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Yet another year ends and rescues and animal shelters are all still facing the same challenges. While we lament the heartbreak of so many wonderful animals not surviving their stays in our country's animal shelters, we try to console ourselves with knowing that they're not the long-suffering victims of the wars and hurricanes that we see in the news every day. That's something to be thankful for.

As we enter our 38<sup>th</sup> year of rescuing Dobermans and others, we are continuing to make improvements, both in terms of upgrading our kennels and in offering other services, like training advice and hands-on training assistance whenever possible. We continue to attract more followers on social media, who in turn share our posts and broaden our audience exponentially. As a result, we're able to continue placing dogs and to survive, while many other rescue organizations have had to close their operations due to low financial donations and lack of adoptions.

Our Oktoberfest event on October 6<sup>th</sup> was enjoyable and well-attended again, with many great raffle prizes awarded to happy participants. The dog attendees had a great time too!



We're now looking forward to another Deck the Halls with Bones and Balls holiday party on

December 15 at the home of Paula Cwikly in Toluca Lake. All that is needed to attend is a gift for the dogs in our care (no treats or toys, please), and it promises to be a lovely afternoon among fellow adopters and friends, with light buffet food and beverages. Please email Paula if you plan to attend: [pcwikly1@earthlink.net](mailto:pcwikly1@earthlink.net).

May all of you and your families of dogs and humans have a blessed holiday season, and all the best to start the new year!

Faithfully,

*Ardis Braun*



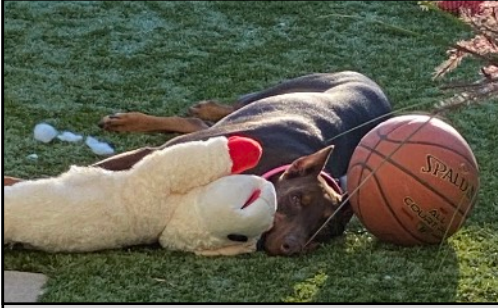
## ADOPTION UPDATES

### NOLA

Nancy DeWaard and her son, Aidan, had recently lost their beloved Doberman, and their home was empty and incomplete without another dog to love. They live close by in Simi Valley and often volunteer here, but on September 15 they were ready to adopt.

From Nancy: "Someone once told me when your current beloved pet passes away, they choose and send you your next pets. I truly believe that to be the case when our beloved Velvet (also a Dobies and Little Paws rescue) passed away suddenly in July from kidney failure. It happened so fast, and my son and I were not prepared for her passing."

Velvet brought Nola and Roscoe to our family. We visited Dobies and Little Paws and adopted Nola, a sweet, gentle soul and cute as a button! Nola was abandoned in a park while in



season, and it is obvious she was used to breed many many puppies. Nola loves to play with her stuffies and

sleep in the bean bag next to my son's bed.

Shortly after, since we have a fond affection for senior dogs, we again visited Dobies and Little Paws and took Roscoe into our hearts. Time and care was taken introducing Roscoe to Nola, and it was a perfect match. Roscoe is a sweet, goofy 7-year-old who is learning how to be a pup and loves playing with Nola and curling up with his new mama on her bed. These two complete our family! We hope and pray that someone will bring Roscoe's brother, Rico, into their hearts and home."

(See Rico's picture on page 3.)



### EMMETT'S

adoption came as a welcome surprise the day he was adopted by Carey Tri and her husband, Bruce. Emmett was rescued about 18 months prior and when Carey came to meet dogs, she liked everyone we showed her, but she still had Emmett on her list. She met him, and he was "the one!"

Carey said the ride home was tough, "he was so stressed," but then he turned around to face her, "and he slowly came closer and closer until he had his head on my lap and he relaxed." Meeting the two female Dobies at home went well. One smelled him and walked away. The



other "couldn't wait to play. He was playing within the first hour. And Bruce is smitten." His new name is Sherman.

"There have been no accidents indoors."

"He met the horses. He was terrified and ran away."

"He stays glued to me. So affectionate."

And finally: "He's a great boy! Thanks for saving him!"

