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Bailey, A Doberman Rescue Story

**From neglect and
abandonment to
working therapy dog**

*by Sandy Earnshaw, Proud mom of
Bailey*

Before Bailey reached her second birthday, she had already been passed from one irresponsible owner to another. Living outside with little human contact, her last owners simply packed up and moved out of the state of Virginia, leaving her and another dog penned up with winter rapidly approaching. After several weeks of cold temperatures and no food or water, existing on nothing but rainwater, the two severely emaciated dogs somehow managed to escape their prison. Literally one step from death, they brought down a goat in order to survive and were captured by Animal Control Officers. Unfortunately in this part of the country, the ultimate canine crime is killing livestock and although the courts were sympathetic, Bailey was sentenced to death for her part in this crime.

Literally a walking skeleton, Bailey won the hearts of everyone at the local shelter with her gentle nature and loving eyes. A heart of gold shone through all the neglect, mistreatment and filth. Her rescuers not only bought extra canned food out of their own pockets to help fatten her up, they literally pleaded for her life in the court system. Documentation was provided explaining her hideous condition and horrendous circumstances. Local Veterinarian, Kathy Davieds provided evidence that the dog was tested and results indicted she had a fully stable temperament. The judge finally ruled that the dog could be spared provided she was removed from the Commonwealth of Virginia.



Library program: Bailey is surrounded by young readers

After several failed attempts to place Bailey with rescue organizations, Kathy contacted Doberman Pinscher Rescue of PA, Inc. Although they were already fostering many in-state Dobermans, after

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New volunteers breathe life into DPR of PA

by Pam Taylor

On May 3, 2006 I wrote to the membership asking for volunteers to step forward to share in the reorganizing of our rescue. Some of you responded in a big way. We have totally rebuilt the board, each new member has taken ownership of her role, and individual initiative has strengthened our performance. Look at what we've accomplished!

We've continued with what works:

Landisville Animal Hospital continues to support us with excellent veterinary care plus the usual discounts.

Kathy Vail continues to design Doberman Dispatch for us.

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Alba

Alba or "Big Al" is a large 5-year-old blue male who needs a breed-savvy owner. He came into rescue when his owner became ill and could no longer care for him. Alba is good with other dogs and cats but NO children. He is very watchful of his home and family and requires an experienced breed owner. In the right hands he is fun loving and playful. He is well behaved in the house and kind of sad, wondering where his mom went, so he is aloof at first but warms up after some quality time. Contact Nancy at 412-469-9767 (Pittsburgh area).

Louie

Louie is a one-year-old black and rust cropped and docked neutered male, born June 8, 2006. He is a very active and handsome boy. When Louie came to us he was high-strung and obnoxious, without manners.

Actually his foster friend "Nemo" has helped to teach him how to behave, with some help from his foster mom. He is on track to become a well-mannered, affectionate gentleman. Lots of potential! He enjoys people, other dogs, walking in the woods and trying to catch a ball. He does best with older children and is okay with cats. Contact Jen at 717-582-7801 (Harrisburg area).

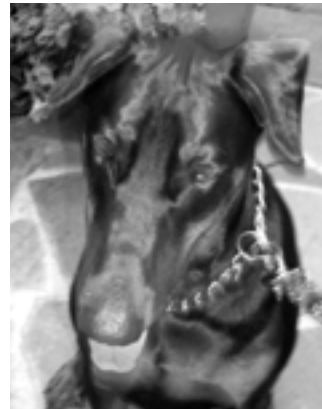
Momma

Momma came to us from a Kentucky shelter. Having had puppies, this little girl is a pup herself. One to two years old, very friendly and sweet, Momma will need a patient adopter. Kept outside most of her life, she has no idea of house rules. She IS housebroken now, but tends to act like a puppy and chew things. It is unknown what happened to her babies, but we think she misses them very much. We would like to give that special person the opportunity to name her upon adopting her and give her the home she never had. Momma is very sweet and loves people. She is OK with other dogs, cats are still unknown. Momma will be spayed shortly so don't hesitate to inquire about her with Nancy at 412-469-9767 (Pittsburgh area).

Nemo

Nemo is a 2 1/2 year old, red, natural-eared and docked tailed, neutered male. Nemo is an adorable, sweet, well-mannered, passive, gentle, has no baggage, happy and is a handsome young man. This is a great family dog who does great with adults and children. He loves to be with other dogs and is quite the ladies' man, but still a gentleman. He LOVES his toys and always has one in his mouth to show you. Always happy, his tail never stops. Nemo will make a great addition to the right family. Contact Jen at 717-582-7801 (Harrisburg area).

