



Doberman Rescue UK and Europe (DRUE) Presents

DRUE LIFE



This months cover Dobie...

The lovely Ralph. He is a very friendly 3 year old who arrived rather overweight and is currently on a diet. Hasn't shown any reactivity to other dogs while he's been with us, although had lived on his own before.

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Welcome from the editor

This month we look at both ends of the age spectrum, from bringing on a puppy, through to adopting and caring for an older dog.

We check in at the Dobiefest event to see some of the highlights of yet another rescue working hard for the Doberman breed.

Check out the 2024 calendars, how lovely to be reminded of the gorgeous rescue Dobies all year round. They also make great Christmas presents and are now available for purchase, see page 12 for more details.

Thank You

A sincere thank you to all the generous individuals who sponsor and support DRUE. Your kindness and generosity is the driving force behind the rescue, care, and rehoming of our Dobermanns in need, making a lasting and positive impact on their lives.

Also, our new fundraising team are going great guns with lots of number

boards and other fund raising ideas. We would like to extend our thanks to them for their great support with our fund raising.

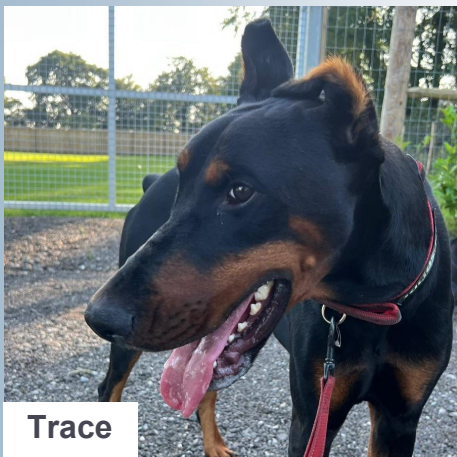
Head over to DRUE's Auction and Fundraising Group page on Facebook to check out what's happening.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/drueauction>

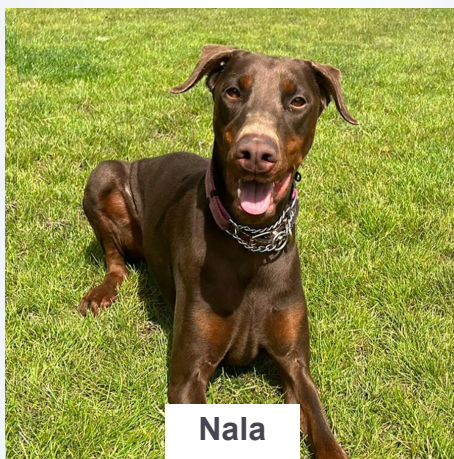




Dogs who found their new forever home



Trace



Nala



Caesar

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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Please help me, I need a home !



Paddy (was Chilli)



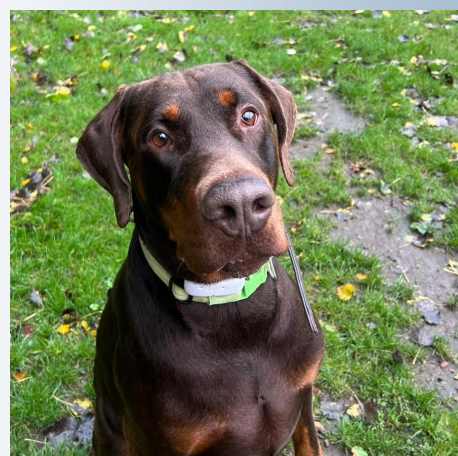
Chomp (arriving shortly)



Dotty



Bitch (arriving shortly)



Ralph

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Life after rescue — “Mila”

Editor’s note:

This month we are delighted to feature Mila. She arrived at DRUE as baby Martha, who had been found in a pound in Cyprus with her ears in a truly terrible state. After settling for a short period at DRUE, she underwent surgery to remove the damaged tissue. Michelle and Stuart adopted her just after her surgery and here we read their story...



Mila

We picked her up from Liz at home as she was too small for kennels. She was all feet and ribs, complete with stitches still in her ears. It was love at first sight.

