



Dobermann Rescue UK and Europe (DRUE) Presents

DRUE LIFE



Poster Girl

- This months poster girl is the very lovely Coco.
- She is 2yrs old, not spayed.
- She has not lived with another dog or cat. She has lived with children, from babies to 15 years.
- She is a very loving girl.
- She will be undergoing assessment as this newsletter goes to print.
- Keep an eye on our website and also our Facebook pages for more information.

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Issue 8

Welcome from the editor

Welcome to the August issue of DRUE LIFE.

Our very own open day and fun dog show is imminent with just a few weeks to go (26th Aug) we are putting a last minute call out for donations that we can use for prizes, tombola, sales etc. We very much appreciate your support with this.

Contact druecharity@gmail.com for information of where to send donated items.

We had the super opportunity to spread the word and fundraise for DRUE by having a stall at the Summer Vegan Festival. The weather was kind and we had a super day raising money and awareness, complete with a DRUE rescue mascot, the lovely 'Cooper'. Photos of the event below.

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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 July the following dogs found their forever homes.



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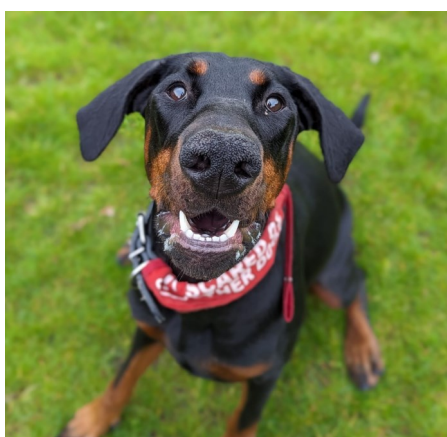
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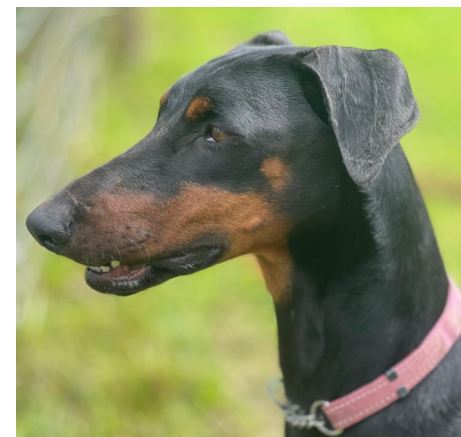
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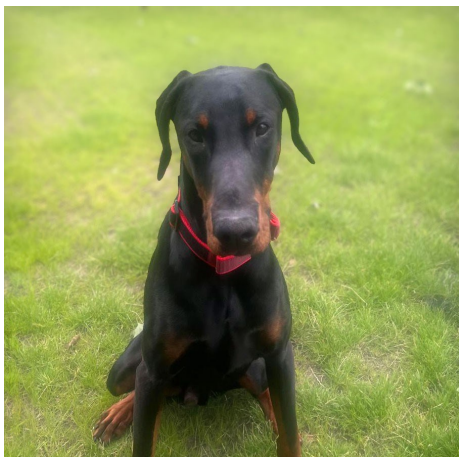
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www.dobermanrescueuk.co.uk



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Can you give one of our dogs a home? Find out more about them and complete an application on www.dobermanrescueuk.co.uk



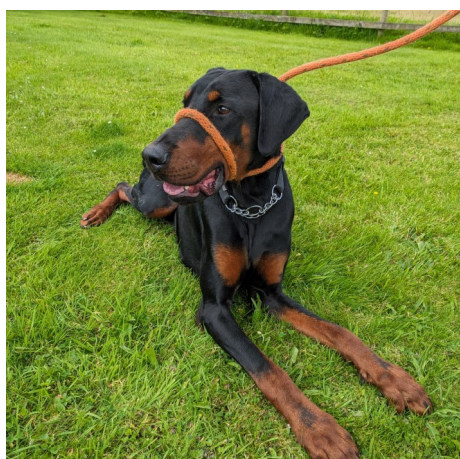
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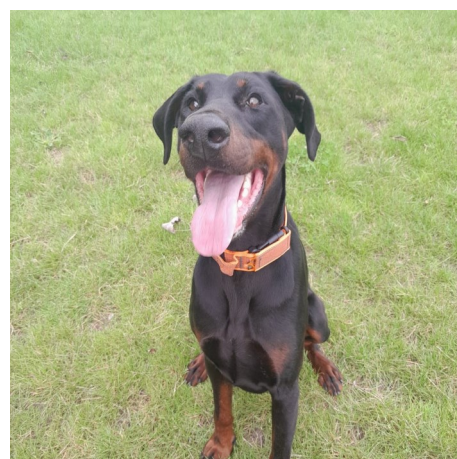
Coco