## WAITING FOR HOMES

### AXEL

is just over a year old as of fall, 2024. We chose to rescue Axel because of his age, dog-socialness, and the sad, insecure, defeated way he appeared to us. We suspect Axel was dumped by his owner because we can't imagine that a dog needing to feel secure as much as he does would intentionally run away from whatever security he knew. We have been working with him and an excellent trainer to build his confidence, and now his only real resistance is getting into a vehicle, which reinforces our thinking that this was the last thing he knew before being abandoned.



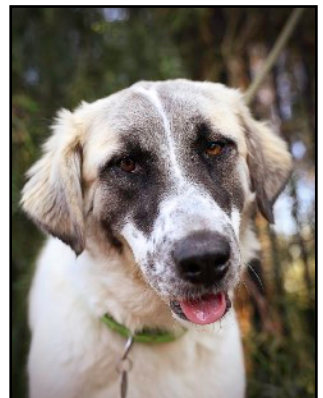
### DELILAH

is a slender, elegant red Dobie who is well-mannered and loves people. She is about 3 years old and about 65 pounds. Delilah can be quite a good watchdog but is also very calm. She shares her kennel with a male Dobie but we believe she would be best as either the only dog in the home due to jealousy, or with a savvy owner.



### DAISY

is not quite someone you would expect to find at Dobie Rescue, but after seeing her sweet face at an animal shelter when we picked up a Dobie there, and knowing she had "timed out," we couldn't leave her. We have DNA test



results for her showing her primary breeds are Great Pyrenees and Anatolian Shepherd. She is tall and willowy, with long, soft hair, and she has been an easy keeper for us. Though Daisy has been kenneled with a male Dobie, having a companion dog doesn't appear to be important to her. Daisy is about 18 months old.

### **RICO**

was a favorite at his animal shelter because he's so easygoing and he appreciates everything! It's clear he was once loved by someone and heartbreaking that he no longer has that someone in his later years. Rico is a red male who has been social with his kennelmates, male and female (including Bianca, shown below); he's about 7 years old and weighs 80 pounds.



### **BIANCA**

is a darling red female we picked up from an animal shelter when she was out of time. She's about 3 years old and around 65 pounds. She has a slightly misshapen head that doesn't affect her health or life at all, and we find her undeniably charming. Bianca is good with large male dogs but she needs slow introductions to socialize with other dogs. She lives for affection from people and she is the definition of "velcro dog".



### **LOKI**

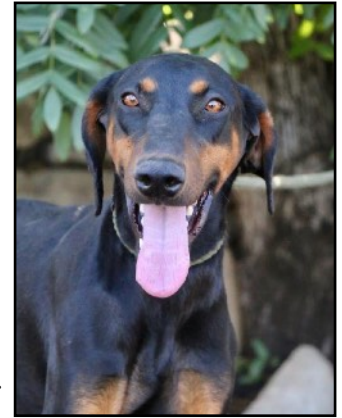
is a big, beautiful blue Dobie who lost his home of 18 months because he's a dog that needs to be busy and stimulated most of the time, otherwise he looks for ways to make that happen (some of which were upsetting to his owner). He probably shouldn't be allowed indoors when no one is at home, and a low-maintenance backyard is probably recommended also if pristine landscaping is important. Perhaps another large dog would serve to keep Loki



occupied as well when home without supervision. He's housebroken, good with kids, dogs, and cats, good off-leash, command trained, and unaggressive. He has an approximate DOB of 1-1-22, and he currently weighs about 90 pounds.

### **RASCA**

is about 4 years old now, having spent over a year waiting for her forever home. She's on the small side in the lower 50-pound range, and she's a happy, friendly girl who has been dog-social with large males. Our dog-walker volunteers are plugging for her.



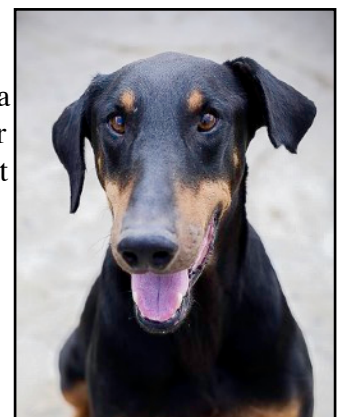
### **SANTI**

is a Doberman mix puppy who was born 5-21-24. In appearance he most closely resembles a Dobie-Shepherd mix, probably weighing about 35 pounds. For the three weeks before arriving here, Santi lived in a home but received no training. He is partially housebroken, and ok with most dogs, but he lost his home because he's not good with cats and he jumps on people. Training should have easily corrected these behaviors, so we're hopeful that Santi's next home will be more committed to making him a permanent member of a family where he can blossom and be appreciated for the good pup he is.



