

Dobermann Rescue UK and Europe (DRUE) Presents

DRUE LIFE





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Welcome from the editor

Welcome to the September issue of DRUE LIFE. This is a bumper edition of open days and dog shows. What a great time we, and our fabulous supporters have had over the last month raising money for our Dobies in need.

On the 20th August we were privileged to be invited to the South West Dobermann Club Dog Show. Wow what a superbly orchestrated day put on by Jo Trego and Jane Lewis and their very capable volunteers. Read more about it and see some photos on Page 6

FAMILY FUNDS FOR SHOW

Sunday 20th August 2023

Field opposite Miller and Carter, Weston-S-Mare jet 21 (Morrisons Roundabout), BS24 7NA

CAR PARKING AVAILABLE - ENTRIES ON THE DAY

Rosettes & Prizes * Fun Classes
Fancy Dress * Raffle * Tombola
Obstacle Course * Name the Teddy
Acupuncture Display * Temptation Alley
Cold Drinks * Hot Food * Cake Stall

RAISING FUNDS FOR SWDC & DRUE
Dobermann Rescue UK & Europe

Bring your dogs and have some fun!

SUPREME CHAMPIONSHIP
Best in Show - Pedigree
Best in Show - Rescue
Best in Show - Novelty

The 26th of August saw us have our own amazing open day. What a big success it was. We would like to thank all those who supported the day with their very generous donations, and all those who attended. Read all about it and see some photos on Page 7.



DRUE Info



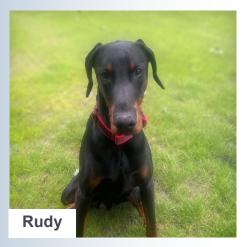


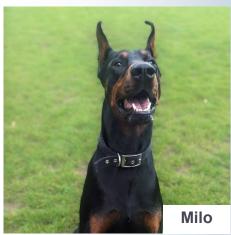
Dogs who found their new forever home

















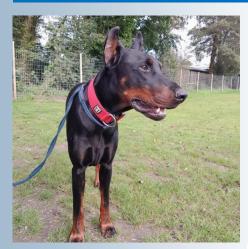
We have dogs still looking for their forever home, these are featured on the following page. If you are able to give any of our dogs a loving home please check out our current dogs and complete an application on our website at:

www.dobermannrescueuk.co.uk





Please help me, I need a home!



Paddy (was Chilli)



Nala



Another Dobie on route, more details to follow. Keep your eye on our Facebook & Website for details



Dotty



Trace

Can you give one of our dogs a home?

Find out more about them and complete an application on
www.dobermannrescueuk.co.uk





Life after rescue — "Lola"



Editor's note

For those who can remember back to last months article on the lovely brown dobie 'Summer', we mentioned that we would feature one of Summer's besties in our next issue. So, here we have the lovely DRUE rescue Lola. Over to Ros for her story...

Our Lola story ... And it's all because of Summer

It was a while since we'd lost our last dog – we'd always had collies – and we'd started making enquiries with local rescue centres to foster dogs.

Then the threat of lockdown arrived, and the rescue centres walked away from us because we lived in an apartment, albeit in an old watermill with mile upon mile of river and canal side walks right from the door.

When we were finally allowed to go and meet people outdoors, we went round to see Tony and Anne and meet their new DRUE dog, Summer. She was the first Doberman we'd properly met. Meeting her reinforced how much we were missing a dog.

Tony and Anne sang the praises of dobies and DRUE, but we knew it would be a 'no' because of where we lived. By the time we'd walked home (about half an hour) there was a message from Tony to say he'd talked to DRUE and they'd be prepared consider us if the right dog came in.

A week later and Liz rang to say a really quiet female was back with

them, would we like to meet her? And there was Lola ... who could say no?

Lola had been given over to DRUE due to changing circumstances, the resident baby had become a toddler, and for whatever reason toddler and Lola weren't a good match. She was re-homed quite quickly, but then taken back after 5 days as she was wetting her bed overnight so 'must be incontinent'.

We met with her and gelled straightaway; couldn't take her with us that same day though as we were holidaying on a canal boat! Holiday got cut short (surprise, surprise), so we could pick her up just two days



She leapt into the car boot as if her life depended on it, determined she was going home with us, then 'sang' pretty much all of the way home.

She was happy, but there was definitely underlying anxiety; there was a lot of pacing around for the first week, and she would hide her rawhide chew under anything, then move it and hide it again; it was days before she ate it, and then the vet told us off for giving it to her 'They're as bad for dogs as doughnuts are for humans', so she's not had one since!.

We settled the bed-wetting by getting up in the night to take her out, and gradually extending the time, until she was sleeping through, took a few weeks but was well worth it, we've not had any accidents and she happily sleeps through until well past 8 o'clock.