Dotty



Loki



Diego

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Armani update

We have great news to share with our supporters and especially those who so kindly donated to help Armani undergo his eye operation.

The operation was carried out on the 4th July and appears to have been a big success with the eye specialists reporting 100% vision returned.

This is obviously only the beginning of his recovery but he seems to be doing great, still a little unsteady on his feet he is now taking the big wide world in day by day.

After consultation with the specialist, the decision was taken to seize the opportunity to have his castration carried out during the same procedure to limit any further stress on him. This procedure would have been required in a few months and would have required a second round of anaesthesia which can now be avoided.

Both procedures have been completed successfully and the amazing Armani is now home and on the mend.

Armani's Mum and Dad and of course Armani too, would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone for the support shown to Armani they have been totally overwhelmed by people's generosity and love for him.

It demonstrates that there are still so many good people in this world doing amazing things for the dogs.

Armani's Mum and Dad will continue to keep Armani's story going with updates in the near future. So keep an eye out on our Facebook pages.

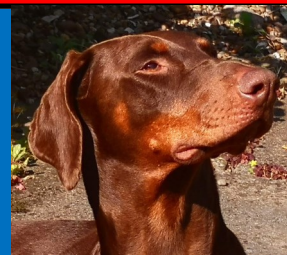
The team at DRUE would also like to add our thanks. We are so grateful to everyone involved with the donations and continued support of our rescue dogs.



THANK YOU to everyone who helped Armani



It's a dog's life—Life after rescue "Summer"



Editor's note

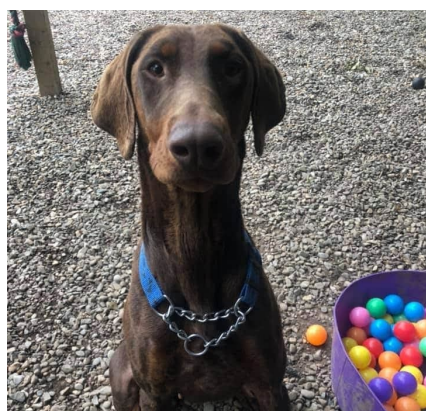
It is a pleasure to include Summer this month. Not only does she have a lovely rescue story from rags to riches. But she's now giving back to the canine community as a dog blood donor. Tony & Anne took Summer under their wing, so with no further ado, let's hear their story.

Background

We sadly lost our beloved Dober Girl, Poppy to Mast Cell Cancer at the beginning of the first Covid Lockdown. It all happened in a week! After 11 wonderful years we were heartbroken. "Pop" was our 4th Dober (we had a Kelly, Daisy and Nellie...all great Dober Girls), she came into our lives as we retired so was with us all the time. She died Strangely on the same day as her Brother, Ossie, of the same disease!

Finding her at DRUE

We struggled with the huge "hole" in our lives so we approached Jay Kershaw who we knew, albeit slightly. She put us in touch with Liz Price at DRUE and we looked on the web-pages and saw Summer looking really sad and needing a loving home and nursing physically and mentally back to health (fair to say we already cared for her).



Instant velcro dog

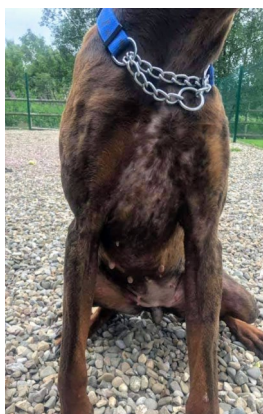
We were lucky enough to be able to adopt her on our first viewing, she "glued" herself to us and there was no way we were going home without her!



