



Dobermann Rescue UK and Europe (DRUE) Presents

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Poster Girl

- This month's poster girl, heading the front page is the very lovely Ellie.
- She only arrived with us late in the day, today. She looks a real cutie.
- She will be settling in with us and will undergo assessment and then we can forward more details on her.
- She is just under 18 months old.
- Keep an eye on our website and also our Facebook pages for more information.

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Welcome from the editor

Welcome to our July issue of DRUE LIFE.

As temperatures rise during the summer months, it's crucial to ensure the well-being of our furry friends. To help you keep your beloved companion cool and comfortable during hot weather, check out the article on page 12 where we've compiled some essential tips for hot dogs.

SAVE THE DATE: We are very excited to be running a DRUE open day and fun dog show on Saturday 26th August. More details can be found on page 8.

We are desperate to find a home for our complicated but adorable Dotty, shown in the photo (right). The team love her (she is the Editor's absolute favourite) but she has anxiety issues. When you get to know her and she trusts you, she is affectionate and loves company and a cuddle. However if exposed to sudden stimuli she can have a momentary meltdown due to fear/anxiety and will redirect (and bite) onto whatever/whoever is

nearby. She is not an aggressive dog but needs a very knowledgeable owner who can deal with her issues. In the right hands and with nothing to alarm her, she is a lovely dog. Is there anyone out there who can give her the right home? She will never be a dog you can relax with in a public place and she will require a muzzle when out, which we are currently training her to be comfortable with. The perfect home would be an experienced owner with land to allow her freedom without meeting scary stimuli.

PLEASE HELP DOTTY



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Armani Fund Raising Appeal



Concerned about his well-being, Armani's owners sought the expertise of an eye specialist. The consultation confirmed their fears: Armani's cataracts were causing him to lose around 90% of his vision. The specialist strongly recommended surgery before total blindness set in. Additionally, they discovered that one of Armani's eyes still had a nerve attached, a rare occurrence that typically resolves itself at birth. While

Armani's journey began in November 2022 when he was discovered as a malnourished and helpless stray. Fortunately, Doberman Rescue UK & Europe (DRUE) stepped in and provided him with the care and attention he desperately needed. Over time, Armani regained his strength and resilience, thanks to the tireless efforts of DRUE.

In March 2023, a wonderful couple opened their hearts and home to Armani, giving him a chance at a new and loving family. They instantly formed a deep bond with the adorable 15-month-old pup, cherishing his playful nature and affectionate personality. Little did they know that Armani's sight was slowly deteriorating due to hereditary cataracts.



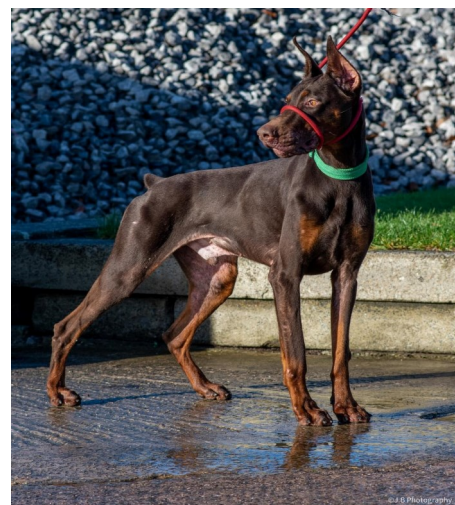
this didn't hinder Armani's daily activities for now, it could become a problem if left untreated.

The couple felt a mixture of worry and determination to provide Armani with the best possible care. They knew that time was of the essence, as delaying the surgery would severely limit Armani's quality of life. However, the cost of the procedure at £5000, was a significant obstacle for them to overcome.

With their hearts heavy but hopeful, they reached out to DRUE.

DRUE have launched a GoFundMe campaign for Armani's surgery. We are sharing his story to supporters, friends, family, and

animal lovers far and wide, hoping to raise the necessary funds. Every donation, no matter the size, makes a difference in the quest to restore Armani's sight.



As news of Armani's plight is spreading, we are finding people from all walks of life have come forward to support him. We are pushing for the campaign to gain momentum and for the donations to pour in. Please help us share his story and raise the much needed funds. For those supporters who are eligible please tick the gift aid box, as it means even more resources can be allocated towards Armani's surgery and recovery.

Let's hope Armani's story becomes an inspiration, a testament to the power of love, compassion, and community.