Available dogs include (top row) Rookie; Tyler posing on the patio; (bottom row) Alba, known as "Big Al"; Momma; Louie; and Nemo, a good dog waiting for a forever home.



HEALTH NOTES



Heatstroke

By Carla Douple, DVM

Summer time means sunshine, car rides, vacations, trips to the park, and of course, summer time heat. Most of our pets enjoy a chance to bake in the sun, but summer heat can be dangerous as well. Dogs can be especially sensitive to heat, since they cannot perspire to cool down like humans. Canines can only pant and use the evaporation of moisture from their tongues to cool themselves. On a moist muggy day, this form of cooling is not as efficient.

Heatstroke develops when the body's internal temperature elevates to above 105 degrees F. The elevated temperature is a result of over exertion or external heat, as compared to a fever, which is caused by a pet's immune system and its internal thermostat, in response to infection. A fever rarely exceeds 106 degrees, but heat stroke temperatures can go much higher. Once the body temperature reaches 109 degrees, serious organ failure can develop.

Common cases of heat stroke result from dogs left in the car on a hot day (even sometimes with the windows down), dogs tied outside with no shade or water, and over exercising in heat. Short nosed dogs are especially susceptible (like pugs, boxers, and bulldogs). Grooming accidents where pets are left under drying fans too long are also an unfortunate culprit, and a cat that sneaks into an open clothes dryer just before it is turned on can suffer fatal heatstroke. Signs of heatstroke include panting, salivation, gray or bright red gums and a pounding heart rate. Some dogs may also become nauseous or have diarrhea. As the condition advances, a pet can go into a serious state of shock that can result in kidney failure and even swelling of the brain.

Heatstroke requires immediate emergency therapy. The first thing an owner should do, should they find their pet in possible heat stroke is COOL THEM

DOWN. Wet the pet's body with a gentle hose spray, then get them to a veterinarian immediately. If the owner has phone access, he or she should call the vet to notify them of the pets pending arrival and allow them to be better prepared to start heatstroke therapy. The veterinarian will continue to cool the pet and start shock therapy with intravenous fluids, oxygen, and medications. Fast action is crucial to saving a pet in heatstroke.

Prevention of heatstroke is simple:

- Always provide fresh, clean water.
- Always be sure pets have shade and protection from excessive heat.
- Never let your pet in the car on a hot day, even with the windows cracked.
- Avoid exercising your pet during the hottest part of the day.
- Always check the dryer before running a cycle to be sure a pet has not crawled into it.

With a little caution, both you and your pet can enjoy the warmth of summer safely.

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Ask the Vet

What questions do you have about your doberman that you would like to ask one of our veterinarians? Questions should be sent to Drs. Margot Schwag, VMD or Carla Douple, DVM, Landisville Animal Hospital, 3035 Harrisburg Pike, Landisville, PA 17538.

Keep Those Photos Coming!

When submitting photos for Doberman Dispatch, you can send digital photos or scans of printed photos. Digital photos should be taken at the highest quality setting on your camera and sent just as they download from your camera, with no alterations. The file size may be large, but that's OK—it will provide the quality necessary for printing in Doberman Dispatch. Keep backgrounds uncluttered, and with a reasonable contrast to the dog.

If you have a printed photograph of your dog, you can send it to us for scanning. Any scanned photos should be scanned at at least a 300 dpi setting, at least 4 inches wide.

Photos are usually submitted in color and then are converted to black and white, and these guidelines will help a photo to survive the transition.



MAIL BOX



Often we have to send them outside to do their tussling because those two can literally make the house shake when they get wound up!! We use the phrase "OK, Outside" and they automatically head for the door. One question you may be able to answer, do all Dobies hate the rain?? All five we have had were not rain dogs. Might be a little polling question to ask your readers.

Hope your Mission is going well and Dobes are finding GOOD homes. God Bless You,

—Dick & Toni Grant

Editor's request: If you have anything to share about how your dogs handle RAIN, please e-mail it to Pam (ftaylor7883@comcast.net) and read the compiled results in the next issue.

Stanley fits into our family perfectly. I have never felt so right about a decision as I do about adopting Stanley. He was hesitant about the stairs but after I put treats on every step, he quickly overcame his fears and came down the stairs on his own (while gobbling up the treats, of course!). Stanley loves his kong filled with treats and peanut butter and I think this keeps him occupied for a while. I have been able to come home at lunch to check on him and he barely makes a peep. When I say his name he just does that loooong stretch, points his back toes and looks at me with a sleepy gaze. I can't say enough how much Stanley means to us—thank you thank you thank you!!!