She'd been in an awful state

Liz told us she had been initially rescued by the RSPCA and she had a Body Score of 1. (1 -10).

She had little fur left, many sores, Demodex Mange and other wounds. She had also had surgery of some sort so the suspicion was she was used for breeding at about 15months old!



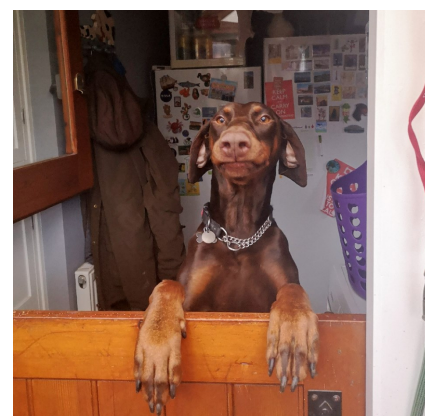
She was then transferred to DRUE for homing. (She was 22Kg when we met her and she is now a healthy 33Kg.) It took us a month to stop her drinking out of the toilet bowl even though she always had clean water in her own bowl! She still is a "surface surfer" as she was obviously starving and I don't think we'll ever break her of the habit, just have to remember to put any food away if we go out!

Coming home

So she came home with us and was very nervous and frightened. If anyone raised their arm, (even to stroke her) or was carrying anything

like a stick she would cower to the floor shaking! So upsetting to see. Even grass freaked her out to start with.

We didn't know if she was house trained so debated where to sleep her on the first night. She eventually spent her first night in our bedroom where Poppy had spent her last nights. She settled down on Poppy's old bed and went straight to sleep and didn't wake until I got up and stroked her about 08:30 next morning...obviously settled in! Took her a while to get used to the grass outside but only one accident in the house a few days later, that was it.



She took a while to adjust to other people but seemed to intuitively know we loved her from that first meeting. She is such a wonderful ambassador for her breed, known and loved by nearly everyone in the village. She does have a real character and is now a full part of the family especially loving the Grandchildren and friend's children when they visit.



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



She is now the most trusting, gentle and loving dog. Even loves the vet!

After a couple of emergency visits following “arguments” with barbed wire fences where she just let the vet stitch her up they suggested she might make a good doggy blood donor. So we went to a donation session locally.



She was amazing even on her first visit! She loved all the staff, “gravy bones” were in the equation so that was it!



She's now given 3 pints without any issues, completely laid back about the whole procedure! The only time she looked concerned was the very

first session when they picked her up to put her on the table. But “dad” was there so it must be okay....an absolute star. So proud of her!

She now loves life to the full and has the “waggiest” tail that she drums on the floor in the morning when she thinks its time to get up!



Summer (left) and her bestie Lola (right)

Following on from this lovely story of Summer, do check out the Pet Blood Bank Article following (page 7). See if your Dobermann can follow in the footsteps of Summer to help other dogs in need.

We hope to feature one of Summers best friends (she has a few) in a future article, so keep your eyes peeled for Lola, coming soon...!

Quick fire interview — Summer — 5yrs old

Q. How long has she been in your life. A. 3yrs on the 27th July which is her “Gotcha Day”.

Q. Favourite food? A. Anything! But she loves fish.

Q. What makes you laugh about her? A. The way she looks at us, very puzzled as to what we are thinking!

Q. Does she have a naughty side? A. She's a thief and very inquisitive and sticks her nose into things she shouldn't!

Q. Best memory/adventure with her so far. A. Running free through the fields with her friends Lester (Vizsla), Juno (Black Lab) or Lola (Dobermann).

Q. If she was a famous person, who would she be likened to and why. A. She's unique!



Pet Blood Bank Could your dobie donate?

What is Pet Blood Bank?

Pet Blood Bank is a charity set up to support vets by providing a blood service for pets, just like the one we have as humans.

The charity runs donation sessions across the country, where owners bring their beloved companions to give blood. Pet Blood Bank operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to ensure blood is always available for pets in need. Every unit of donated blood can help to save the lives of up to four other dogs.