Armani, once a fragile stray, has found his forever home and a second chance at life. Please now help him to save his sight.

Thank you from all the Team at DRUE and Armani's adopted Mum & Dad.

If you can help, here is his go fund me link:

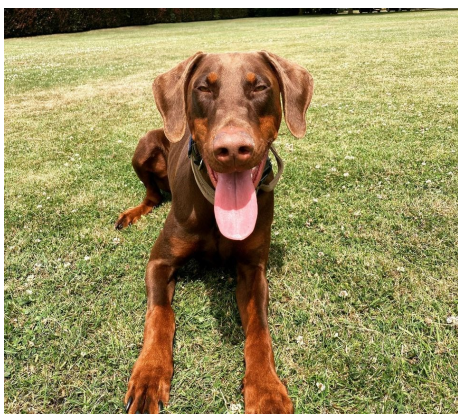
<https://gofund.me/39e81249>

thank you so much, if you can donate and you are eligible, please tick the gift aid box. Thankyou

Dogs who found their new forever home

A huge thank you goes out to all of our DRUE adopters and fosterers past and present for the amazing opportunity you have given our DRUE dogs, allowing them to experience a life outside the rescue kennel. We applaud you!

During the month of June the following dogs found their forever homes.



Bobbi



Aksel



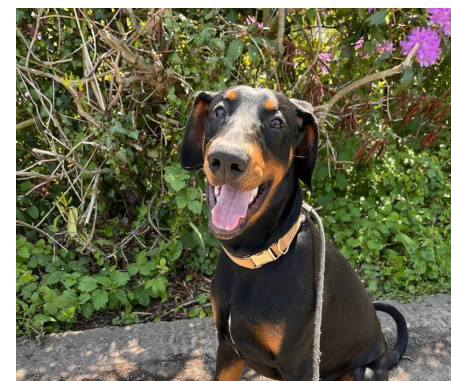
Rocco



Enzo



Kleo



Bobster

We have dogs still looking for their forever home, these are featured on the following page. If you are able to give any of our dogs a loving home please check out our current dogs and complete an application on our website at:

www.dobermanrescueuk.co.uk



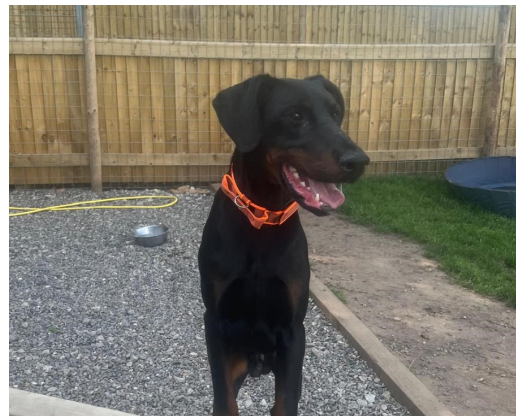
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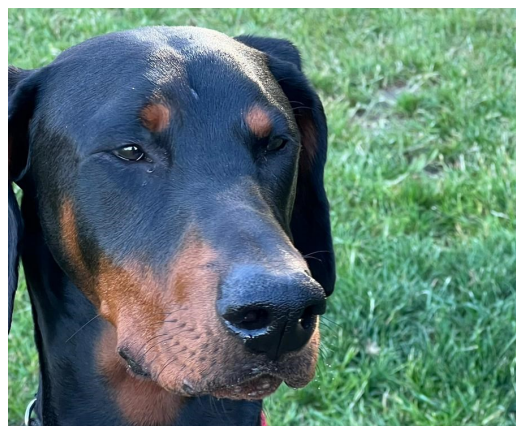
Dago



Neo



Ellie



Reggie

It's a dog's life—Life after rescue Saving Sadie



Editor's note

It is a pleasure to include Sadie in DRUE life, I met her at a DRUE open day 2 years ago and was immediately drawn to this big beautiful girl with the poor eyesight. I watched some children engage with her and she was so gentle, clearly enjoying their attention.

I met her again recently when she travelled to the lake district to cheer on or was that 'woof on' another DRUE rescue (Bobbi) who was running in a Cani-cross race. Once again I was captivated by this gentle giant. So now the story of this gorgeous girl is picked up by her adopted mum or should that be her adopter mum? Well, I'm not actually sure who adopted who!



