Dobermann Rescue UK and Europe (DRUE) Presents





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Welcome from the editor

Christmas is coming...

Our festive issue of the DRUE Life Newsletter comes to you just a few weeks before the big day. So if you are still looking for little gifts or stocking fillers then now is the time to buy one of our few remaining DRUE calendars, mugs, cards, coasters, bags and keyrings in time for Christmas. Not only do they make great gifts but of course you will be helping the dogs at the same time. Email our DRUE admin on:

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The holiday season often inspires the desire to welcome a new furry member into our homes. Dobermanns, with their glossy coats, regal posture, and soulful eyes, can easily capture anyone's heart. They're known for their loyalty, intelligence, and as being excellent companions. However, the decision to adopt a Dobermann should be as lasting as the evergreen wreaths adorning our doors. Check out our feature inside, on 'Dobies are for life not just for Christmas'



As we draw to the end of 2023 we reflect on the journey through the year, join us as we remember some of the highlights. It's been a truly great year and we want to thank all those who have supported us in any way throughout the year. THANK YOU.

from the pound when found straying. She'd recently had a litter of pups.

She's affectionate towards everyone and loves cuddles. She is dog reactive and needs to be an only dog.

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Dogs who found their new forever home



Rocky





Rex

Jack



Reign

Betsy

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: <u>www.dobermannrescueuk.co.uk</u>





Please help me, I need a home !



Dexter



Dotty



Porcha



Pepper



Macie



Hugo

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





Life after rescue — "Dante"



Editors note

If this photo doesn't touch your hearts then I don't know what will.

This is Dante, found starved, neglected and hosting many scars, in Cyprus in January 22. He was rehabilitated there by 'Saving Pound Dogs Cyprus' and a big effort made to get weight on him. When he was fit enough to travel he was flown over to DRUE in May 2022.

One of our amazing volunteers Pauline Thomas, took him on and gave him the most loving home where he is now thriving. I met him when he first arrived at DRUE and was delighted to meet him again at the DRUE open day in August this year and wow what a superb dog he is now. Both in terms of his condition and also temperament.



Before we head to his story, first a little overview of his adopter and fellow DRUE team member, Pauline.

Pauline's background

Pauline is one of our regular and long established volunteers. She is a pillar of dedication and compassion within our Dobermann community, her tenure as a steadfast volunteer within DRUE stretches back many years.

Her weekly commitment goes beyond walking the dogs every week, she also assists with transporting surrendered dogs, carrying out homechecks, and assisting with vet visits as required.

Her journey with DRUE began many years ago through a connection with one of our Trustees, Jay, a bond that led to the adoption of Troy, a courageous Tri-Paw.

Troy's past was filled with sorrow, marked by some truly harrowing abuse and catastrophic injuries—a past where he was mercilessly run over and then hung up in a tree to die, guite literally suspended between

> life and death, an ordeal that resulted in the loss of his front leg. Amidst this tragedy, Pauline and her husband Dave adopted him, opening their hearts and home to Troy, surrounding him with the love and comfort he so richly deserved.

Their home welcomed another soul when, three years ago, Pauline and Dave embraced Dozer, a DRUE dog who, at the time of writing, is basking in the golden times of her eighth year.





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Once again their kindness expanded in May 2022 with the addition of our featured dog 'Dante' who has his own tale of survival. Now, it is time to unfold the chapters of Dante's life as he thrives under the nurturing care of Pauline and Dave. Let us delve into his story.

Dante

Upon learning about Dante and the extent of his traumatic experiences, Pauline, whose heart is as vast as her commitment to animal welfare, did not hesitate to act. Understanding the depth of his suffering and the urgent need for a nurturing environment, she and her husband Dave once again rose to the occasion with unwavering compassion.

Recognising the opportunity to make an exceptional difference in another Dobermann life, they welcomed Dante, bringing him into their family.

So in May 2022, Dante found his forever home as a cherished new family member, set to begin a new chapter filled with love, care, good food and the warmth of a forever home.

The scars of human cruelty

The depths of cruelty that some individuals will stoop to, in inflicting torment and torture on defenceless animals are profoundly disturbing and difficult to fathom. The extent of such brutality shakes the very foundation of our understanding of compassion and empathy within the human spirit.

The complete scope of Dante's torment is unknown, yet the lingering physical evidence suggests an ordeal of harrowing proportions.

The visible scars etched into his body bear silent testimony and are an every day reminder of the gravity of his past suffering.



A stark ring encircles his neck, while the reverse sides of both his hind legs are marred by prominent scars.