—Vanessa and Alex

Adam continues to mature. His chewing on the things he should not is becoming rarer. He tells any-

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The Ross's tell of Duke's neutering: Duke (Magnum) was out unsupervised and with the wrong crowd, came home half stoned, with a tattoo, and missing certain parts. We are of course concerned about his adolescent behavior, I mean you think you can let him stay over night with a friend (he seems attached to the assistant at the Vet's clinic), and this kind of thing happens!

I am writing for the refund for Duke's surgical modification. Also we had him tattooed and wondered if this information is useful to your group.

—Jerold & Kelly Ross

Editor's note: Duke is one of six puppies adopted from us at just several weeks of age. Each of the adopters paid a deposit to be refunded when neutered.

On Feb 25th Blue Boy was 4 months old. He is almost 40 lbs and growing like a weed! He is a very happy little boy. He sure does use that big long Dobie tail like a whip! We have bruises all over our legs from his happy disposition.

Blue has adjusted to sleeping in his crate. He no longer needs a bed companion and sleeps quite well by himself. In fact, late in the evening he goes in his crate all by himself and goes to sleep. He snores!

My oldest dog is on heart and arthritis medications. Other than that they are doing as expected for their age.

—Rhonda Salamon

Doberman Dispatch arrived recently and as usual Toni reads them front to back. Often she calls me from wherever I am in the house to read me a particular article. Today was no exception and when I realized she was reading the Dobie Mag. I sneaked my camera along in to hear what she was reading. (See photo) Ha! This is a typical day in Jada's cushy life. Jada (AKA "Gabby") "owns" every piece of furniture and every toy. Big Red Ted doesn't mind because he's so glad to have a playmate.



Toni Grant & Jada enjoy Doberman Dispatch together (left).

Stanley Jarymovych studies the camera (below).



➤➤➤ **New Volunteers** (from page 1)

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Nancy Robson continues to do outstanding rescue and adoption work while expanding her geographic reach and spreading her reputation.

Pam Taylor, Founder and President, continues in an all-around capacity, focusing on leadership development, volunteer recruitment and administrative work.

Meet our new board members:

Jen Imhoff, Vice President and Adoption Coordinator. Jen uses her professional skills as a veterinary technician to work with dogs and people, in particular with foster care, counseling and adoptions.

Michele Walsh, Treasurer. Michele constantly looks for ways to add value, putting our dogs on Petfinder and Special Needs Dobermans and finding solutions for information resources issues.

Christy Hartman, Secretary. Christy uses her administrative skills by expanding her role as secretary, compiling the dog-related and counseling activities of Nancy, Jen and Pam for each period and stepping in to run a board meeting.

Tracy Shimko joined the board in June. With a degree in Business Management and demonstrated heart for Doberman adoption and fund-raising, Tracy's skills will benefit DPR of PA in ways to be determined.

Nancy Robson, already our Western PA representative, joined the board. Nancy's most influential contribution over the past year was bringing Michele, Em and Tracy to our board. Each of these ladies learned of us by adopting a Dobe from Nancy and was inspired by her work to the point of becoming a board member.

Em Lopata recently resigned from the board and

we thank her for serving this past year

Support grows through volunteers:

Beverly Stehman has taken the lead toward completing an MS Access database for tracking members, dogs, volunteers and financial information.

Jim Tommarello edits our website and has made a number of improvements to keep it current. Also Jim has donated PC's to Nancy and provides her technical support.

Matt Eppich of Epic Business Systems in Cleveland, OH, packages and mails Doberman Dispatch and donates postage. Matt learned of our need after adopting a Dobe from Nancy.

Dawn Heckenberger's January 2007 fundraiser, Rock for Reds, raised over \$1,100 for DPR of PA. After adopting Carter from Pam, Dawn and her family put together this event to educate people about alternative care for dogs, particularly chiropractic and holistic care.

Mandy Schaufler has planned a hoagie fundraiser for DPR of PA and does occasional group e-mails and various administrative projects.

Foster care and more

Shirley and Scott Crumbling adopted from us in 2003 and in February 2007 they fostered and adopted a second Dobe. A short while later, Shirley provided total service for a dog being returned to us by picking her up, fostering, taking her to the vet, then delivering and adopting her to a great new home. We need foster care volunteers like the Crumblings all around our state to give coverage to areas we cannot reach otherwise.

Janna Weil is an experienced foster care provider to us. She and her toy dog are able to give a rescued Dobe a great deal of time and attention, including some obedience training and whatever else the foster dog needs. Like the Crumblings, Janna has been known to pick up and deliver dogs and she is extremely attentive to them as individuals.