The only thing we stated on our application was no puppies due to age of our other Dobe, but on seeing her pics on the DRUE page how on earth could we say no.



Storm our older 8year old boy took to her straight away, despite him being the Victor Meldrew (grumpy old man) of the dog world. The cats needed some convincing not helped by Mila wanting to chase them all the time.



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She could not be crated as it was too distressing for her, Hubby spent the first two weeks sleeping with her on the sofa.



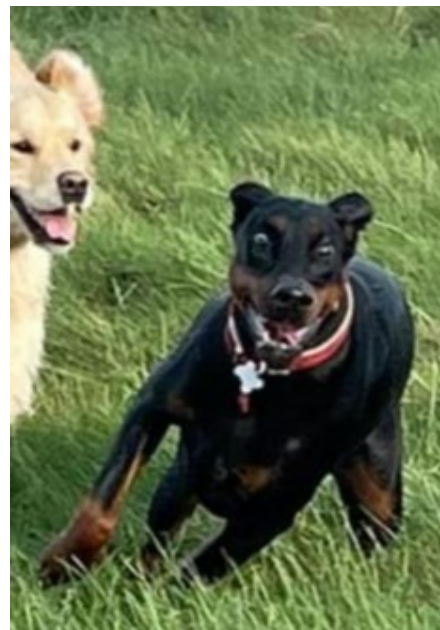
She quickly learned to open doors....nothing was safe. Luckily for us Storm was pretty good at telling tails and would howl up the stairs when Mila was eating the sofa etc.



We had to enlist the help of a behaviourist to help us help her.

She had separation anxiety and was reactive to dogs, in the sense she wanted to play with everything and would either lie down or jump up and down like a kangaroo.

I spent 6 months working on the separation part... long and painful road but now (stumpy as we call her) can be left like a pro. But on our return she has to bring you a present, this is usually the first thing she finds. We have been brought all manner of things and hubby and I now take turns on guessing what she'll bring!



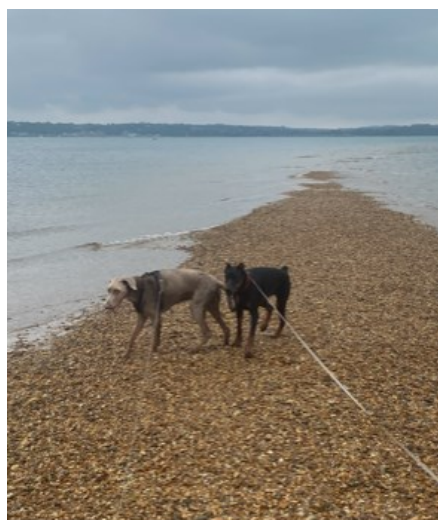
Cat training is a constant, she just loves to play and chase (joys of working line doberdorks for you). However she now licks them all over whether they want it or not and they cuddle up for naps, and leaves them on command.



Life after rescue — “Mila” cont.



She loves walking at Salisbury plains, we so lucky to live within 5 mins drive. The New Forest is within 40 mins with all the yummy treats left by the cows and horses, and although she hates the rain (again standard for a doberdork) she loves to do zoomies at the beach in the water.



She makes us laugh every day with her all in ‘attitude to life’. We recently added to the pack with DRUE dog Maze, She is so quiet and cuddly. Lets just say she learning to accept that Mila is mental! And you get your ears cleaned by Mila whether you like it or not, that goes for the hoomans in the house too!

We decided early on she needed a job. So off we went to... wait for it.....Gun Dog training!

And she smashed it, much to the envy of the many labs and springer owners. Passed all 3 levels with distinctions and was in the 30% of dogs that make it that far.

I was so proud of her, she loves to work and learn and she’s never let me down once, and the impulse control comes in handy for all the deer’s, rabbits and pheasants we see daily on our walks.