Additionally, a sizable, disfiguring scar travels like a painful history across his back.



These indelible marks serve as a grim chronicle of the shocking maltreatment this unfortunate Dobie endured before his rescue.

Dante's resilience in the face of such adversity is as remarkable as it is distressing, a true testament to his enduring spirit amidst the terrible sufferings he had faced.

Arriving in his forever home

Pauline and Dave were delighted that Dante settled in with them and their girl Dozer straight away and within 2 days he knew his new name of Dante. His age is undetermined but was estimated at approximately 5 to 6 years when they took him on.

There were no initial issues that you might expect, such as anxiety or nervousness, he just settled right in, clearly knowing he was 'home' now.



Pauline says he has the most laid back and amazing temperament, he has never shown any aggression and he is really chilled out.

The most action he gets up to, is a nice steady 'canter' when he's out and about. No charging around like a demon for him. He's way too chilled out for that. Pauline says she likes to call him her 'Dope on a rope'.





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Pauline goes on to say; he's good to travel in the car and loves to be out and about, he's happy wherever he goes. We've taken him to the beach and he really enjoys that. occasions, but it has now become a very popular tourist destination so I can be quite busy.

On the slightly naughty side he is a food thief. He will take

absolutely any

opportunity to take food... any food!

We've had to turn the

bread bin around as he

can open it and empty

the contents. If you're

walking along with an

apple in your hand he'll

whip it off you. He's also

worked out how to open draws and cupboards to

check in there too.

This photo is where we walk the dogs on a daily basis and the hill at the back is an area called Rivington, an enchanting location which boasts meticulously crafted Japanese gardens, intriguing follies, and a historic pool, once bustling with swimmers. Additionally, it features a quaint boating lake.

This idyllic retreat was created by Lord Lever in the early 1900s. Adding to its rich history, the estate's house was set ablaze in 1913 by a militant suffragette Edith Rigby, marking a significant event in its storied past It's a fantastic place to walk the dogs and we have done so on many Dave takes him for a walk to the village at night and he loves to scavenge at any given opportunity.



He loves to go past the bus stop just in case someone has left a random bite to eat and past the chippy in the event he could come across a fallen chip. He's a monkey but considering his past, how can you blame him.

Around feeding time he starts to drink water, it makes us wonder if he's starting to become hungry and filling up on water just in case he doesn't get fed. He has no need to ever worry about that anymore, that part of his past life can be a distant memory for him. He will always be looked after and will never go hungry again.

He loves us both but he's definitely Dave's dog though.



Quick fire interview — Dante — Approx 6.5 to 7yrs old

Q. How long has he been in your life. A. 18 months.

Q. Favourite food? A. He will eat anything food wise and has no qualms about helping himself.

Q. What makes you laugh about him? A. He can make his ears touch one another when he is concentrating on what we are saying, it's so cute. Also whenever his food or his daily supper of a slice of toast is being prepared, he stands on your foot to try and get even closer to the food.

Q. Does he have a naughty side? A. Never really been naughty apart from opening doors by jumping and pressing the handle down and he had once or twice opened a drawer. Oh and he's a food thief!

Q. If he was a famous person who would he be like? A. A difficult one to answer, but perhaps Keanu Reeves as he is so laid back and he has a lot of loving to give.

Q. Best memory/adventure with him so far. A. All of them





Conditioning and exercise - Part 1 (Jay Kershaw)

Editors note:

The words (not pictures) in this article are reproduced with the kind permission of Jay Kershaw, from her book 'Dobermanns; A practical guide for owners and breeders'.

This article, all relating to conditioning and exercise will be spread over the next three issues of DRUE Life.

Conditioning and exercise

One of the first questions often asked by perspective Dobermann owners is how much exercise does the breed need?

There is no prescriptive amount it depends how fit you want both you and your dog to be. The exercise requirements of the Dobermann are no different to that of any large athletic breed, and the freedom to run is the cornerstone of good health and well-being in any dog.

However mental exercise is equally as important as physical exercise for the Dobermann and if you want a well -balanced dog that is easy to live with, you must include interactive exercises.

Most dogs are given a run around in the park for an hour or so, maybe with a little ball throwing if they're lucky.



Weekends may provide more variation, with a trip to a different park

but the type of exercise will be the same: more free running.

The dog eventually becomes hyper fit and his energy demands continued to increase, with the result that he is not a pleasant dog to live with.



