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HOLIDAY EDITION 2010



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DAWG Dog Adoption & Welfare Group

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A Letter from DAWG's President

Our Holiday Newsletter is a perfect time to thank you for all of your support throughout the year. Many of you have generously opened your homes and your wallets to support our furry friends. Because of you, we have been successfully providing a safe haven for dogs in Santa Barbara County for 20 years.

Our dogs don't know it's the holiday season. What they do know is that our

staff and volunteers provide every dog with a warm, clean bed each night, two meals a day and medical care is provided when needed. While our dogs wait for a new home, they have human and dog companions to keep them company.

It is the work of our staff, volunteers and supporters which makes this possible. As you plan your end of year giving, we ask you to please think of DAWG, as we are in constant need of additional

financial resources. We hope that you will put us on your list. Every little bit helps. Please visit our newly launched website www.sbdawg.org, to make a secure online donation, come by the shelter or use the donation envelope in this newsletter. Thank you for being part of our community of support

Thank you.

Best Holiday Wishes!

Susan Caine



THANK YOU to our Team DAWG Sponsors

DAWG would like to extend a hand of gratitude to our sponsors of TEAM DAWG. See our Gold and Loyalty Sponsors, and read more about TEAM DAWG on the following page. To become a Team DAWG Sponsor for 2011, please email run4dawg@yahoo.com.

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A Thank You From Team DAWG

Wow! What an outstanding job Team DAWG did this year! Runners either participated in the Half Marathon, or the relay portion of the Santa Barbara International Marathon, and all finished with panache. We were all thankful for the light drizzle up the last hill along Cliff Drive, two miles from the finish line.

The real heroes in this story are our sponsors who believed in us and put their logos on our running shirts and ran the race with us in spirit. It is because of them we raised the much needed funds for the medical center at DAWG. After being part of this fundraising endeavor for the past four

years, we would like to express our deep gratitude. For those of you who have been there for us since the first race in 2007, a huge THANK YOU. It makes a world of difference to our beloved dogs.

We invite you all to join us in 2011 to experience this amazing team event and help raise money to allow DAWG to continue its life-saving work.

Go Team DAWG!

Lesley & Deann

DAWG Volunteers &
Team DAWG Organizers



Help Us Give a Dog a Home



Just in time for the holiday season, DAWG offers you beautiful cards to send to your loved ones. Each card features a photo and story of a former DAWG dog. Proceeds go towards supporting DAWG's efforts in saving the lives of Santa Barbara County dogs.

The cards come in packages of 10, including envelopes, for a suggested donation of \$25.

They are available at our shelter office at 5480 Overpass Road. Supplies are limited and they will go fast, so don't delay!

For more info, please call 805-681-0561 or email info@sbdawg.org

Mancha's Fabulous Foster Story

Mancha is a six-year-old, female German Shepard who is blind. When her family had to move from their ranch into an apartment in the city, Mancha became very unhappy about being cooped up, and her family decided to give Mancha to a shelter to find a new home. They chose DAWG in Santa Barbara because of its no-kill policy.

Due to Mancha's blindness, she had difficulty being separated from her family and put in a place with a lot of barking dogs. After a few unsuccessful

attempts at adoption, Tal and Lisa came into the picture.

Tal and Lisa chose to foster Mancha because they weren't ready to commit to adoption yet as they had recently lost their own dog due to illness. At home, Mancha was a sweet and loving girl, but she also occasionally showed aggressive behavior. With the help of DAWG staff, an exceptional trainer was found. Chris Hunt quickly turned Mancha's life around. Thanks to Chris, Mancha can now be taken out in public without worrying about any bad-dog

behavior.

As Mancha began adjusting to her new life, Tal and Lisa wanted to let her previous family know that she was well-cared for. DAWG helped facilitate a fantastic reunion. Mancha is now loved by her new caregivers, her former family, and the wonderful folks at DAWG that provide her with life-long support.

