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*Back from our family trip of a week at Disneyland. Wow! I haven't been down there in 26 years! A lot has changed, and makes me take a lot where I live for granted, (meaning the open space, and clean, clear skies of the Sierra Nevada foothills of California, where I live.) We had a blast and Cody is wanting to go back once a year, so trip for him and moma, pop is still trying to get over the rides!!!! LOL!!!!*

*Anyways, got back and went for a photograph ride on the ranch yesterday (Sunday). The gold country of California is "truly" golden in color right now! The air was filled with verbena, lupines, and brightly colored poppies filled every crack and crevice up the hillsides and within the greenstone rocks.*

*Josie and I headed out and about for our ride.....*



*First stop our secret hideaway..... The picture stop! Please excuse Josie from her frompiness, her hair hasn't shedded out yet as it is still cool in the night time hours here in the foothills, and she was off for a week while I was playing at Disneyland, that's a long time for her!*



*Miss Du gets in for a pose too. "Hey, mom, which way did they go?"*



*Ahhhhh! The smell of the the flowers overtakes Du.....*



*After the photo stop we ride up the old Wagon Road and into the Buck Field. Miss Du feels like moving some cattle.....*

*Okay yall, make it look like you're scared as I round you up okay?*



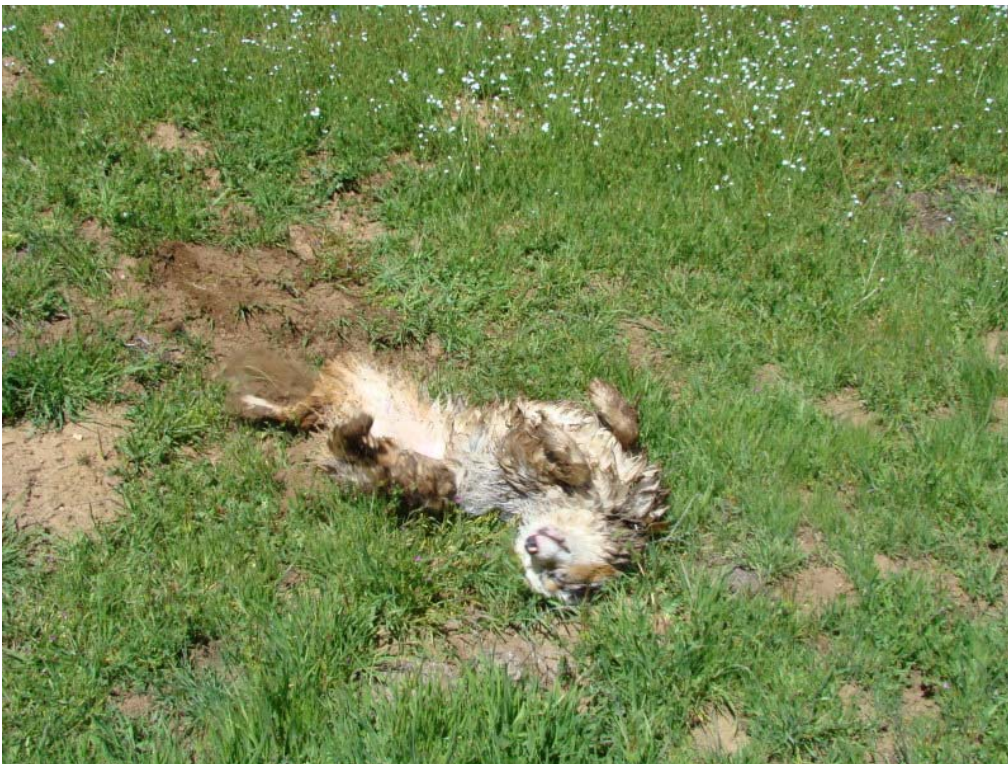
*Oh cool! You girls are making me look good!*



*We ride across the flat of the Buck Field and head on down to the backside of the ranch where just one part of the San Domingo Creek flows through.*



*Miss Du sure was enjoying herself on this ride! A quick dip in the creek and a good roll in the sand!*



*We ride on up out of the creek and ride up the west side of the fenceline. Just a small view of some of the ranch with a cow trail stuck in view.....*



*One of the "get in shape trails" down to another access of the creek I ride Josie up and down.*



*After crossing the San Domingo one last time Josie, Du and I head on back after a 4 1/2 hour jaunt into the Buck Field and head on to the barn via the old Wagon Road that connected the ranch stage stop back in the 1800's to the old town of Dogtown.*



*We turn towards the north and ride up ontop of one of the many ridges that circles the lower section of the ranch. Looking back down on the back pond where our irrigation water flows into in the summer.*



*Du decides to look for a creature to chase amongst the greenstone.*



*Another candid moment!*



*And ready, set.....RUN!!!!!!*



*Our bee guys from Montana left Cody a little present. He has been wanting to care for some bees until they come back down in the fall, so here is the F3 Apiary!*



*Hope yall enjoyed the ride and views!!!!!!!*

*kimmy, Miss Du, and Josie.*