Quick fire interview — Mila — Approx 2 yrs old

Q. How long has she been in your life. **A.** 1.5 yrs.

Q. Favourite food? **A.** Everything! But especially cow skin and venison bones.

Q. What makes you laugh about her? **A.** Hiding in the flower bed, and rolling like a horse when she’s on walks, Zoomies around the house.

Q. Does she have a naughty side? **A.** Yes....Silence is worrying where Mila is concerned.

Q. If she was a famous person who would she be like? **A.** Beyonce.....Strong, independent and a bit of a diva!

Q. Best memory/adventure with her so far. **A.** Doing the gun dog classes, we bonded so much and it was great to see her having fun and using that amazing brain.



Doberfest—Lincs Dobermann Rescue

Editor's note

It is a great pleasure to highlight the efforts of another Doberman Rescue this month "Lincs Dobermann Rescue", who had a very successful open day, all in aid of Dobermanns in need.

Collaboration among dog rescue charities can be immensely beneficial as it allows us to pool our resources, expertise, and efforts to save more dogs and provide them with the care and support they need.

So let's now head over to Lincs Dobermann Rescue to find out a little bit more about their event...



Lincs Dobermann Rescue

Our 2nd DOBIEFEST was a great success, there were more than 90 Dobies at the event and despite some of them being reactive, they were all fabulous and barely a cross word was heard from them.



We also entertained around 50 in the "All Breeds" classes, again this all went off really well.

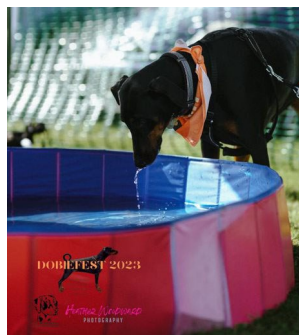


We had a slight hiccup early doors when we had no electricity but this was resolved and the event continued as planned. When the car park was full, the venue had kindly cut the verge outside and there were around 30 vehicles which took advantage.



We were blessed with great weather; it was sunny with a lovely breeze from the coast a couple of minutes away, the Wind Turbines were on the go all day.

We provided plenty of Cooling Zones for dogs and their handlers which gave shade for all.



It was lovely to welcome Ian and Tracy Tyson from DRUE to the event. It's always good to work together in Dobie Rescue so that we can together provide the best outcomes for this amazing breed. It is always - All About the Dog.

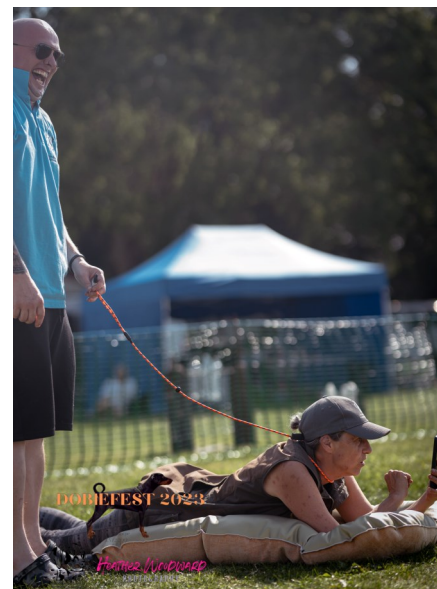
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The event is months in the planning with a brilliant team of 6 of us who have specific roles allocated through the planning stage. It's only our 2nd event and we have once again learned what we can improve on for next year.



A big thank you to Heather Woodward for permission to reproduce some of her photographs in this article.





Puppies - Sharon Chamberlin's 'Training tips'.

Editors note: This article is important for those who have pups already or are planning on purchasing a pup and want to end up with a well balanced, well behaved, fun loving dog. Not one that will end up in rescue when it matures with no manners or any idea of what's expected of him or her. Once again we go to the wonderful Trainer 'Sharon Chamberlin' for some great advice.

DOBERMANN PUPPIES; TRAINING TIPS & VIDEOS

Have you just collected your Dobermann puppy? Maybe you have had him for a little while at home now?



How do you plan to train him?