What dogs can donate blood?

Pet Blood Bank is looking for owners of large, happy, healthy, and confident dogs to become blood donors. To become a blood donor, dogs must be:

- Fit and healthy
- Between 1 & 8 years old
- Weigh more than 25kg
- Confident & enjoy meeting people

Do dogs have different blood types?

Yes! Just like humans, dogs have different blood types. They can either be DEA 1 positive or negative.

Negative blood is in high demand as this can be given to a dog in an emergency, so there is a need for more dogs who are likely to have this blood type to come forward as donors. For this reason, Pet Blood Bank is particularly appealing to you to ask owners of the following breeds to consider registering their dogs. And we have good news!

Dobermanns are among the negative breeds!

- Airedale Terrier
- American Bulldog
- Basset Hound
- Bearded Collie
- Border Collie
- Boxer
- Curly Coated Retriever
- Dobermann
- Dogue de Bordeaux
- English Bull Terrier
- Flat Coated Retriever
- German Shepherd
- Greyhound
- Lurcher
- Saluki
- Old English Sheepdog
- Weimaraner

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Donor 'Luca'

Pet Blood Bank—continued

How else you can get involved?

If your Doberman doesn't quite fit the criteria (or just isn't in the mood to donate!) there are many other ways you could help Pet Blood Bank.

Owners can get involved and help Pet Blood Bank through fundraising, volunteering, and raising awareness.

Fundraising

By fundraising for Pet Blood Bank, you will help to save the lives of pets across the country. Every effort, big or small, counts.

The supply of lifesaving blood helps to save the lives of thousands of pets every year. Any money you raise will allow Pet Blood Bank to provide more blood to dogs in need, as well as invest for the future through research and education.

From taking on a sponsored run or challenge to hosting your own event, there are plenty of ways you can get involved and fundraise for Pet Blood Bank.

Get creative, have fun, and know that the funds you raise will make a big difference to the lives of pets.

Volunteering

As a Pet Blood Bank volunteer, you will play a vital role in helping to save the lives of pets. There are a range of opportunities so we hope you will find something that inspires you.

You can help at donation sessions

Donation sessions are busy days and an extra pair of hands can always make a huge difference. You can help ensure the session is a great experience for all donor dogs and their owners. This involves helping to set up for the session, meeting and greeting the lovely lifesavers, and taking their photos for Pet Blood Bank's Facebook page. The best part, though, is giving out plenty of hugs and treats to the donors and having a friendly chat with their owners, exchanging fun stories about each other's wonderful dog.

You can join Pet Blood Bank at the events they attend

Pet Blood Bank are very lucky to be asked to attend lots of local events, such as dog shows and fairs. These events usually take place at

weekends and could be anything from a few hours to a full day.

The charity will provide you with everything you need for the stall and give you some training on attending events, so you just need to go along and spread the good word.

Spreading the word

Lastly, another easy way to get involved is to simply help spread the word among your friends, family, and community. There is always a big need for more owners to bring their pets to donate.

If you know anyone with a pet that might make a good donor, please let them know about Pet Blood Bank.

You can also email supporter@petbloodbankuk.org to request some leaflets to give out to your friends and community.

Learn more

To find out more about Pet Blood Bank or to get involved in the charity, please visit www.petbloodbankuk.org.



Donor 'Summer'



Donor 'Reeva'



Donor 'Rufus'



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 Open day

Main details on previous page & fun dog show details below

Dobermann Rescue UK & Europe

Open day and fun dog show on Saturday 26/8/23

**It is being held at Global Air Training, Harthill Rd,
Burwardsley, Cheshire, CH3 9NU**

There will be a a variety of stalls, refreshments and tombola

Natural Instinct are sponsoring our dog show

Lots of fun classes for you and your dogs

Entries from 11 am judging at 12 noon

£1.50 per class

1. Any Veteran 7 years over
2. Best crossbreed
3. Dog or Bitch in best condition
4. Fancy Dress
5. Cutest Eyes
6. Best Mover
7. Best Rescue
8. Dog or Bitch most like their owner
9. Best Handler under 12
10. Best Handler over 11
11. Scruffiest Dog or Bitch
12. Waggiest tail
13. Dog the judge would most like to take home

Well behaved dogs welcome



The remarkable benefits of owning a dog

Introduction:

Dogs have long been hailed as man's best friend, and for good reason. They bring joy, companionship, and unwavering loyalty into our lives. But beyond being adorable and friendly, owning a dog offers a myriad of tangible benefits that positively impact our physical, mental, and emotional well-being. From improved health to enhanced social connections, the advantages of having a four-legged friend are truly remarkable.