By being patient we've learnt a lot about her, like what scares her and how we deal with that. If she hears a baby crying, she needs Philip to talk to her, not me (which maybe says something about her past) we learnt how to introduce her to new people and dogs - she's very particular about who she's friends with, canine and human; that she doesn't want her own space, but does need our space. She's learnt a lot about us too, and like us, Lola can play the long game, managing to gradually train us to match her requirements!



Lola was happy in our apartment with her long riverside walks, views over the footpaths, so she could 'guard' her home from all those human's taking their dogs for a walk, and she loves a good view!







Life after rescue — "Lola" cont.



She also loves sunny spots suitable for a good snooze, but for us the apartment wasn't ideal, so we've bought her a cottage instead, with

lots of outside space attached. She's in heaven! She has a perimeter to patrol, which she loves, and she can follow her Dobermann instincts to her hearts content – for some reason the cats and squirrels now seem to bypass the garden, I can't think why!.

She's a well travelled dog with us, enjoying several road trips to our house in southern Spain. She



recognises the hotels we use on the trip and makes herself very much at home, and she settles back into Spanish life easily, loving the mountain walks and taking in the sun's rays (we don't go in the summer though, far too hot for her).

But Dobermann dogs are on the dangerous dogs list in parts of Spain, so there's Spanish officialdom to deal with for licences (for us humans, not Lola) and it's clear a lot of Spanish do not like bigger dogs.



She's a very family and friends focused dog; she seemed to understand very quickly who was

family even though with covid, family visits were few and far between.

She recognises where she's going when visiting friends and family. She gets really excited, singing loudly, particularly when we're visiting Summer, but that might have something to do with all the fish treats she gets from Tony!









Quick fire interview — Lola — 8.5yrs old

- Q. How long has she been in your life. A. 3yrs at the end of August
- **Q. Favourite food?** A. Fish. Cucumber. Pomelo (Chinese grapefruit). Oh, and cardboard.
- **Q. What makes you laugh about her? A.** You mean apart from farting? Her little whiney song if you stop fussing her; drooling; the proud way she struts when she's carrying a stick (well, branch) that you'd think would be way too big for her; the way she looks when Pippa (teacup poodle) or Sandy (dachshund cross) have helped themselves to her bed; chewing her nails. Oh, and she howls at the sound of church bells, real throw back your head and howl; which would be fine, except that we're bell ringers!
- **Q. Does she have a naughty side? A.** Not really, the only thing is scooping poop, the local woodlands are her own outdoor smorgasbord of rabbit, deer and horse she knows she shouldn't, but she just can't resist!
- Q. Best memory/adventure with her so far. A. Just life with her, full stop.





South West Dobermann Club Family Fun Dog Show

What an event!

Thank you so much to Jo Trego and Jane Lewis for organising such a splendid event. We must not forget all the volunteers and helpers who made this show happen.

This SWDC Family fun Dog Show raised a massive £2262.98 for DRUE

The event was well attended and it was delightful to see so many Dobermanns entering the event as well as lots of other breeds.



Supreme show Champion
The amazing 14yr old Asha—Wow what a girl!

There were the rescue classes that really tore at the heart strings listening to some of the stories. Along with many novelty classes. The fancy dress classes were just the best, so much fun and lots of laughs.

Well done to all for making the effort to attend and make this day a huge success.

For more pics and news of the event check out their Face Book Page. S.W.D.C Family Fun dog shows.



1st in the Dobermann rescue class Brodie — A DRUE Rescue (woohoo)



1st in the Overseas rescue class Alice — A DRUE Rescue (woohoo)



4th in the Dobermann rescue class Anubis — A DRUE Rescue (woohoo)

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DRUE open day success



An amazing day

The open day was a tremendous success, with a huge number of enthusiastic visitors attending the event.

The atmosphere was filled with excitement and curiosity as interested visitors explored the stalls, took part in the dog show and interacted with the DRUE team. It was great to witness such a vibrant event.

The passion and enthusiasm of the team was evident, sparking an interest in the breed for many visitors.

The open day was a fantastic opportunity for these people to connect with other Dobermann owners, who were happy to share their experiences.

A big shout out to the great volunteers who gave up their day and pitched in to help us run the day.



We were thrilled to learn that 10 people signed their dogs up to the Pet Blood Bank as doggie blood donors.





Our youngest was the most adorable puppy just 12 weeks old & absolutely scrumptious!



It was lovely to have support from another Dobermann Rescue charity, "Lincs Dobermann Rescue". Thank you Morag and Julie for coming along and supporting our event. At the end of the day we are all in Rescue for the same purpose, to save the Dobies. Together we can save more dogs in need.



Morag from Lincs Dobermann Rescue with Trooper the Tri-Paw



Julie from Lincs Dobermann Rescue with Cora the Dalmatian





DRUE open day success. Cont.