Dobermanns are highly intelligent and high drive, being a large working breed with energy, needs, emotions & feelings that are often misunderstood or not met. If their

needs aren't met, then they will go self-employed. If we don't educate ourselves as to what those needs are and how to train our puppy properly then we absolutely can't blame the puppy for not knowing what we require of him.



Here at Dobercademy we believe in training through kindness, knowledge and understanding and our training is fun for both Dobermann and owner and doesn't look like training at all!

This is exactly how training should be, because first and foremost your puppy needs to feel safe and to trust you. Building a relationship, connection and focus are what we humans need to concentrate on if we want to have a dog whom we can live happily with and take out and about with us wherever we want. If we want a dog who comes back to us and walks nicely next to us, then we need to show him how, and he needs to want to do these things.

If, as I see advised by many others in posts I see all over Facebook, one turns to spraying water in the face of our puppy if he jumps up, or sticking our fingers down his throat for mouthing and biting for example then how can we possibly expect our puppy to trust us and to have a great recall where he returns to us every time we ask or is happy to bring something back to us?

I know if someone periodically squirted water into my face, whilst giving me a treat the next, then their unpredictability means I wouldn't trust them! I would move away from them instinctively if they came towards me and I certainly wouldn't recall to an unpredictable, sometimes scary owner!



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So, Let's look at just one of the fun ways we use to start off creating relationship and connection for a Dobermann puppy and teaching him some important life skills along the way:

Dobermann puppy toy swap

Toy swap is a powerful game which is so underestimated when one has a new puppy and is often not even taught. Let's look at why we should always teach toy swap as soon as our new puppy arrives:



1. Building relationship and harnessing prey drive

We need to start building relationship and connection with our new puppy straightaway. We need him to trust us, feel happy and safe and enjoy interaction with us. Our Dobermann puppy is hard wired to hunt and chase so what could be a better start for our relationship than to take care of this natural need and use it to focus his attention and

enjoyment on us! Introducing appropriate tug toys and focussing our puppy's prey drive on us is a big brick in the foundations of being able to keep his focus on us in the real world where there is real prey!!

Our first video below demonstrates how to get started with your puppy on toy swap. NB. It's important to use two toys the same so they have equal value and keep them on the floor to start. With one held behind your back, move the other on the floor like a rat so your puppy becomes interested and play gently with him once he's ragging the toy, after a few seconds play, hold the first toy still "dead" to the floor and bring the next toy into vision & play. Your puppy will lose interest in the "dead rat" and quickly swap to the "live" one. Repeat!

<https://youtu.be/L-muxRStY1c?si=jwODMlzwpjCUtx4u>

2. Retrieve

Everyone would like their dog to bring stuff back to them or be capable of a retrieve. This is one of the "four" most popular behaviours owners always want to achieve (loose lead walking, recall, bring stuff back & stay when asked).

In reality we unwittingly often teach our puppies the opposite and they run away from us. We do this

because when they pick up something of value to us, we start shouting at them and chasing them for it and when we catch them, we take it away so they lose their prize. Also, given that bringing stuff back is actually an alien concept to a dog (once they scavenge or catch their dinner, they certainly want to keep it), retrieve is something we actively need to teach them.

Toy swap teaches a puppy that giving up his toy results in being rewarded with another!



There are many versions of toy swap, you can play with two toys or with one toy & food whichever your own puppy finds most rewarding.

The idea is we teach him very early on that what we have in our hand is always a better deal than what he has in his mouth!



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3. Give stuff up

Toy swap actively teaches a puppy to happily give stuff up when you ask for it.

4. When we've moved toy swap onto a retrieve we are actively promoting and repeating the mechanics we need for a good recall and of course puppy has a good reason (plenty of reinforcement in the next toy) to want to return to us and bring stuff back!



https://youtu.be/wAafdP_pnmA?si=3h9Q5gAjhk-ogaaW

5. Loose lead walking and competitive heelwork.

Toy swap is an absolutely amazing tool and skill to help start focus & loose lead walking too. The Dobermann, being a working breed,

is easy to train if one has the knowledge and skills required to understand his needs & take care of them.