Improved Physical Health:

Regular exercise is essential for maintaining a healthy lifestyle, and owning a dog can be a great motivator to get moving. Whether it's going for a leisurely stroll around the neighborhood or engaging in more rigorous activities like hiking or playing fetch, dogs provide the perfect excuse to stay active.

Studies have shown that dog owners tend to have lower blood pressure, reduced cholesterol levels, and a decreased risk of heart disease. Moreover, the regular physical activity associated with dog ownership helps maintain a healthy weight, strengthens muscles, and improves overall cardiovascular health.



Enhanced Mental Well-being:

Interacting with dogs has a profound impact on our mental health. Playing, cuddling, and simply being in the presence of a dog releases endorphins, serotonin, and oxytocin—hormones that promote feelings of happiness, relaxation, and reduced stress. Dogs are excellent stress relievers, helping to lower anxiety levels and combat loneliness. Their unconditional love and non-judgmental nature create a soothing and calming environment,

providing emotional support and even helping alleviate symptoms of depression and PTSD.



Increased Social Connections:

Dogs are fantastic icebreakers and social catalysts. Taking your dog for a walk often leads to friendly encounters with other dog owners or people who are simply drawn to your furry companion. This interaction helps foster new friendships, expand social circles, and build a sense of community. Dog parks, training classes, and other dog-related activities provide excellent opportunities to connect with like-minded individuals who share a passion for dogs.



Companionship and Unconditional Love:

One of the greatest gifts of owning a dog is the unwavering companionship and unconditional love they offer. Dogs are incredibly

perceptive and can sense our emotions, providing comfort and solace during challenging times. They are always there to greet us with enthusiasm and a wagging tail, ready to shower us with affection. The bond between a dog and its owner is unparalleled, bringing immeasurable joy, a sense of purpose, and a profound sense of fulfillment.



Safety and Security:

Dogs in particular Dobermanns, have been revered as loyal protectors throughout history. Dogs possess an innate ability to protect their owners and their homes. Their keen senses of hearing and smell allow them to detect potential dangers, making them excellent watchdogs. Knowing that a dog is by your side can instill a sense of security, especially for individuals living alone or in isolated areas.

Conclusion:

Owning a dog is a life-enriching experience that goes beyond having a pet. From improving physical health to enhancing mental well-being, dogs bring a multitude of benefits to our lives. Their presence promotes an active lifestyle, reduces stress, and fosters social connections. The companionship and unconditional love they offer are unmatched, bringing immeasurable happiness and emotional support. So, if you're considering getting a furry friend, remember that the benefits of owning a dog extend far beyond their adorable faces and wagging tails.



Rescue Heroes

Editors note: I have observed some truly amazing efforts recently from the DRUE team, All the many volunteers who assist in so many ways, the admin/management team and the Trustees. All working towards a common goal; to rescue and rehome Dobies in need and also to give them the absolute best time and most stimulation they can, while they are resident in our kennels. I thought it would be fun to put a poem together about the team (all of them), so here goes...

In the realm of noble endeavours, there's a group so true,
Their hearts alight with purpose and mission; Team DRUE.
With steadfast dedication, they answer the call,
To safeguard Dobermanns, to lift them from the fall.

In a world where hearts can sometimes break,
This team shines for goodness' sake.
DRUE Charity, their name resounds,
With love and compassion that knows no bounds.

A band of heroes, united they stand,
Guided by a mission, a noble command.
To rescue the Dobermanns, in need of a home,
With warmth in their hearts, they tirelessly roam.