Background

We got Sadie 2 1/2 years ago from DRUE. Her previous life was stuck in a barn used for breeding purposes.

She had been taken to the vets to be put to sleep, as apparently she had started fighting with her sibling.

Fortunately the vet was a good vet and saw the best of her and decided that she deserved a chance within a Doberman rescue, and convinced the previous owner to change her mind.

Sadie only has one eye after having it removed and the sight in her other eye is poor.

Settling her at home

She faced the challenges of a home environment with so much courage. The outside world was a scary place for her. We knew that to make progress with her we'd have to go slow and steady and at the pace she felt comfortable with.

We introduced her to the outside world by slowly walking her down the street and talking to her with lots of encouragement.

Then came the shops and places she could meet new people and noises, she did really well.

When she first came she was really dog aggressive, but with the circumstances of her vision we understood why. Being attacked by her sibling previously had put her in fight or flight mode.

She was a lazy dog, the most energy she had was to jump on the settee, but we think if she hadn't been



exercised or shown different environments then that was understandable.

Part of the family

We hadn't intended on another dog as we were already full with 5 other dogs, but on going to DRUE to walk the dogs at the kennels my heart went out to her.

This is when Sadie became our new family member.

She has enjoyed caravan holidays and playing on the beach, she loves her runs on the field.



She lets us know when she wants to go home by lying down and will not walk anymore. We are not sure if that's just down to her laziness.



She is now full of love and loves going out. We don't make any changes because of her vision and is treated like any of our other dogs.

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It's a dog's life — Life after rescue Sadie, continued



She now lives happily with our older dobie Cloe. She loves the family and the grandchildren and is so gentle around them.

The most important person in her life though is her Dad. She quite often goes to work with him in the van, apart from if the weather is cold or wet, if it is she will not even walk out the door. Boy does she love her home comforts.



When she first came to us she had never played with toys, we soon found out that she loved balls, so we bought her all we could find in the shops, brightly coloured and with different textures.

She soon decided that she would have a ball of the day.

When she gets up she knows what

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ball she wants that day, if she can't find it a manhunt takes place because we know she won't settle until she finds it.

She also loves her Sucky, which is her blanket.

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Quick fire interview — Sadie — 7yrs old

Q. How long has she been in your life. A. 2.5yrs

Q. Favourite food? A. Her favourite thing to eat is chicken legs and sprats.

Q. What makes you laugh about her? A. Her stubbornness.

Q. Does she have a naughty side? A. Yes and it's the same thing that makes us laugh about her, she can be stubborn when she doesn't want to do anything, quite often forgetting her name.

Q. Best memory/adventure with her so far. A. The first time on the beach, watching her running so carefree.

Q. If she was a famous person, who would she be likened to and why. A. Dylan off the Magic Roundabout, she appears as chilled out as him.



Adoption responsibilities

Failed adoptions

We have experienced some failed adoptions recently. Sadly this is the reality of rescue and is not a new occurrence. We have seen it many times over the years, as have many other rescues.

It is very sad for all involved and can be distressing and disruptive for the dog.

We try our hardest to match the dog with the prospective new owner and we have a number of policies in place to do this. But despite our efforts there can be a number of reasons why an adoption doesn't work out. Some dogs sadly demonstrate unexpected adverse behaviours with no fault of the adopter, others are sometimes just not given sufficient time to settle or the correct ongoing training they require.

We do implore people to read and consider the settling period of a rescue dog. Please refer to the image for details.

Adopting a dog comes with a range of responsibilities that are essential for providing a loving and fulfilling life for your new furry companion. Here's a short overview of the key responsibilities involved in adopting a dog:

Basic Needs

Includes providing fresh water, nutritious food, a safe and comfortable living environment and essential healthcare.

Exercise and Mental Stimulation

Dobermanns require regular exercise to maintain their physical and mental health. Allocate time for daily walks, playtime, and opportunities to engage in activities that challenge their minds.

Training and Socialisation

It's essential to invest time and effort into training basic commands, manners, and proper behaviour. Also socialising your dog with other animals and people. Training can create a strong bond with your dog while ensuring their safety and the comfort of those around them.

Love and Attention

Being social animals they need your love, attention, and affectionate interactions to feel secure and happy. Spend quality time with your dog,

provide them with praise and positive reinforcement, and create a nurturing environment that makes them feel like an integral part of the family.