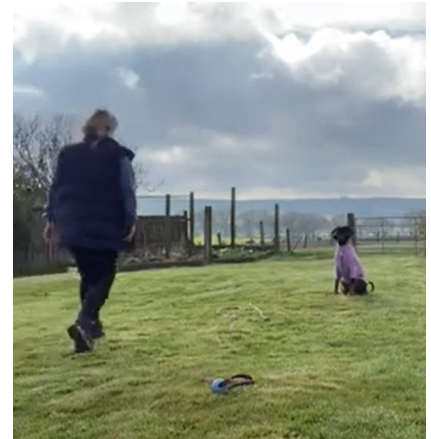
Our little video demo's just how toy swap helps establish focus and walking nicely next to us!

https://youtu.be/WSc3D0_UqCA?si=PHzXOXsxKiluoXem

6. Stay!!

We can also train a "wait or stay" with toys too. Training this way gives your puppy a reason to want to stay (which let's face it can be a difficult & boring exercise for one so young and immature). Using a toy gives your puppy a reason to want to stay and the behaviour becomes so much more reliable too than just

asking him to lie still & not move whilst you walk away for no reason! (NB. of course we train a little impulse control before we can introduce this exercise but that is part of our puppy course too!)



In the link below you will see how we start our "stays" which again is worthwhile for our puppy!

https://youtu.be/X8sEZ0ueESU?si=F7C_tsttFkXuTXMX

If you'd like to learn to understand just what your Dobermann puppy needs, what it's like for him living in our human world, why many owners experience so many difficult behaviours and how to avoid them, as well as learning how to train your Dobermann puppy successfully and reliably then contact Sharon for details of her various training programmes from puppy, to reactivity.



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Adopting an older dog



**Saxon aged 14yrs
1st place veteran**

The benefits for you

Adopting an old dog can be a wonderful and rewarding experience for both you and the dog. While many people may prefer to adopt puppies or younger dogs, there are several benefits to adopting an older canine companion

Calmer and more relaxed

Older dogs generally have a more settled demeanour. They are past their hyperactive puppy phase, which means they often require less intensive training and have a more predictable energy level.

Lower energy levels

Older dogs usually have lower energy levels compared to younger ones, making them a great choice for



**Dodd aged 15 yrs
2nd place veteran**

people with a more sedentary lifestyle or limited physical capabilities.

Already trained

Many older dogs have already gone through basic training and housebreaking. They may be familiar with commands and routines, making the transition to your home easier.

Established personality

With older dogs, you get a better idea of their personality from the beginning. This can help you find a dog whose temperament aligns well with your lifestyle and preferences.

Immediate companionship

Older dogs can quickly become loving and loyal companions. They often form strong bonds with their new owners, appreciating the care and attention they receive in their later years.

Less demanding

Older dogs tend to be less demanding of your time and attention compared to puppies. They are usually content with a moderate amount of exercise, playtime, and affection.

Easier to gauge health

By adopting an older dog, you can get a better sense of their health status. Any existing medical conditions may have been identified by the previous

owner or the rescue organisation, allowing you to make informed decisions about their care.

Rewarding experience

Giving an older dog a loving home in their golden years can be incredibly fulfilling. You'll know that you're providing them with a safe, comfortable environment and a chance to experience love and happiness during their twilight years.

Less destruction:

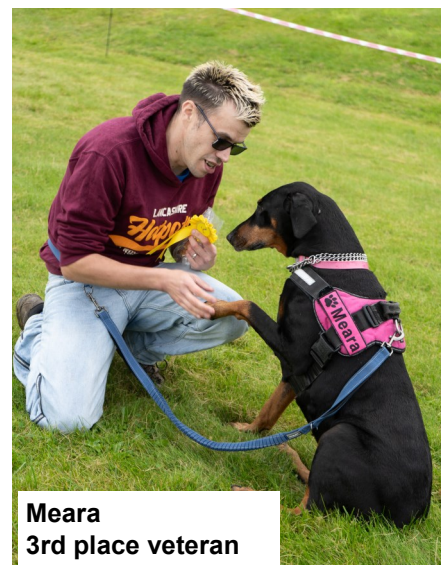
Older dogs have often outgrown the phase of chewing and destructive behaviours commonly seen in puppies. This means your furniture and belongings are less likely to be at risk.