### **TOBY**

has spent nearly a year with us, and that's too long for a good dog to wait for his forever home. We think he's now about 7 years old but his exact age isn't known because he was brought to an animal shelter severely underweight with another male by someone who "rescues dogs off the streets." Toby has been sweet and friendly, quiet, and he's quite handsome. He's at about 70 pounds now and lives compatibly with a female Dobie.





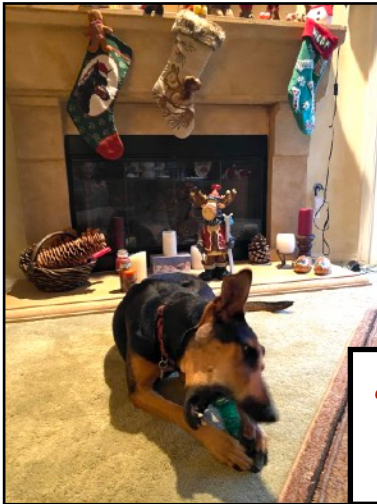
**"Koya" DeGuzman of Stockton,  
with Dorothy and Sofia**



**"Lucy" VanAacken of Santa  
Barbara**



**"Zeta" Mitchell of Loma Linda**



**"Jemma" DeWitt  
of Oxnard**

**HAPPY  
Holidays**



**"Kringle," "Muska," "Viceroy" & "Bentley"  
Holden-Parks of Bellevue, WA**

**"Billie" Young of Santa  
Barbara, with Bob and Gail**



**"Sunny" Cypher of Aptos**

**"Cecil" & "Angie" Dunlap of  
Fullerton**

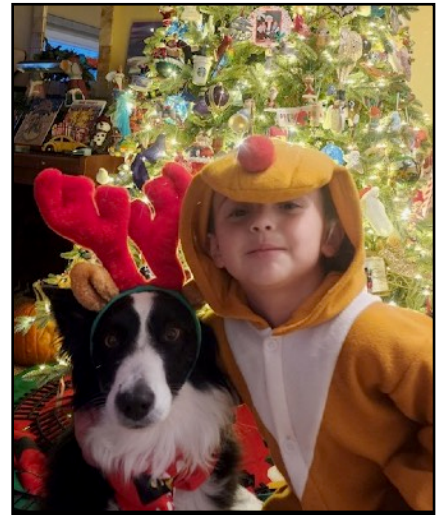




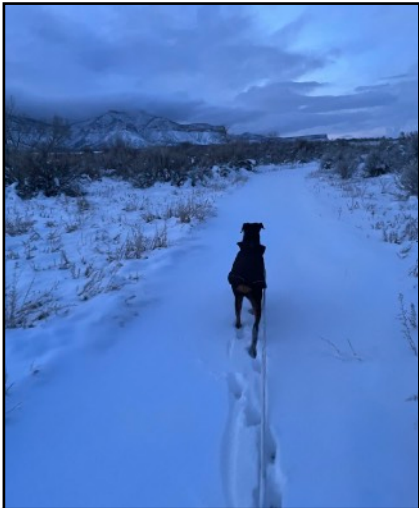
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Redd of  
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"Ruthven" Blum of El Cerrito,  
with Geoffrey



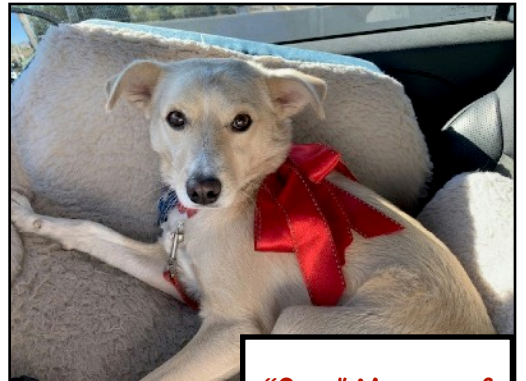
"Misty" Michaelsen of San  
Diego, with Logan