Despite having been out sometimes for hours, he is pumped up and unable to relax. He paces up and down, whines, demands constant attention and continually wants to be let out to run around the garden only to come in and repeat this nervous behaviour. It is simply caused by the owner spending more time on the dog's physical energy demands, and not enough on their mental demands.

"Despite having been out sometimes for hours, he is pumped up and unable to relax."

Wild dogs and wolves do not spend energy running wildly in every direction just for the sake of it. They maintain fitness by roaming over large areas of territory in a steady trot, which keeps their muscles in tip top condition, waiting for the spurt of energy needed to catch their prey, for which they can attain speeds as high as 40 mph.

The US Fish and Wildlife service reports that wolves can regularly travel up to 30 miles per day, and dispersing wolves have travelled as far as 600 miles from their original location. Although evolutionary domesticity has made the companion dog of today far removed from their lupine forebears, they retain the instinctive urge to roam. Whilst few of us can achieve that level of endurance with our dogs, we can replicate these behaviour patterns in a scaled down version by providing mostly road walking or trotting instead of free running.

Understanding breed type and function

Understanding breed type and function is important in assessing the exercise requirements of any breed. Fit for function or fit for life is a phrase coined by the Kennel Club some years ago, to convey that every dog bred should be capable of leading a fit, full and happy life.

Of more relevance is the fact that the dog should be capable of carrying out the function for which it is bred. We don't expect a Chihuahua to do personal protection work (although they are very sure that they can) and mastiffs like the quick turning ability of a terrier to catch rodents.

Although Dobermanns are generally no longer required to be the tough deterrent they were in the last century, they should still have the mental acuity and peak physical fitness to do their job if necessary.



The Dobermann is a multi-purpose breed, so it is fulfilling for them to be exercised both mentally and





Conditioning and exercise - Part 1 continued

physically in accordance with their breed function.

Categories of gait

There are basic categories of gait (movement styles) into which different breeds fit for their particular purpose.

Common to all breeds is the walk, pace and trot. The canter and gallop are more suited to breeds such as the sighthounds who need to have quick bursts of speed to catch distant running prey, whereas terriers characteristically use hair trigger turns to catch their small, fast-moving quarry.

The trot is the preferred gate for the Dobermann who carries his lean body squarely over long, strong legs with medium angulation in his front and back legs for balanced, even stride.

He moves forwards in a two time gait with his feet touching the ground in diagonal pairs.



During a normal trot there is a brief moment of suspension during weight transference from one pair of legs to the other; in a faster trot the stride and suspension period is longer, when it is referred to as a flying trot.

When trotting naturally he moves with his head held low in front of him with efficient movement and balance. The average speed of the Dobermann at a steady trot is around six to seven mph his feet are tightly bunched, like a cat, to absorb impact from the walking and trotting that Herr Dobermann required of him in his work.

The show dog with his head held artificially high is very flashy and impressive, but although the long neck muscles can sustain the position for some time, it is an inefficient style of movement.

The canter is a smooth, three beat stride of low impact gait giving a ground covering stride without expending an excessive amount of energy. lands and pushes off again from the ground in full extended suspension

Limited records show that some Molosser type dogs, a category of solidly built, large breeds, were used in the development of the Dobermann. These breeds are front loaded, in that their centre of gravity is over their front end with about 60% of their body weight distributed over the front legs and 40% at the rear. Sighthounds such as the greyhound, on the other hand, have stronger hindquarters, which enables them to achieve the double suspension gallop needed for great speed.

The Dobermann combines the strength of the Molosser with the speed of the greyhound. The



The gallop is a four beat gait with a brief moment of suspension. It is only used for rapid spurts of high energy, and is not an endurance pace. Breeds with a very flexible spine an height a cups are designed to achieve a double suspension gallop, which literally means that the dog is suspended in the air in mid stride in two phases. In the first phase the powerful hindquarters thrust off and overtake the front legs, which are by now almost under the body, so the legs are tucked up and almost folded inwards on themselves before the second phase, in which the dog

Dobermann's body is compact and muscular with tremendous energy capacity, the chest and rib cage provide large heart and lung capacity for endurance, stamina and rapid exertions, and the long bones with wide joint angles allow for a long stride: put together, these features make

the Dobermann a highly efficient canine athlete.

Next month we continue with Part 2 'Complete body conditioning'.



Credits: Jay Kershaw—Breeder, Trainer, Owner. Extract from her book 'Dobermanns. A practical guide for owners and breeders'





DRUE Fundraiser Hayley Clowes & her 'Doggy daycare' event

A dedicated supporter of DRUE and proud adopter of 'Phoenix' (previously featured in DRUE Life) recently hosted a fundraising event at her Doggy Daycare Centre in Newcastle, Stoke, benefiting DRUE.