Fancy Dress









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DRUE open day success. Cont.















The feedback from visitors was overwhelmingly positive.

Overall, the open day left a lasting positive impression on everyone who attended, solidifying DRUE's reputation as a dedicated Dobermann Rescue charity.





DRUE open day success. Cont.







Thank you

A big thank you to all our stall holders who came to support us, some inside the building and others outside.

Also thank you to our many volunteers who did everything thrown at them with gusto. Including moving the furniture, upping the gazebos, washing down the patio chairs, directing the parking, cooking the burgers, baking the cakes, tending the stalls, too many tasks to mention, so a big thank you to everyone that made the day possible.

And not forgetting our dog show sponsors Natural Instinct. Thank you for all the treats you provided.







2024 Dobermann Rescue Calendars

Now available for purchase

Embark on a heart-warming journey through the months with our captivating Dobermanns who have found new hope, thanks to your support.

The limited edition 2024 Dobermann Rescue Calendar is now available. Every page of this beautiful calendar showcases the resilience and beauty of the Dobermanns we've had the privilege to rescue in the past years. These stunning photos capture their stories, their strength, and their indomitable spirit.

By getting your hands on this calendar, you're not only treating yourself to a stunning addition to your home or office, but you're also taking a stand for the countless Dobermanns that still need our help.

Stay organised and uplifted throughout the year with the DRUE calendar adorning your wall. Sized at full A3 portrait, printed on high quality 250gsm silk card and wiro-bound this calendar is the perfect complement to any space.

And here's the best part: For just £13, including post & package, you're not merely purchasing a calendar—you're investing in the well-being and future of more Dobermanns in need.

To make your purchase, it's as simple as sending a £13 donation (PayPal or BACS—see last page for bank details) along with the reference "CALENDAR" and don't forget to let us know your address.

Your generosity fuels our mission to rescue and rehabilitate these wonderful dogs, giving them a second chance at the life they deserve.

Don't delay, these calendars are moving fast. Grab your copy of our 2024 Dobermann Rescue Calendar now!









Volunteer spotlight Would you like to join our team?

The volunteers of Dobermann Rescue UK & Europe

In the heart of every successful rescue organisation lies a group of unsung heroes who selflessly dedicate their time, passion, and skills to make a difference in the lives of abandoned and neglected Dobermanns. These are the volunteers—the lifeblood of our Dobermann Rescue Charity.

The power of passion and compassion

Our volunteers are driven by an unwavering passion and desire to make the world a better place for every Dobermann in need. Their compassionate hearts lead them to devote countless hours, weekends, and even holidays to this noble cause. Whether it's walking the dogs from the kennels, coordinating adoption and surrenders, or handling administrative tasks and fundraising, these dedicated individuals are committed to the welfare of these magnificent dogs from the very core of their beings.

A mosaic of talents

Our volunteers come from all walks of life, bringing with them a diverse range of talents and expertise. Some are seasoned dog trainers who help to support behavioural issues, some volunteers patiently work and play with the rescues to bring out the essence of their personalities and work on lead walking and other training challenges, helping them to become more appealing to potential adopters. While others work behind the scenes on the administrative tasks to make sure the Charity runs smoothly and can rescue and rehome as many dogs as possible. We have volunteers who are tech-savvy, creating engaging content for our social media platforms, spreading awareness about our organisation and the dogs we rescue. And let's not forget the fund raising organisers, who meticulously plan and execute fundraising events that not only raise funds but also bring the community together in support of our cause.

The impact of every contribution

Every hour volunteered, every task completed, and every dog cared for makes an immeasurable impact on our Dobermann Rescue UK & Europe Charity. Without the dedication of our volunteers, our organisation simply would not exist. Their work doesn't go unnoticed; it creates a ripple effect that resonates beyond the immediate rescue efforts. With every Dobermann adopted into a loving home, with every life transformed, these volunteers witness the tangible difference they make in the lives of these incredible animals.

Better time in rescue

Because of our volunteer the dogs lives are enriched while they are in rescue. We endeavour to get the dogs out as much as possible to enjoy a variety of stimuli as you will see from our photographs.

Join our pack of volunteers

Are you inspired by the dedication of our volunteers? Do you want to make a difference in the lives of Dobermanns in need? Consider joining our pack of volunteers! There are numerous ways you can contribute, from hands-on dog care to behind-the-scenes administrative support. Contact us today to learn more about how you can become a part of our DRUE rescue family and help us continue our mission of saving and transforming lives. Together, we can make a world of difference for these deserving dogs.



To our volunteers, "Thank you." Your efforts and unwavering commitment form the foundation of our rescue charity. We invite our supporters and adopters to join us in appreciating their incredible work. If you have a chance, take a moment to personally thank a volunteer, for making the world a better place - one Dobermann at a time.







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.