"Arlo" Royer of Cortez, CO



"Fritz" & "Ozzie" Bonfilio of  
Watsonville



"Joule"  
Goodman  
of Rancho  
Palos  
Verdes

"Sam" Harvey of  
Santa Barbara

"Chauncey" McGeary-  
Sanchez of Simi Valley



"Finney" Esau-Varenchik of Santa  
Barbara



## ABOUT DOGGIE DNA

It wasn't so long ago that we all joked about the DNA testing being offered for dogs. At that point it was just a new way to learn more about our dogs, sometimes to boast about their stellar temperaments due partly to their good breeding. Breeders have used DNA testing to prove pure bloodlines for dogs they sell commercially.

DNA testing has become so popular that there are many entities doing this now, and it seems logical to assume that the larger the database, the more accurate the results are likely to be. We have been using one entity that we believe to be "spot on." Though we can't name the company in our newsletter due to possible perceptions of free advertising, we are happy to share our experience with interested parties. Our testing has been mostly born of simple curiosity, but in a few cases to determine what the other half of a litter from a Dobie mom might be. We recently had pups from a Dobie mom who, as DNA testing showed, bred with a Great Pyrenees, and none of the pups look like either parent. That mix was so appealing to all of the pups' adopters that they were snapped up promptly and are doing well in their homes. (The picture of Chauncey in our centerfold is one of them!)

In late August a dog showed up on an animal shelter list that was in urgent need of rescue. In every respect he looked Doberman except without any markings (he is solid black). There are melanistic Dobbies that are genetically 100% Doberman, but breeders and others are opposed to anyone intentionally breeding these dogs, preferring to consider them accidents that occur due to a mutant gene. We have found the melanistic Dobbies



we have known, though rare, to be wonderful dogs.

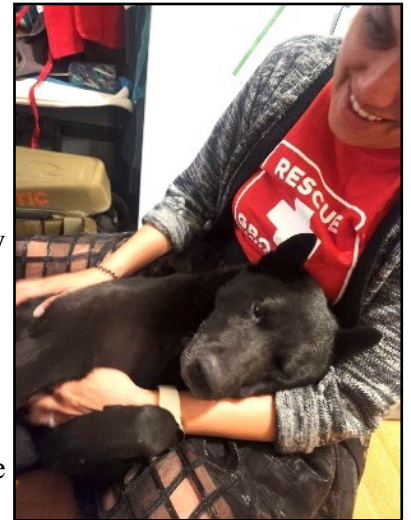
Naturally I (Ardis) had to rescue the animal shelter dog,

whom I named Blackbarry. We loved him. He was easy, social, and very handsome, though significantly underweight. It didn't even take long to place him; just a few weeks. His adopters, Sue Natzler and Laurie Thomsen, drove all the way from Loleta for their new dog, and they had him DNA tested. He is, in fact, 100% Doberman, and this is what they said about him: "We

want to thank you both so much for your patience with us in our hunt for our dog. It paid off for us as we think that Shadow (formerly Blackbarry) is perfect. He is crate trained and housebroken and sleeps like an angel. He is smart and learns quickly in training. He loves the garden, the beach, the long walks in town and his toys! Again, thank you both so much."

Yet another dog I was drawn to who had reached a frightening two days into his 72-hour urgent notice, simply had to be rescued and come to Dobie Rescue. I named him Wolfie because of his resemblance to a baby wolf. The animal shelter folks labeled him Chow Chow-Shiba Inu, and their vets had amputated one of Wolfie's legs due to an awful injury. (He was probably hit by a car.) The shelter's behavioral notes called him a friendly, happy dog, social with other dogs, allowing all handling, etc. All of that proved accurate after taking him in.

Wolfie was with us for several months, but he ultimately piqued the interest of a couple that actually came to meet smallish Dobbies. His adorable 40-pound wiggly furry body, fearlessly ready for any life adventure, reached them the same way it reached me. We had already DNA-tested Wolfie before he was adopted, and a couple of weeks later the results were in: 100% Hong Kong Village Dog! It's an ancient breed with very good behavioral reviews!