Mancha's favorite activities include:

- exploring Santa Barbara
- wrestling with Tal
- playing soccer with her favorite squeaky toy
- visiting with her former family
- keeping the property safe from the neighborhood cat that is desperate to befriend her
- going for rides in the car
- howling at the doorbell
- hunting bees
- barking ferociously in the middle of the night



If you are interested in fostering a dog from DAWG, please email foster@sbdawg.org

Chris Hunt, pictured here with Mancha, worked wonders with her, says Tal. Chris holds group dog training classes at Elings Park, as well as private sessions. He can be reached at (805) 565-8942 or (805) 453-2948

Tear Off This Form & Mail it in With Your Donation to DAWG or sign up online at www.sbdawg.org

Yes! Please sign me up for DAWG's new online newsletter. I understand it will mean no longer receiving a printed copy of the newsletter in my mailbox, but in doing so I am helping to save the environment, and lower operating costs for DAWG. I understand that I can opt-out of this emailed version at any time. I understand that my email and personal information will not be sold or shared for any purposes outside of DAWG.

Full Name _____ Email address _____

Have you adopted a DAWG dog? YES NO

If so, what is his/her name? When did you adopt? Dog's Name _____ Month/Year _____

Are you a DAWG volunteer (check one)? YES NO



Dogs and the Holiday Season

We deck the halls, eat, drink and be merry, and through it all our faithful four-legged companions wonder what has gotten into us.

'Tis the season to be jolly, and also to be aware of unique potential hazards facing our pets during this festive time of year. Below are a few helpful hints to keep in mind:

- Use caution when decorating your house. Tinsel, ribbons, glass ornaments and hooks all present potential dangers, as do the

strings of lights that adorn the branches. Be sure to clean the floor thoroughly when you put up and take down your Christmas tree.

- Burning candles, potpourri or incense should never be left unattended with or without the presence of a dog or other pet. They should always be placed safely away from wagging tails or curious snouts.
- Edible hazards include water for a real Christmas tree, wrapping paper, bows, candies, gifts of interesting smelling food, pine needles, an overabundance of table scraps, and holiday plants such as poinsettias and mistletoe.

- Don't forget to be careful with fireworks on

New Years Eve! Frightening bangs and booms are just the beginning.

It's also a time when many folks give pets as gifts to their loved ones. It seems to be the perfect present, but it must be remembered that an adorable puppy or kitten is a life-long commitment. Is the new caregiver ready, willing and able to make both the financial and emotional commitment? A life could be at stake. A wonderful alternative, and a way to bring your family together, would be to volunteer your time at DAWG, and help several dogs find their forever homes. This is a way to bond as a family and get lots of "DAWG" time.

We wish you all a wonderful, joyous and safe holiday season.

Your Friends At DAWG



Chi Chat

If you've spent any amount of time at the DAWG facility, you've undoubtedly met some of our fabulous Chihuahuas. They're cute, cuddly and sweet, so it's a mystery why many of them spend more than their fair share of time at DAWG. When you hold Chilango, Billy, Buddy, or any of our other fabulous chis, you know immediately that the misconceptions about Chihuahuas simply aren't true! They make excellent hiking, snuggling, and walking partners and will make incredible life companions.

Can you help us find forever homes for these delightful little critters? Next to pit bulls, they're one of the most popular breeds in the shelter system, and need homes just like the rest of the DAWGs! Consider adopting or fostering, and please spread the

word about the Chihuahua crew; they need love and attention, just as much as you and I!

These are the Chis currently available for adoption through DAWG at time of publication:

- Annabell
- Billy
- Brownie
- Buddy
- Chilango
- Chiquita
- Fox
- Gabe
- Giuseppe
- Lizzy
- Mindy
- Monkey
- Sara
- Vinny
- Wonton

For more information email adopt@sbdawg.org, see our adoptable dogs online at www.sbdawg.org or visit our shelter at 5480 Overpass Rd, Santa Barbara during adoption hours: Fri - Sun, 12 - 5pm



Marty's Chain of Love

Just as people come and go in our lives and leave their marks, the same can be true of a dog's life, and each does their part to get that dog to his or her happy ending.

Meet Marty, a special DAWG alum, who, without the generosity and love of many great people, would not have had a chance to become the amazing dog he is today.

Marty might have been euthanized, if it weren't for **Triena**, supervisor at the Santa Maria County shelter. If that were the case, Marty's story would have ended right there. However, Triena contacted DAWG and advocated for Marty so that he would have a chance.