Each of these folks temporarily cared for (fostered) one or many needy Dobe(s), helping them to be ready to adopt to waiting applicants:

- Nancy Brevak
- Scott & Shirley Crumbling
- Jen Imhoff & Kent Weigle
- Myra Markowicz & Debbie Olson
- Deb Otlano
- Nancy & Jenna Robson
- Mooch & Pam Taylor
- Janna Weil

Other volunteers have made a difference:

Rickie Campitella (emergency discounted boarding)

Board members
Front: Christy with Snoopy, Nancy, Jen with Phil. Standing: Michele, Pam, Em.



Clarks Ferry Veterinary Hospital (discounted veterinary services for foster dogs)

Christy Hartman, Jen Imhoff, Nancy Robson, Michele Walsh, Pam Taylor, Jack Utter, Janna Weil (dog evaluation and transport)

Jamie Lawrence, Jenna Robson (administrative)

Jack Utter (photography at Rock for Reds and jamboree)

Jack Utter & Colleen Weaver (pet event booths)

Wonmanog Kennels (discounted boarding/socialization and manners)

Everyone who helped at Jamboree '06

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Through volunteers, our dreams become possible. Please consider becoming a part of our team, where we use your skills to save Dobermans. Contact Pam Taylor or any board member to learn more about volunteering.

Our mission is to rescue, rehabilitate and adopt needy purebred Doberman Pinschers into responsible pet homes.



►►► Mailbox (from page 5)

one who dares come near the property that they are sufficiently warned. His manners around visitors are improving, although he has the uncanny knack of sensing which person least would like to have an ear licked and makes a "B-line" for them (my mother-in-law!). He had his Lyme Disease shot and we treated everyone with Advantage so we are ready for the great outdoors. And as you can see, Adam is allowed on the furniture. He just doesn't know how to use it. Take care. —Mark Rathsam

An update...Hans (formerly Noah) is doing great! He is a wonderful companion and is firmly ensconced in the Case family! We walk about 3 miles most days and he is very athletic. He loves rides in the car and he and we go everywhere together. He now weighs about 85 pounds and our vet thinks that is a perfect weight for him. He is absolutely gorgeous. His Blue Dobie coat will never be as shiny the Black Dobies but it's looking very good. He gets peanut oil and a vitamin E every day and is looking good. He loves all humans but is not sure about other creatures with fur (squirrels, rabbits, groundhogs, etc.)—but he likes other dogs. Our son John is another Dobie adoptive parent (Zeus, formerly Bruce) and Hans and Zeus are best pals. —Ned and Adele Case

Drawings pages 2 and 4 courtesy of Dobie Doodles, Doberman Rescue Concern, Inc.

After we lost our beloved Katie Scarlett, I contacted you and filled out an application in hopes of adopting a little girl. Well, God was listening and things happened rapidly. A friend contacted us about a little girl who definitely needed us as she had been in three homes in the first two years of her life. Her first owner raised large exotic cats near Buffalo, NY, where the humane society removed her and the cats from the home. Next she was adopted by a girl who tied her outside and there she stayed.

Later she was adopted by that girl's friend, who moved to care for elderly parents who felt Desi was aggressive. Failing to find her a new home, she was going to have Desi put down, but the vet refused to do it. He talked to the owner and to my husband and then we met Desi and brought her home April 12th. We've had her three months now and are the happiest and luckiest people in the world.

God bless you for your work with homeless Dobermans. —Nana and Gene Anderson



Tips for Traveling with Your Dog

For some pet parents, summer vacation's no fun if the four-legged members of the family can't come. But traveling without thoughtful preparation can be highly stressful, both for you and your animal companions. Before you leave for vacation, we would like to offer pet parents some essential advice:

- Make sure your pet's collar has an ID tag with contact information.
- Never leave your animal alone in a parked vehicle. On a hot day, even with the windows open, a parked car can become a furnace in no time.
- Harness or crate your dog while traveling. Make sure the crate is large enough for your pet to stand, sit and, turn around in comfortably.
- Always bring plenty of water.
- Bring along your dog's favorite toy to make it feel secure.
- Don't let your dog stick his head out of the window, or ride in the back of an open pick-up truck.
- Take short trips to get your dog used to riding in the car before your vacation.
- Don't forget to bring along your pet's rabies vaccination record, as some states require proof at certain interstate crossings.

Mandy Schaufler



Ben Stull doing well at age 11.