Wolfie is well-loved by his adopters, Kat and Gage Gunter of Bakersfield, with a few prompt updates from Kat: "My mom was taking pictures (of Wolfie) for her social media accounts. I think he's been called Tripod affectionately by six different people. I'll keep the pictures coming. We have a work trip to Ventura next week, so we will be having new adventures!"

Then: "His new official name is Lord Wolfenstein; Wolfie for short."

We all find it fascinating that the good DNA testing entities can identify genetic markers and provide information and history on many thousands of dogs without a clue as to the dog's appearance. This should prove to the doubters of this testing that it is a valuable tool that can be utilized in many ways other than to just satisfy curiosity about a dog's identity, like predisposition to medical challenges, for example. Just one more win for scientific research!



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## ANOTHER HAPPY ENDING

Because our readers tell us how much they enjoy happy endings, here is another one.

Nikita and Malibu were relinquished to us on May 5 by their owner because she was moving to Florida to take care of her grandmother. She was frantically trying to find a home for them where they could remain together, since they had been together since puppyhood. She said they were 8 or 9 years old, and we knew they were very unlikely to be adopted from an animal shelter at that age, especially not together. So we accepted them. (After reviewing their vaccination records, they were actually only 7.)

The dogs were so happy and friendly on arrival, but within hours Nikita, the Doberman, appeared very defeated and sad, and she remained that way for two months or so. After that she became somewhat more interactive, and we think Malibu was the reason she didn't completely give up. She ate well and always got up to greet us, but she never seemed joyful, unlike Malibu, who was always a bundle of delight.

Almost four months to the day passed while the Dobie girl and her little pal waited for their forever home. On September 7, Chari Petrowski, a former adopter from years back, came to meet them and could not leave without them. Most of us had tears in our eyes.

A month later, a lovely update came from

Chari: "I can tell you that they are so sweet and loving and seem very happy. What I love most



about them is that they both want to be near me all the time. They are very grateful to you for providing a home until I came along. And I am very grateful to you, too, because I love them both so much."

The "home" provided for them here was just a waystation on their way to the ambient beauty of Ojai and the knowledge that they are now - truly - HOME.

## MEDICAL MATTERS By Colleen Anderson

Last summer a female Dobie was surrendered to the rescue with an intestinal blockage. She was an avid rock eater and the family didn't have the finances to get her the surgery she needed. Almost a year later I was back at the emergency hospital that performed her surgery for us and talking to the same veterinarian that handled her case. I was giving her an update that the dog made a full recovery and I never saw her eat another rock again. She told me a story about a family she worked with that had the same problem. The dog was constantly swallowing rocks and causing



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blockages. What they discovered was that the family had been disposing of their bacon grease outside...on the rocks! The dog was drawn to eating them from the smell. Be careful where you dispose of cooking grease or any other food items that could entice your dogs so they don't end up in the emergency room!

Another quick tip that could help your dog: years ago we learned that honey and sugar are both used for open wounds. Sugar helps decrease inflammation and it has been used for several of our dogs with prolapses. Honey is also a natural antibiotic and provides a barrier from outside debris and bacteria. I have used honey wraps for all of the major wound care cases here at the rescue and it works perfectly every time. It's not only effective, but honey is affordable and I don't have to worry about the dogs' safety if they happen to lick it. Keep it in mind for minor wounds at home.

provide receipts for tax purposes for these as well.

Thank you also to our adopters and friends who have given us glowing ratings on Google. Most of us have, at one time or another, sought Google ratings for entities we considered dealing with, and at last glance we had amassed ratings with an overall average of about 4.5 stars out of 5. Most of these were 5-star ratings, with the occasional 1-star rating bringing down the average. We happily accept those 1-star ratings as punishment from the handful of folks that we would never, ever want to place a dog with!

**PARTING SHOT**

"Sasha" Tornello of Carpinteria



"Did someone mess up my DNA test results?"



**THANK YOU**

We wanted to thank you this holiday season for all of the help of every kind that you conscientiously and committedly give us. We could not continue without you.

For those who made financial donations during the year, let us know if you require an individual receipt for tax purposes. We have also received donations of stocks and mutual funds to our account at Charles Schwab (9147-3037), and we can