Safety and Security

The safety and security of your dog is crucial. Provide a secure and dog-friendly environment, keeping hazardous substances out of their reach, and use proper identification (collar tag and microchip). You could use a tracker in case they get lost.

Emotional Well-being

Dogs can experience anxiety, fear, and stress. Recognise signs of distress, provide a comforting environment, and seek professional help if needed.

Long-term Commitment

Adopting a dog is a long-term commitment that can span over a decade or more. You'll need to be prepared for the financial, time, and emotional investment required throughout your dog's life.

Carefully consider your current and likely 'future circumstances', your time available to spend with the dog and your experience of large breed dogs. Taking these responsibilities seriously will help ensure a happy and fulfilling life for both you and your beloved canine companion

Remember, adopting a dog is a significant responsibility, but it can also bring immense joy, companionship, and unconditional love to your life.

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AFTER 3 WEEKS

Starting to settle in, feeling more comfortable, and realising this really may be their forever home. Figured out their environment and getting into the routine that you have set. May start showing their real personality. Behavioural issues may start showing, this is your time to put boundaries in place and show them what is right and wrong.

AFTER 3 MONTHS

Now completely comfortable in their home. You have built trust and a bond with your dog, which gives them a complete sense of security with you. They are set in their routine and will come to expect the routine to continue





DRUE Open day 26 August 2023

Come join us for a fun-filled day at the Dobermann Rescue Charity Open Day on Sat 26th August 2023, 11:00hrs to 16:00hrs

There will be plenty to see and do at our event. Browse through our various stalls, offering merchandise and information, and grab a bite to eat. We'll have food and refreshments available throughout the day.

Whether you're an experienced Dobermann owner or just curious about the breed, our team members will be on hand all day to provide information and advice on the Dobermann breed, our charity, and what is involved in rescue.

We'll have lots going on throughout the day to keep everyone entertained. Bring your dog along and enter the fun dog show.



Stall Space Available

Would you like a stall to sell or promote your wares?

We are selling stall space for £10 per stall, bring your own table and gazebo. No profit charges, unless you make 'loadsamoney' and want to give us a donation.

Location

The open day will take place in the beautiful Cheshire Countryside at the Global Air Training Facilities:
Curdlands Barn, Harthill Road, Burwardsley, Cheshire, CH3 9NU

We're excited to invite you to our event, and can't wait to see you there!

Contact us

For more details or to book a stall, contact us by email on druecharity@gmail.com

Come rain or shine, the event promises to be a great day out for all the family, while also helping us raise vital funds for our rescue charity. So come along and support us, and help make a difference to the lives of Dobermanns in need.



Well behaved dogs welcome



DRUE's Resident Racing Rescue

Once upon a time, in a picturesque corner of the Lake District, a group of DRUE team members could be found having a camping adventure.



Among them was Bobbi, a spirited and athletic Doberman whose boundless energy always brought joy to the team.

laughter, stories, no to mention sausage and burger grilling—much to Bobbi's delight.



anticipation of the race ahead filled the air. 2 more supporters turned up at the camp site for breakfast.

Bacon baps were the order of the morning. Bobbi found the butter pack and managed to get his nose in just as it was whipped away. No harm done (wouldn't have been the best pre-race breakfast) although there was a nice tongue mark across the top.



Under the starlit sky, they shared their excitement of the Canicross race that DRUE had entered Bobbi into, taking place the following morning, while Bobbi lay contentedly at their feet, his deep brown eyes reflecting the flickering stars. It was a night filled with warmth, camaraderie, and the soothing sounds of nature.

The team headed to the start with a twinkle in their eyes, there they met with DRUE's cani-runner who was already there and in harness just waiting for Bobbi.

As they set up camp, Bobbi eagerly explored the surroundings, his tail wagging with excitement. With the campervan parked and the tent pitched and a crackling campfire ablaze (well actually it was the George Foreman Grill), they settled in for an evening of



Bobbi got to sleep in the luxury of the campervan rather than the tent, lucky dobie.