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Twister's Funeral

Most of us at one time or another have lost a beloved pet and companion. This story is being told so you know you are not alone. Twister was a young 4 1/2 year-old black male Doberman with Addison's disease. Some of you might remember his story in a past *Doberman Dispatch*. His loss was sudden and heart-breaking. His death was not due to his Addison's disease, but to LYMPHOMA. One day Twister was running and playing and the next day he was lethargic. Taken to the vet within two days of his decline, the outlook was grim and Twister passed on to the Rainbow Bridge to wait for all his loved ones.

Cathy, Harry and his four legged pals Buddy and Brutus...even that pesky cat will miss him. I too will miss him dearly. It was Saturday, June 23rd when I went to say my last goodbye, but this was a different kind of goodbye that I had never done before. It was a pet funeral. Twister was in a room at The Fallen Timber animal shelter in a doggy coffin with his head on his pillow covered in his blanket just like he was sleeping. His favorite toys were around him and as I stood there I could not help remembering the tough past this dog had when I got him and how he grew into such a loving sweet boy. I looked at Cathy and Harry and saw the sorrow in their hearts and eyes, but I also saw the closure and acceptance on their faces. There was a box of Kleenex on a table that came to good use and we all said our goodbyes and left the room. We were met again outside in the cemetery to put Twister in the ground where his marker would soon be placed with his name and the date of death on it. I wondered what the date of birth would be since that was unknown to us, but couldn't find the words to ask. Roses were put on the coffin and Twister was covered with ground and then more Roses.

That was a very sad day for me and I can still see Twister laying there "asleep." But it was also a day to say goodbye and remember the past (both good and bad) that helped me through it. So again, goodbye Twister and know that you were loved and will always be remembered. You will be missed.

(Written by Nancy Robson, Twister's rescuer and foster parent)



Just a Dog

From time to time, people tell me, "Lighten up, it's just a dog!" Or, "That's a lot of money for just a dog." They don't understand the distance traveled, the time spent, or the costs involved for "just a dog." Some of my proudest moments have come about with "just a dog."

Many hours have passed and my only company was "just a dog," but I did not once feel slighted. Some of my saddest moments have been brought about by "just a dog," and in those days of darkness, the gentle touch of "just a dog" gave me comfort and reason to overcome the day. If you, too, think it's "just a dog," then you will probably understand phrases like "just a friend," "just a sunrise" or "just a promise." "Just a dog" brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust, and pure unbridled joy. "Just a dog" brings out the compassion and patience that make me a better person. Because of "just a dog" I will rise early, take long walks and look longingly to the future. So for me and folks like me, it's not "just a dog" but an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past, and the pure joy of the moment.

"Just a dog" brings out what's good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and the worries of the day.

I hope that some day they can understand that it's not "just a dog" but the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being "just a man." So the next time you hear the phrase "just a dog," just Smile, because they "just don't understand."

Author Unknown

Submitted by Michele Walsh



Unused Medications

If you have medication that you've used for your Dobe but no longer need, please consider sending what's left to DPR. We will match medications to what veterinarians prescribe for our rescue dogs. Contact Jennifer Imhoff at 717-582-7801, luvmydobies@pa.net to learn if you have medications we can use. Thank you!



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Twister with his pal, Buddy.



A Foster Care Experience

by Shirley Crumbling

We had been thinking of fostering for DPR of PA for some time, so after adopting our new Dobe, Emma, we decided it was time to become foster parents. We didn't expect it to happen so quickly but a few weeks after Emma arrived, we were introduced to our first foster Dobe, Miss Becca. I must say that if all foster 'kids' are as wonderful as Becca, fostering will be a piece of cake.

Fostering at first was difficult for me in that I really felt for the Dobe who has been in a home for a number of years and then is uprooted because the owners decide that they do not want the dog any more, for whatever the reason. Bringing a foster Dobe into my house allowed me to see how it reacts to strange people, other dogs, and normal everyday experiences. This helped me to give prospective owners a good idea of what their future Dobe is really like. When I first brought Becca home, she was confused and scared and a little hesitant at first to trust and remained in her crate for a couple of days except to eat and potty. My emotions were running high because I could see that she was such a wonderful dog and I had trouble understanding why anyone would give her up. That being said, as a foster parent, I had to set those emotions aside and focus on helping Becca settle in.