The event was a great success, substantially boosting DRUE's funds.



Representing DRUE and managing the stalls were team members lan & Tracy, Chloe, Dawn W, Debs, and Di.

The event was marked by an impressive array of homemade cakes, courtesy of Debs and another generous supporter. In preparation, Pauline Rose crafted a variety of

DRUE merchandise, inc. mugs, coasters, bags, keyrings, Xmas cards, & Santa



sacks, all available for purchase.

Our stalls featured a wide selection of donated items, either for sale or as prizes in our Tombola. A heartfelt thanks goes out to everyone who contributed, including those who knitted items for the stalls.



A special moment was the appearance of DRUE's adopted dog, KaiZen, alongside a recently rehometo-rehome brown Dobie.



The event was a gathering of diverse breeds, with many dogs getting into the holiday spirit in their festive Christmas jumpers.





Hayley orchestrated a hugely successful event, attracting numerous stallholders and culminating in a delightful fun dog show, showcasing a parade of magnificent dogs.







For anyone with daycare needs please do contact Hayley Clowes: Phone: 07983 335 734 Email: hayley@doggydaycare.me.uk Web: https://doggydaycare.me.uk/ Address: Maries Way, Silverdale,







Festive DRUE dobies getting into the Christmas spirit







Paws & reflect this festive season Dobies are for life not just for Xmas

Dobermanns are for life, not just for Christmas



As the winter chill sets in and the festive lights begin to twinkle, the spirit of Christmas envelops us in a warm embrace. It's a season of giving, of family, and of joyful celebration. Amongst the beautifully wrapped presents and the clinking of toasty mugs, there's a heartfelt message that DRUE wishes to share with all prospective pet parents: A Dobermann, like any dog, is for life, not just for Christmas.

Adopting a Dobermann is a lifelong commitment that extends well beyond the seasonal festivities. These majestic animals require continuous love, attention, and care throughout their entire lives, which can span ten years or more. Christmas might seem like the perfect time for a heartwarming surprise, but the aftermath of the holiday season can lead to a sobering reality for many dogs. Each January, rescue services see a surge in the number of pets surrendered when the novelty wears off and the responsibilities of pet ownership become clear.

Therefore, we urge everyone considering a Dobermann companion to think deeply about the long-term commitment. The joy a dog brings is immeasurable, but so is the responsibility. Dobermanns, in particular, are active, energetic, and require adequate space, exercise, mental stimulation, and training. They thrive on companionship and consistency.

To embody the Christmas spirit yearround, why not consider additional ways to support Dobermanns in need? Here are a few actions you can take this festive season:

Sponsor a kennel: If you're not ready for a full-time commitment, sponsoring a kennel for the Dobermanns in our care can be a wonderful gift. Your sponsorship can help provide food, shelter, and medical care.



Volunteer: Our Dobermanns love new friends! Volunteer your time to walk, socialise, or even help with events. It's a meaningful way to spread holiday cheer and make a difference.

Donate: Christmas is the season of giving, and your donations can support the well-being of Dobermanns waiting for their forever homes.

Educate: Use your voice to educate others about the importance of responsible pet ownership. Share the message that a dog is for life, with Christmas being just one of many seasons they will see.

This Christmas, as you enjoy the magic of the season, remember the Dobermanns who are in search of the greatest gift of all: a loving, forever home. Let's make sure that every sparkling-eyed Dobermann receives the promise of a future filled with love and care, all year round.

As we deck the halls and sing carols, let's also pledge to extend our goodwill to all, including our fourlegged friends. For in the reflection of a Dobermann's hopeful gaze, may we find the true essence of Christmas the joy of giving, the beauty of life, and the value of a forever family.

On behalf of the whole team at Dobermann Rescue UK & Europe , we wish you a Merry Christmas and a compassionate, paw-filled New Year!



This is one of our DRUE rescue Dobies 'Hetty', she is living her best life with DRUE Trustee Ian and his wife Tracy who have opened their home to 2 of our rescues (the other is hiding behind the Christmas tree, stealing baubles). So, now it's a very happy Christmas for Hetty & Cooper.







DRUE is a very exciting charity to be involved with, we have so many motivated and enthusiastic hands-on people in our team, not to mention all the incredible people who support us with their donations, without whom this just wouldn't be possible. As the year begins to draw to a close, it's the perfect time to reflect on the past months.