As dawn broke, the group awakened to the soft chirping of birds and the gentle rustling of leaves. The



It was a staggered start, chosen specifically, because it was Bobbi's first event. *Continued next page*

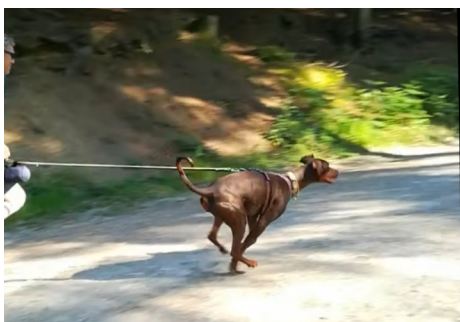


DRUE's resident Racing Rescue

All were gathered at the starting line, ready for the friendly competition. Bobbi, sensing the excitement, wagged his tail, eager to show us all that he could do. The race would take them through a winding trail that showcased the breathtaking beauty of the surrounding forest.



The countdown began, and off they went, cheers of encouragement echoing through the forest. Bobbi, with his sleek physique and agile strides, raced alongside his human companion his tail a blur of enthusiasm.



He revelled in the freedom of the open trail, his paws gracefully navigating the terrain.

The race was not about winning or losing; it was about the sheer joy of being together, basking in the exhilaration of nature's embrace. Bobbi's presence added an extra spark, his zest for life infectious and uplifting.

Along the way, they encountered babbling brooks and towering trees, their leaves whispering secrets of ancient tales.



Bobbi, with his keen senses, delighted in the scents and sounds of the wild, his wagging tail a constant reminder of the pure bliss he felt.

As they neared the finish line, fatigue and exhilaration intermingled. Bobbi, ever the resilient athlete, crossed the tape with a burst of energy, his supporters cheering him on with pride.



Though they were all winners in their own way, it was the shared memories and the bond they had forged that truly mattered.



With smiles painted across their faces and a buzz from the experience and camaraderie, they returned to DRUE. The rest of the day was spent relishing the simplicity of the joy of giving a dog in rescue such a stimulating experience.

The fun they had camping and watching him race would forever be etched in their hearts, a cherished memory of friendship and the unbridled spirit of a Doberman named Bobbi.



We are absolutely delighted to say that Bobbi has now been adopted. It was a pleasure being part of the "Bobbi experience".



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The real BIG “£2 pledge”

Will you join us in taking the "donate for the Dobies" pledge on the first day of each month?

Dobermann Rescue UK & Europe, a dedicated charity, seeks your invaluable support. We are grateful for our devoted following, including those who already contribute regularly. Now, we reach out to all our supporters, urging you to pledge just £2 each month through direct debit (or more, if you can spare it). It's less than the cost of one cup of takeaway coffee per month, but every penny holds immense significance, shaping a remarkable impact.

We have nearly 9,000 DRUE Facebook group members and 20,000 Followers on our main page. If you all gave £2 a month, this would raise a huge amount. Imagine all the dogs we could help with that!

Being a charity we rely solely on volunteers for help and supporters to keep us running. By standing by us, you empower us to rescue, provide care, rehabilitate, and secure loving homes for these extraordinary Dobermann dogs. Your generous donations directly enhance their well-being. Together, let's make a lasting difference in the lives of Dobermanns.



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Keeping your Dobermann safe and comfortable in hot weather

Introduction:

As temperatures rise during the summer months, it's crucial to ensure the well-being of our furry friends, especially those more susceptible to heat, such as Dobermann dogs. With their short coat and active nature, Dobermanns can be prone to overheating. To help you keep your beloved companion cool and comfortable during hot weather, we've compiled some essential tips for Dobermann care in the heat.

Hydration is key:

Maintaining proper hydration is vital for your Dobermann's well-being. Ensure a constant supply of fresh, cool water is available at all times. Consider placing multiple water bowls around your home and garden to encourage regular drinking. If you take your Dobermann for walks or outings, carry water and a collapsible bowl for easy access to hydration on the go.



Seek shade and provide cooling options:

Dobermanns should have access to shaded areas whenever they are outdoors. Direct exposure to the sun can lead to heatstroke and burns on their sensitive paws. Set up a sheltered space or invest in a doghouse or canopy to shield your Dobermann from direct sunlight. Additionally, consider providing cooling options, such as a small pool or a damp towel for them to lie on, as they enjoy water play and cooling down.



Adjust exercise and walking routine:

Exercise is essential for a Dobermann's well-being, but it's crucial to adjust their exercise routine during hot weather. Avoid strenuous activities during the hottest times of the day, typically from late morning to early evening. Instead, opt for early morning or late evening walks when temperatures are cooler. Additionally, monitor your Dobermann closely for signs of exhaustion or overheating, such as excessive panting, drooling, or lethargy. If you notice any of these signs, immediately move your dog to a cool area and provide water.