We visited the vet to have her checked out for any problems and then settled into a routine and waited for someone to give her a forever home. As a foster parent, you must treat the foster dog as a guest and though it is difficult, you cannot allow the foster dog to become "part of your family." Talk about a tough job! Miss Becca had her space and she adjusted to life with the Crumblings and their Dobses very well. She had time in the yard to romp and play with our dogs and she thoroughly enjoyed the daily walks. She became as well known around the neighborhood as the rest of us and was greeted by our neighbors as the new Dobe on the block. Each day was pretty much the same—let the dogs out, feed the dogs, walk the dogs, let the dogs out, feed the dogs, play with the dogs, put everyone to bed. And then it began again the next morning. Routine is important to make the foster dog feel accepted, while giving the dog her own space allows her to feel independent as well. At first, Becca used her crate much of the day. I did not close the crate to allow her to come out when she wanted to but also to feel safe in



her space if necessary. She did join the family for together time pretty much each day and returned to her crate for the night. I think allowing the new dog to spend time with the family is important so that the dog can feel a sense of belonging and acceptance.

Fostering also involves phone calls and e-mails and sometimes traveling to introduce the foster Dobe to a prospective family. I'll do this work as long as she finds a good home where she can have the love and attention she so deserves. I knew giving up Miss Becca would be difficult but I also knew that she needed a home where she could have the full attention of her parents and be the main dog in the house. So giving her up was never in doubt; I just needed to find the best family for her. My first fostering experience was so positive and wonderful that I'm afraid the next may give me a run for my money. However, I think fostering is in my future and I lovingly open my home and my heart to any Dobe who needs a temporary home. I can give the dogs up because I know they will have the love and attention they deserve. It may be difficult at times but I am sure it is well worth the time spent fostering these terrific dogs.

(Editor's note: Shirley chose to participate in all aspects of foster care, but board members are available to support and guide foster parents at any time in the process. Only approved applicants are given an opportunity to meet dogs available for adoption. Veterinary costs are paid by DPR of PA.)

Scott with new foster dog Tyler, and Emma and Oz Crumbling.

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hearing her tragic story, Bailey was accepted into their care in November 2002.

In December 2002, I had to say good bye to my female Doberman, Dutchess after she was diagnosed with bladder cancer in late September. I still had one of her offspring, a large male, named Yeager and together we grieved for our sweet Dutchess. I missed her so much and worried that Yeager, who didn't know life without his mom, would suffer alone while I went off to work each day. I have been a member of the DPR of PA since 1993 and decided to apply for a female Doberman to keep Yeager company.

After completing the application process, Tanya Martin called me about a Doberman in her care from Virginia who met all the criteria I was looking for—gets along with other dogs and likes children. Tanya told me about the dog's unfortunate past and about the goat. I admit I wasn't so sure this was the dog I was looking for, as I had a two-year-old granddaughter and bringing an animal into my home that had attacked a goat—for survival or not—made me nervous. I was not taking any chances with my granddaughter. Tanya continued to call and convinced me to come and meet this female then named Baby by her rescuers. So on March 8, 2003, Yeager and I

made the 40+ mile trip to Lancaster with my best friend, Joanne, not quite sure how the meeting would turn out.

Tanya introduced me to this shy but curious little girl with her natural ears and a tail. She was

gentle and behaved properly despite her lack of training. Next came the test with Yeager, as I led him to the back yard where Tanya was waiting with Baby, I could only hope that he would be as impressed with her as I was. After the usual sniffing and once over, Yeager and Baby began playing and chasing each other as if they were old friends. It was love at first sight and Baby, who I later named Bailey, came home with us that very day.

After a few weeks of getting acquainted and settling in to her new home, I signed us up for a basic obedience course which we completed in June of 2003. I realized very early that Bailey had no concept of "play" and stuffed toys, balls and bones were all very foreign to her. Later that year, Bailey successfully passed the Canine Good Citizen test.

Although Bailey loved to run and chase Yeager, she would stay contently by my side while Yeager & I played ball, never sure what she was to do or where she was to go but always happy to be a part of whatever it was we were doing. The three of us spent the next two years living happily together.

In June 2005, I took Yeager to the vet for a routine dental cleaning and he suddenly died during the procedure. I was devastated!! Yeager had been with me from the moment he was born. My baby boy had died without any warning; my heart was broken. I sat most nights, holding his favorite red ball or his collar that I hung on my bedpost—on the same side of the bed where he laid next to me every night for the past ten years. I was so overwhelmed with grief that I hardly realized that Bailey was still always by my side, ever so content to be near me. Never demanding attention, she just waited patiently for the occasional pat on the head. I fed her and took her for walks always missing and remembering how Yeager loved sniffing the grass and attempted to scare off any "wild" bird or bunny we would happen upon.