From the surrenders and streets, they seek out the lost,
Their dedication unyielding, no matter the cost.
With gentle hands and soothing words they tend,
To the broken souls, they become a friend.

They mend the wounds, both physical and deep,
For every Dobermann, a promise to keep.
They offer solace and a gentle embrace,
Restoring trust and revealing grace.

Through tireless efforts, they find each dog's match,
A loving home, a safe place to attach.
With wagging tails and grateful eyes,
These rescued companions find their skies.

The team at Dobermann Rescue Charity,
Embodies the essence of humanity.
Their love for these dogs, unwavering and true,
Inspires us all to do what we can do.

So let us celebrate this remarkable crew,
Whose compassion and kindness forever renew.
For they are the beacon, the guiding light,
Guiding these Dobermanns from darkness to delight.

To Dobermann Rescue Charity, we raise a cheer,
For their unwavering commitment, year after year.
May their noble efforts forever prevail,
And may their compassion and love never fail.

For those who adopt, a loyal friend they'll gain,
A Dobermann companion, free from pain.
A lifelong journey, filled with love and grace,
Made possible by DRUE and their guiding embrace.



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

To see how much attention you paid to the Pet Blood Bank article, this month's quiz is based on this feature.

1. What is the main purpose of Pet Blood Bank?

- a) To provide veterinary services for pets
- b) To raise awareness about pet health
- c) To supply blood for pets in need
- d) To train dogs as service animals

2. How many days a week does Pet Blood Bank operate?

- a) 3 days a week
- b) 5 days a week
- c) 6 days a week
- d) 7 days a week

3. What is the minimum weight requirement for dogs to become blood donors?

- a) Less than 10kg
- b) Between 10kg and 25kg
- c) More than 25kg
- d) More than 30kg

4. Do dogs have different blood types?

- a) No, all dogs have the same blood type
- b) Yes, but only small dogs have different blood types
- c) Yes, dogs can have either DEA 1 positive or negative blood type
- d) Yes, dogs can have either A, B, or AB blood types

5. Besides donating blood, how else can owners get involved with Pet Blood Bank?

- a) By adopting a dog from the blood bank
- b) By hosting their own blood donation sessions
- c) By fundraising, volunteering, and raising awareness
- d) By becoming a certified veterinary technician

6. What are some ways to fundraise for Pet Blood Bank?

- a) Taking part in sponsored runs or challenges
- b) Hosting a blood donation session at home
- c) Selling pet accessories online
- d) Buying merchandise from Pet Blood Bank's website

7. How can you help Pet Blood Bank by spreading the word?

- a) Emailing supporter@petbloodbankuk.org to request leaflets
- b) Hosting educational seminars about pet health
- c) Providing free veterinary services to donors
- d) Donating money directly to Pet Blood Bank



Answers to last months Quiz

- 1. b) Agility
- 2. b) Agility
- 3. c) To see how accurately the dog can catch a frisbee
- 4. a) Flyball
- 5. d) To see how well the dog and owner can run together as a team
- 6. a) A sport where dogs compete to see who can track scents the best
- 7. d) To see how well the dog can follow its owner's commands
- 8. c) To see how high the dog can jump off a dock into a pool
- 9. b) To see how well the dog can perform various obedience commands in a timed setting
- 10. d) Canine freestyle



DRUE LIFE



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.



Please join our 1st of the month £2 pledge

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Please support us by setting up a direct debit on the 1st of the month for a £2 contribution, hopefully you won't miss it but the Dobies will benefit greatly.

Account: Dobermann Rescue UK & Europe
Account No. 61927168
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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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THE 3 DAYS, 3 WEEKS, 3 MONTHS RULE OF ADOPTING A RESCUE DOG

THIS IS A GENERAL GUIDELINE, EVERY DOG IS UNIQUE AND WILL ADJUST TO THEIR NEW ENVIRONMENT DIFFERENTLY

IN THE FIRST 3 DAYS

Overwhelmed with their new surroundings. Not comfortable enough to be themselves. Reluctance to eat or drink. May shut down and curl up in their bed, crate or in a corner. May be stressed, scared and not know what is happening. May try to test you to see what they can get away with.

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