If it weren't for a **very special supporter of DAWG**, Marty might not have been able to have the surgeries he so desperately needed.

This incredible individual personally provided funding that allowed Marty's surgeries to be performed.

If it weren't for **Kellyn**, the foster person who cared for Marty after his first surgery, Marty might not have healed enough to go through a second surgery. Kellyn physically nursed Marty back to health after the operation – including lifting him, getting him walking again and being there for him during his recovery process that took months.

If it weren't for **Deborah**, the foster person and dog trainer (www.petreliefdogtraining.com)

that nursed Marty back to health after the second surgery, Marty might not have had the opportunity to heal and regain his full mobility.

Marty traveled through this courageous odyssey to find his forever home with Deborah McArdle and Michael Youngdahl. Deborah says that she is just as fortunate to have Marty as he is to be with them. She describes meeting him as "love at first sight," and while adjustments had to be made in their family of dogs, she believes they were well worth the effort.

"Everybody loves him," Deborah says of Marty. She adds, "He introduces us to all kinds of people that we've never met." He's great with adults and a favorite with the neighborhood children. He also gives pleasure and love to the folks at the Maravilla retirement community as a therapy dog. Marty's lucky chain has held and brought him to a happy ending, an important job, and a home with Deborah and Michael.

To help DAWG continue providing life-saving surgeries to dogs like Marty, please consider donating today. Visit us online at www.sbdawg.org/donate to give.



DAWG's Holiday Wish List

For Our Dogs

- Collars, leashes and harnesses of all sizes
- Dog Biscuits - any size no raw hides pigs ears or bones please
- Donations to our Pit Bull Program
- Gentle leaders or canny collars
- Kuranda dog beds
- Pill Pockets - Greenies
- Toys - Kongs, no Tennis balls
- Training/slip leads (6.5' x 1/2")
- Wire Basket Muzzles

For our Volunteers

- Bona stone tile and laminate floor cleaner
- Gas cards for transportation
- Large Deck Scrub Brush
- Shop vac

Office/Admin/Technology

- Bulletin Board
- Business cards
- Colorful copy paper
- Digital Camera
- Domestic Postage stamps
- Ergonomic Desk Chairs
- Flip Cam
- Ink Cartridges for HP office jet 7210 all in one printer/scanner

Miscellaneous

- Gift certificates - Costco/Smart and Final, Staples/Office Max, Petco, Kmart
- Kiddie pools

DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME



Adopted Dogs: September - November 15, 2010

The dogs on these pages were adopted from DAWG during the period from September 1, 2010 - November 15, 2010. Amy, Charlie, Joey, Manny, Mozart, Spice and Tommy were also adopted during this time.

We are SO happy they have all found loving, forever homes. We could not do this life saving work and give these wonderful dogs a family without the support of our community Please consider donating today.

Visit us online at www.sbdawg.org/donate to give.

If you have adopted one of these dogs and have not yet sent us your 'happy tail' please email stories@sbdawg.org. We love to hear how our DAWG alumni are doing! Thank you so much.