Several weeks passed and I soon realized that every time I looked into Bailey's big brown eyes, I saw unconditional love and a gentleness that touched my very soul. What I thought I was missing when Yeager died, was right here with me all along. It was then I knew I wanted to share the love and joy this beautiful animal brought to me with others. I went to a dog show in Allentown where I met and talked with one of the vendors, Laura Crossland, president of Pleasure of Your Company Therapy Dogs, Inc. (POYC). After talking at length, I was convinced Bailey would make a great therapy dog. I filled out the form and arranged to have her tested. Bailey passed the therapy dog test with POYC, based on the Therapy Dog International (TDI) test on the



Bailey was DPCA's 2006 Outstanding Rescue Dog

Bailey & Annie, 110 years young



first try AND took the test again with my best friend, Joanne Schmidt and passed. Bailey started her career uplifting spirits and bringing love and lots of smiles to people in the fall of 2005.

Since adopting Bailey in 2003, I've communicated her progress with notes and pictures to DPR of PA and to Kathy Davieds, the vet who was very instrumental in saving her life in VA and to whom I will forever be grateful. Kathy would e-mail how happy and proud she was of Bailey. In one of her e-mails, she asked my permission to nominate Bailey for an award because of her accomplishments. To my complete surprise, one Saturday morning in November, 2005 I received a phone call telling me that Bailey had won the "Companion Animal of the Year" award presented by the Virginia Academy of Small Animal Medicine. Every year at their annual banquet, the Academy honors one animal who has provided a benefit to their human companions or their community. I was somewhat embarrassed but very humbled and proud. I didn't get involved with therapy visits so Bailey would win awards; if anything I wanted to prove to those who wanted to destroy her what a terrible mistake they almost made and let those who fought to save her know their efforts were not in vain. Little did I know this award was the first of many honors for Bailey.

On Christmas Day 2003 while delivering Meals on Wheels, Joanne, Norm and I met a special lady named Annie and she told us it was also her birthday. She was 110 years, confirming what the coordinator at Meals on Wheels had already told us. To our surprise, this lady was alert and as coherent as we were. We enjoyed our visit so much we asked her if we could return when we had more time to spend with her. That was the start of a beautiful friendship with Annie. Soon after Bailey became certified, we asked her if she liked dogs, and she informed us that as a child one of her favorite pastimes was playing with the puppies on the plantation in Darlington, SC where her family had worked as slaves. Since then, we have visited Annie regularly and on holidays where Bailey has a place on Annie's sofa that is reserved just for her. If anyone tries to sit there, Annie will speak up and let you know that's Bailey's spot. Confined to her wheelchair in a small apartment, Annie was getting lonely as the years passed. She recently shared with us that Bailey saved her life. Bailey's visits have given Annie something to look forward to and she now is considering moving to assisted living in order to have more opportunities to enjoy life.

In January 2006, Joanne set up a therapy dog



Bailey, Yeager & Sandy Earnshaw

reading program at the Reading Public Library to encourage children to read in a non-threatening, non-judgmental environment. Bailey currently visits four branches of the library monthly and has gained such a following that the children take numbers and wait in line to read a favorite book to her. The same year, The Berks County Public Libraries presented us with the "Outstanding Program Award" in recognition of the reading program.

Then Kathy nominated Bailey for another award with the Doberman Pinscher Club of America. Kathy called me at work so excited I could hardly understand what she was saying; Bailey had won the Judith Fellton Memorial Award. I never heard or knew what this award was but from the way Kathy sounded I knew it must be pretty special. The award was to be presented at the annual banquet in of all places—Denver, Colorado in September. I soon found out this award is presented to a rescue Doberman who stands out as a great ambassador for the Doberman breed. We decided to make the trip to Colorado to accept the award. Joanne and her husband, Norm drove Bailey to Denver (because I wouldn't put her through the stress of flying) and I flew out the day before the banquet because of my work schedule. What made the trip even more special was that Kathy, despite her busy schedule, was able to join us. Once we arrived, we saw Dobermans everywhere—hundreds of them, and it was then I realized what an honor it was to win this award. Bailey was recognized along with Dobermans who won Best in Show at major dog shows throughout the country

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A Tribute to Jeb (6/10/95 - 1/25/07)

by Shirley Crumbling

About twelve years ago, my baby Penelope, a Huskie/Shepherd mix, died and I was left with a hole in my heart. I had had a dog my entire life and being without one was not an option. My husband Scott agreed to get another dog so long as it didn't shed, and so we were introduced to our first Dobie. (Dobes DO shed, by the way, you just don't notice it as easily.)

After many phone calls and discussions, Scott and I made our way to just outside Washington, D.C. to meet Jeb. I remember thinking that Jeb was a funny name for a dog and I had my heart set on another dog, but as soon as Jeb walked into the room and up to me—tail wagging, and placed his head on my knee, I wanted to bring him home immediately. A few weeks later we did get to adopt him and that was the beginning of many years of Dobie love and friendship. He won our hearts and our bed and spent every moment he could with us. He ruled our house and allowed us to live in it with him. He won over neighbors and family as well and around our neighborhood we became known as Jebie's parents. He had a following of children (his fan club) who would call his name and come running when they saw him. He let them pet and fuss over him, and then took us on the rest of his walk.