Never leave in a hot vehicle:

Leaving a dog inside a hot vehicle can quickly lead to life-threatening situations. The temperature inside a parked car can rise rapidly, even with the windows cracked. Never leave your Dobermann unattended in a car, regardless of how brief you think the duration may be. If you need to run errands, leave your dog at home in a cool and comfortable environment.

Sun Protection:

White/Albino Dobermanns, have a genetic mutation that affects their pigmentation. They lack the normal amount of melanin, which gives colour to the hair, skin, and eyes. This reduced pigmentation can make them more susceptible to certain issues, including sunburn. Limit their sun exposure, apply dog-friendly sunscreen to exposed areas, such as the nose and ear tips, to safeguard against sunburn.



Conclusion:

Taking care of your Dobermann during hot weather is essential to their overall well-being. By ensuring proper hydration, providing shade and cooling options, adjusting exercise routines, never leaving them in a hot vehicle, and practicing grooming and sun protection, you can help keep your Dobermann safe, comfortable, and happy throughout the summer months. Remember, attentive care and vigilance are key to ensuring your dog stays cool and avoids heat-related illnesses.



Take your Dobies for a walk and then settle down with a cuppa to test your knowledge and have a go at this months multi choice quiz

1. What is the most popular dog sport in the world?

- a) Flyball
- b) Agility
- c) Disc dog
- d) Canicross

2. Which dog sport involves the dog jumping over hurdles, weaving through poles, and running through tunnels?

- a) Flyball
- b) Agility
- c) Dock diving
- d) Lure coursing

3. What is the goal of the sport of disc dog?

- a) To see how far the dog can jump off a dock
- b) To see how fast the dog can run through an obstacle course
- c) To see how accurately the dog can catch a frisbee
- d) To see how many tricks the dog can perform in a certain amount of time

4. Which dog sport involves a team of dogs racing and jumping over hurdles to retrieve a ball?

- a) Flyball
- b) Disc dog
- c) Lure coursing
- d) Rally obedience

5. What is the purpose of the sport of canicross?

- a) To see how fast the dog can run on a track
- b) To see how high the dog can jump over a bar
- c) To see how well the dog can perform various obedience commands
- d) To see how well the dog and owner can run together as a team

6. What is the sport of nose work?

- a) A sport where dogs compete to see who can track scents the best
- b) A sport where dogs jump off a dock and retrieve a toy
- c) A sport where dogs run through an obstacle course
- d) A sport where dogs compete in a relay race

7. What is the goal of the sport of obedience?

- a) To see how fast the dog can perform various obedience commands
- b) To see how high the dog can jump over a bar
- c) To see how well the dog can catch a frisbee
- d) To see how well the dog can follow its owner's commands

8. What is the purpose of the sport of dock diving?

- a) To see how accurately the dog can catch a frisbee
- b) To see how fast the dog can run through an obstacle course
- c) To see how high the dog can jump off a dock into a pool
- d) To see how well the dog can track scents

9. What is the goal of the sport of rally obedience?

- a) To see how fast the dog can run through an obstacle course
- b) To see how well the dog can perform various obedience commands in a timed setting
- c) To see how accurately the dog can catch a frisbee
- d) To see how well the dog can track scents

10. Which dog sport involves a dog and its handler performing a choreographed routine of obedience commands and tricks?

- a) Flyball
- b) Disc dog
- c) Lure coursing
- d) Canine freestyle

Answers to last months Quiz

1. Germany

2. Guarding

3. 10-12 years

4. Black

5. It depends on the individual dog and their socialisation

6. They need moderate exercise, such as daily walks or runs

7. Energetic and loyal

8. 26-28 inches

9. DCM

10. Spleen



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4 REASONS TO SUPPORT DRUE



We are 100% invested in the dogs wellbeing.

We aim to ensure the dogs are stimulated everyday with time out of their kennels to walk, run, play.



We have a highly motivated team made up of professionals and experienced Dobermann owners/handlers.

We aim to save and rehome as many Dobermann dogs in need as we can, but we need your help!



WAYS TO HELP US



One off donations, monthly standing orders, take part in our fundraisers

Gifts, treats, coats, PJs robust toys for the dogs



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