Abby



Angel



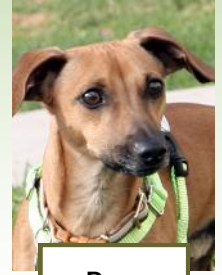
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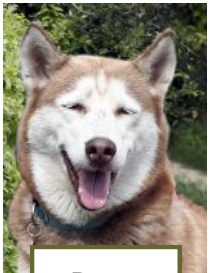
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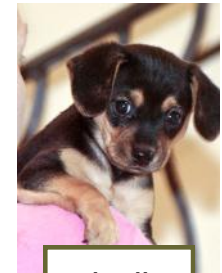
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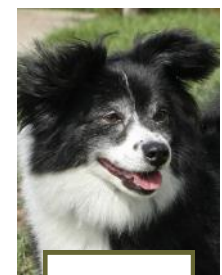
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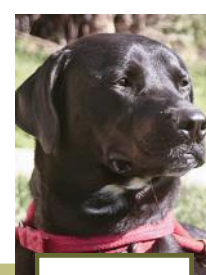
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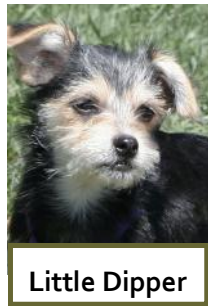
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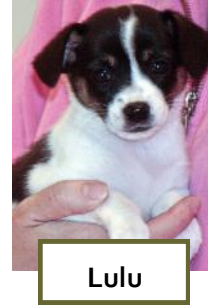
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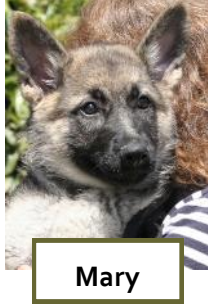
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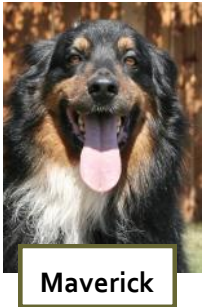
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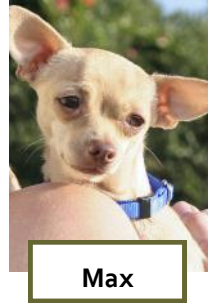
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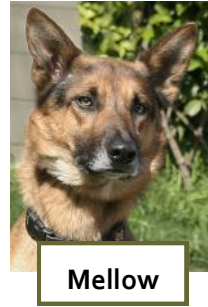
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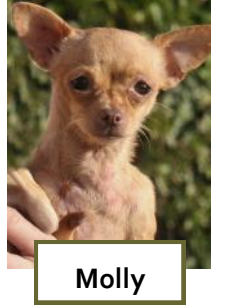
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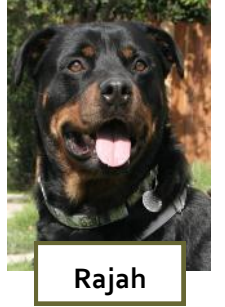
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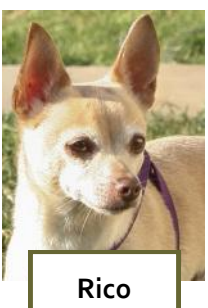
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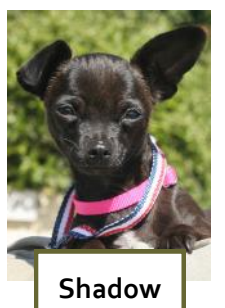
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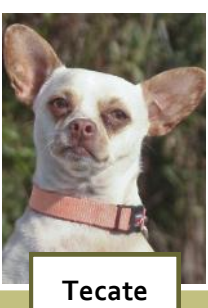
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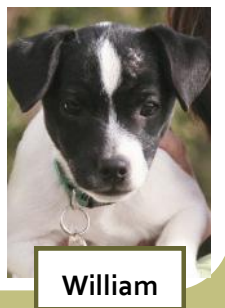
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We Save Lives... One DAWG at a Time



Emmie, a female lab mix approximately six years old, is a beautiful intelligent dog. Emmie loves being with people and playing with children, especially older kids who like throwing the ball for her and playing chase. She has lived with babies, cats and other dogs and has gotten along well with all. She is very protective of her family and home, and has proven herself a good guard dog. She will quietly growl or bark at appropriate times if anything suggests a threat.

Overall a very gentle girl, she can come across a big aggressive towards other dogs initially but warms up quickly! Emmie is good on a leash and listens reasonably well off leash to basic commands. She

enjoys riding in the car. She is house broken and has good manners.

Emmie experiences separation anxiety when left alone. She must be with a person at all times. She'd be great with someone who could bring her to work with them, or someone who works from home. She is completely mellow and calm when her owners or caretakers are present, but the minute she is alone she exhibits high anxiety and stress, often resulting in destructive behavior both to herself and to her surroundings.

Physically, she is a healthy, strong dog. She loves to run, hike and play. She is not a lover of water, but still enjoys visits to the beach. Emmie has seasonal allergies that manifest as itchy skin and irritated ears. The classic Santa Barbara Itch. This is managed with medicated shampoo, ear cleanser and occasionally medication.

For more information, please email adopt@sbdawg.org

Meet Emmie



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To help DAWG continue its mission to find loving homes for dogs like Emmie, please consider donating today. Visit us online at www.sbdawg.org/donate to give.

