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Rainy Day Dog Parade at Rheem

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Tosca is a very energetic dog. Her owners borrowed that name from the famous opera because she's a diva. She was adopted from the Animal Rescue Foundation, her owners are unsure of her heritage but believe she is a Basque shepherd. Perhaps she knows if she sits nicely for the photographer there's a treat coming, she shares a knowing wink. Photos Cathy Tyson



Barney Miller, a half-papillon and half-maltese mix.

Have leash, will travel. Pampered pooches in Moraga need not wait for the sun to come out to enjoy a walk. The relatively long covered promenade that skirts the Rheem Valley Shopping Center appears to be the place to go when it's raining and your canine companion needs a little recess. From Home Goods to the Rheem Theatre, with little parklets of grass, even a pet store near Nations for last minute treats, on any given rainy day a variety of dogs and their owners are happy to share a sniff and say hello.

From a charming energetic and slightly damp bearded collie, to a half-papillon and half-maltese mix, the informal Moraga dog parade last week was the suburban version of the Westminster Dog Show.

One such pooch, Dawna Komorosky's good natured beagle Carly is a canine celebrity. Adopted just two years ago from the Beagle Rescue Society, one of her front legs was severely deformed, so it had to be amputated by the rescue group. The surgery hasn't slowed Carly down, now 12 years old, she raised over \$600 for the Valley Humane Society and appears in its 2013 calendar as April's poster dog. Komorosky says she loves to visit the Goodwill Store and Home Goods, the pair walks when it rains or if it's dark, "because of all the friendly people and dogs we meet."



Dawna Komorosky and sweet tri-pod beagle Carly.

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