January

In January, our move to Country Kennels expanded our capabilities, allowing thorough daily exercise for



the dogs. Our volunteers play a crucial role in this, complementing the Kennel staff's morning walks with their own afternoon

outings. We have 2 secure fields, as well as some great countryside where we can walk or run the dogs. The dogs enjoy varied activities, from countryside walks to river swims and local pub visits.

Early summer

A big highlight of the early summer was to take Bobbi our beautiful brown boy to the Lake District on a camping and cani-cross race weekend.



Bobbi turned out to be the absolute best camping buddy, he loved the BBQ and settled well on the camp site. The following morning the canicross support squad got bigger as

more of the DRUE team turned up to help and cheer on. Of course, we have to mention here our amazing runner 'Dave Ronan' who raced Bobbi on the forest hill trails, across rocky streams, and through the amazing scenery. Bobbi was in his element and won his first medal. What a fabulous weekend that left all those involved, buzzing.

Late summer

In the late summer we had our super successful open day. The weather was kind to us, the turnout was great and the fun dog show was lovely. We had lots of stall holders who supported and many of our volunteers came along to assist with the day. Many kind and very generous people donated items for our stalls.



Autumn

In the autumn, the Trustees engaged in a highly constructive meeting with the Charity Commission. This interaction allowed for a thorough review of our operations, during which the Charity Commission provided invaluable guidance and support.

They were extremely helpful and we are pleased to have received a letter from them following our meeting which said: "The trustees are managing their charity effectively" and "we wish you every success for the future".

The Trustees work very hard behind the scenes and since the new team took over in the early part of the year many new policies and procedures have been put in place to ensure compliance and we recruited some new professionals to assist with the legalities of our Charity.

Late autumn

Reflection of a year of

wagging tails

Late autumn saw the creation of our new fundraising team, led by Jill, Trixie, Dawn W, and Debra. It has been a powerhouse of creativity, organising successful events and planning for the future.

What a difference they have made already. They arrange our fundraisers, get out to events, bake cakes,



source prizes/merchandise and all work together to raise money for DRUE. They are non-stop and have huge plans already stretching well into next year. I won't say too much now, I urge you to watch out in next months DRUE Life for a feature on these very proactive ladies.

Winter

4 Members of our DRUE team attended a human first aid course, this is to compliment the human and dog first aiders we already have on the team to maximise on our H&S.



Volunteers

This year our team of volunteers has flourished. They have grown in numbers and help us in so many ways, but where they shine most is in getting the dogs out and about. They are all out daily, walking, free running the dogs in the secure paddock or the agility field or they go on little trips which include the local parks,







Reflection of a year of wagging tails

shopping (mostly pet shops!) and of course the aforementioned pub and running routes. The volunteers are all such an integral part of DRUE, whether they come once a day, once a week or once a month, they all make a difference to our dog's lives while they reside with us. A big round of applause goes out to these guys.



Throughout this year our DRUE team have attended many events, supported other charities, had our own DRUE stalls selling merchandise and generally been very active getting out and about to spread the word. We now have our very own in-house merchandise producer and the team are already mapping out the activities for next year.



Our supporter's generosity

Your generosity is the backbone of our rescue charity. DRUE has been incredibly fortunate to witness the exceptional generosity of our Dobermann community this year. Through every donation, large or small, our supporters have laid the foundation for transformational stories. Your donations have helped to cover our medical bills, provide nutritious food for the malnourished, and ensured that every Dobermann in our care received the love and attention needed to prepare them for a new life. Your support has meant the difference between hardship and survival for our rescues, to a new life where they are truly loved.

Thanks beyond words

Words often fall short when expressing gratitude for the many ways you've all supported DRUE. Yet, as we watch a rescued Dobermann bound into the arms of their new family or witness the transformation of a once-shy dog into a confident companion, we know that it's your support that's paved their way. So as we leave 2023 behind we can all reflect and rest happily in the knowledge that so many dogs are now living their best lives in loving homes.

As we move forward towards 2024, our mission continues, fuelled by the belief that every Dobermann deserves the dignity of a safe, loving, and permanent home.

The work is never done, but the successes of this year give us hope and strength for the journey ahead.

To each person who has supported DRUE; through time, money, resources, or by welcoming a Dobermann into their life, we extend our deepest thanks.

Here's to another year of saving lives, one Dobermann at a time.







2024 Dobermann Rescue Calendars

Take advantage now before 2024 commences...

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) 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!









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 Sort code 30-84-26









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 DAY

Overwhelmed with their new surroundings. Not comfortable enough to be themself. 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.

FTER 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

