

In addition to these great folks, Colleen and I (Ardis) have historically driven an estimated 100,000 miles a year ourselves to pick up dogs within reach, get them spayed and neutered (usually a 5-hour round trip), get them medical help, pick up dog food and supplies, etc. We typically drive our transport vehicles until they’re no longer drivable, and this article is to thank the good folks who have donated vans, trucks and SUVs to us over the years. To name a few: Larry Schultz of Lomita, Shirley Chow of Fremont, the O’Hara’s of San Diego, the Bernero’s of Agua Dulce, and the Mason’s of Atascadero. To buy used vehicles like these would be so expensive that it would leave huge holes in our budget for veterinary care, dog food, and labor to keep the dog kennels clean and dogs fed.

So.....THANK YOU, EVERYONE, for all you do!





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ABOUT THAT BEHAVIOR...

It's fair to say that everyone enjoys seeing a well-behaved dog. In the rescue environment, most of the dogs we take in are adults, and every adult dog already has well-established behavior. Sometimes that behavior is exemplary, and sometimes...not. It can often be the very reason the dog ended up at the animal shelter or rescue facility.

Most dog owners are tolerant of some imperfect behaviors like the dog jumping on people, not coming when called, pulling too hard on leash, not obeying commands like requiring the dog to get off the couch, go outside for a potty break, etc. These behaviors are so often tolerated because the owners either don't know how to fix them, or feel that it's just too much trouble. But...wouldn't it be nice if the dog didn't do any of these things?

Some time last year a former adopter of ours, Rob Richardson, came to our weekly open house unannounced and made himself available to work with a couple of our adopters who had come to meet the new dogs they chose. Rob said he had established his career as a dog trainer, and observing his techniques and advice that day, we were impressed. After that he worked successfully with a few of our difficult cases, so we began recommending him to our adopters that needed a trainer, and Rob has "saved" numerous adoptions for us.

Rob is now coming to our open house on the

second Saturday of every month for an hour or more to help with a few of our dogs' behaviors and to be available to adopters whose dogs need a little work on a problem behavior.

We could write books on canine behavior ourselves, but we honestly do not have the time, and not so many people read books any more anyway! We're happy to offer verbal advice whenever we're asked, but seeing that advice make a physical difference on the spot is truly amazing and rewarding!

PARTING SHOT



"Brady" and
 "Peanut"
 Huang of Las
 Vegas

**"HERE
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