A chance to make a difference:

Older dogs often have a harder time finding homes compared to younger ones, making your adoption even more impactful. You'll be providing a loving home to a dog who may otherwise spend their final years in a rescue kennel facility.

Remember

Every dog is an individual, and personality and behaviour can vary widely regardless of age. If you're considering adopting an older dog, take the time to meet and interact with potential candidates to find the perfect match for your family and lifestyle.



**Meara
3rd place veteran**

Looking after the older dog

Introduction:

Caring for older dogs can be a difficult balance as they must be kept fit to maintain joints, but they still mustn't overdo it.



Old and infirm dogs will still want to walk with you way beyond their physical limits, so do regular short walks, rather than one long walk.

Body fat has a pro-inflammatory effect that increases pain, so it is best to keep the old dog on the lean side to minimise strain and consequently inflammation to old joints.



Keeping him warm and out of draughts with a hot water bottle or a heat pad near affected joints will be very welcome for relieving arthritic pain.

Regular massage from owner or therapist keeps joints and muscle areas free and supple, thus helping to maintain mobility.

Mood improvement is one of the strongest painkillers available. The body produces endorphins (a group of hormones), which activate the brain's opiate receptors to provide an analgesic effect.



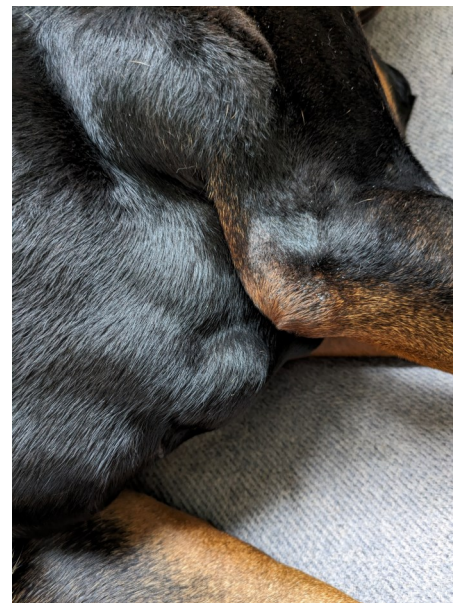
Also, all dogs can still learn new tricks, so keeping him mentally alert with interactive games is ideal for a dog whose exercise must be limited.

Many natural remedies are valuable painkillers, but natural doesn't necessarily mean they are all safe.

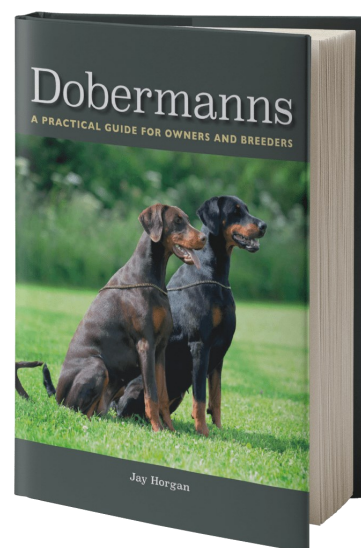
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When treating your dog, the vet should be made aware of any medication, whether natural or not.

Dobermans are very prone to lumps and bumps particularly in old age. Most are soft, smooth, benign, fatty lumps, but there may be growths that are knotty hard and immovable.



Broadly speaking if you can get your fingers around and under a lump it's probably innocent but any lump which appears suddenly, is discoloured, changes shape rapidly, or seems knotted and fixed with a root should be examined.



Credits:

*Jay Kershaw—Breeder, Trainer, Owner.
From her book Dobermanns. A practical guide for owners and breeders*



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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 wi-ro-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) 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!





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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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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

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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