We enjoyed this unconditional love for about twelve years and lost him just a few months ago. Many friends expressed their sorrow by sending us cards of condolences. That decision was the most dif-

ficult one we have ever had to make. We take comfort knowing that he is in a happy place now, chasing those tennis balls he so loved to fetch and return to us. He will always have a very special place in our hearts.

We find comfort now in our new baby, Miss Emma. She is not Jeb but has helped to fill the void he left. And does she ever have her own personality! But that is another story.

Scott & Jeb
Crumbling



➤➤➤ *Bailey* (from page 11)

and beyond, including Mexico and Canada.

After reading an article on the Best Friends website (a no kill animal sanctuary in Utah) about breed bans, I was inspired to write to them about my Doberman, also considered by some as a dangerous breed. Within days they contacted me about doing a story on Bailey and on January 26, 2007, Bailey was the featured story at www.bestfriends.org, where her story still appears at <http://network.bestfriends.org/pennsylvania/news/11702.html>.

Bailey has a full schedule of day-time visits every month with Joanne (who is retired), and evening and Saturday visits with me. We visit nursing homes and assisted living facilities and have recently become involved with Compassionate Care Hospice from Middletown, PA, spending time with patients who request pet therapy visits. Bailey loves going on these visits but her interaction with children seems to be her favorite. Once a month, Bailey and one of her furry friends, therapy dog Jasmine, (a Shih-Tzu) visit the Children's Home of Reading where troubled youths earn the privilege of spending time petting and brushing the dogs.

In May of this year, Joanne and I organized a program for the entire kindergarten class where my granddaughter Gabrielle attended—200 kids in all. We called it "Dogs with Jobs." Bailey and her friend Jasmine represented therapy dogs and we spoke about what they do to make our world a little nicer. We also had dogs and handlers from search & rescue, service and guide dogs and a police dog. I feel if we can show the children how important dogs can be in our lives, maybe they will grow up with more respect and kindness towards all animals and people as well.

Bailey will continue to bring joy to others as long as she enjoys it. Sharing her lesson on forgiveness and love, once a neglected, throw-away Doberman rescued from death's door, never knowing decent care or human kindness, she now devotes her life to sharing her own special brand of "healing magic" with all mankind.



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DOBERMAN JAMBOREE 2007

**Sunday,
September 16, 2007
1 - 4:30 PM**

Rain or Shine

**Clairton Park, Lodge Complex
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Meet other Dobermans and their proud owners!

DPR's popular annual event comes west to the Pittsburgh area for the first time!

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Bring a covered dish – pasta, veggie, salad or dessert

Meat, fixins and beverages provided

Water and biscuits will be available for the dogs

All dogs must be on leash. Exercise pens, crates and lawn chairs are optional.

Admission is free to members, donations are welcomed.

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From Pittsburgh International Airport...

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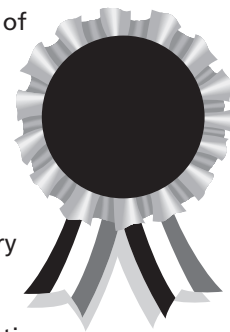
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If you signed a DPR of PA adoption agreement, you agreed to send at least one photo of your adopted Dobe annually. Shower us with photos so we can recall our successes of past years and see how they look now. Please send photos to Pam Taylor, 204 Elmwood Lane, Coatesville, PA 19320-1567, or e-mail to ftaylor7883 @comcast.net.



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Please see the flyer on page 13 for general information about the Jamboree.

These are some of the things we need help with for Jamboree 2007:

An MC with a good sense of humor to introduce dogs, people and events

A sound system

3 volunteers for dog hospitality, each to bring a large metal water bowl and 2 gallons of spring water

4 volunteers to do registration and write name badges for people and dogs

Annual Membership Meeting and Election of Board Members

The annual membership meeting and election of the board of Doberman Pinscher Rescue of PA, Inc. will be held in conjunction with Jamboree-2007 on Sunday, September 16, 2007 at 1:00 PM. Nominations to the board are being accepted by Pam Taylor until Friday, September 7. To nominate a member for a board position or to volunteer yourself, contact Pam at 610-380-3116 or by e-mail at ftaylor7883@comcast.net. The nominee must accept by letter or e-mail to Pam by Monday, September 10.

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