



Dobermann Rescue UK and Europe (DRUE) Presents

DRUE LIFE



1 Year and 4 months later...

Dotty heads off to her new Foster home.

What a send off she had, a new toy to take with her, a little goodbye card, so much love and of course a few tears.

See page 4 for some more photos.

Welcome from the editor

What fabulous news we have to share. After 16 months in kennels, Dotty has left us to go to a Foster home (our fingers remain crossed for her future!).

She has been a firm favourite with the team, we will miss her beautiful, excited face and the cuddles she was always happy to give us. We hope she is very happy in her new Foster home, the photos we've received so far are heartwarming, seeing her curled up on a sofa. See pg 4 for some more pics of our lovely girl.

Wow what a wet few months we've been having. Our local play area has turned into a pond!

But spring is in the air, the daffodils are popping up and it won't be too long before washing off our Dobies feet after a walk, will be a distant memory.

This month has seen Pauline crazy busy fielding surrenders and finding some awesome homes for our rescues. It's so good when our new adopters post their 'settling in' pics on our Facebook site.

Our team see the dogs daily in the kennel environment so they are genuinely thrilled to see photos of them, living it up in their new home environment. Keep these pics coming please. Of course for our established adopters we love your photos too, it's really good to see how the dogs are getting on as the years progress.

Don't forget to keep this date in your diary for our open day and fun dog show. More details will follow as we move closer to the date.

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Dobermann Rescue UK & Europe

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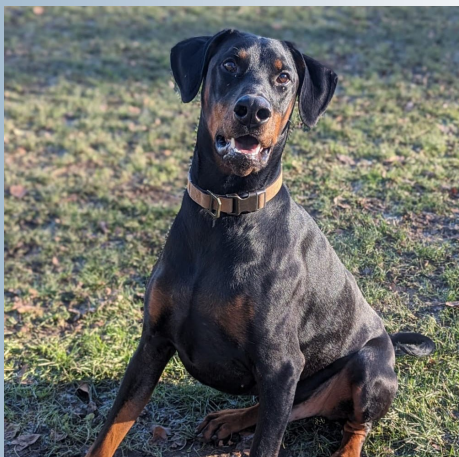
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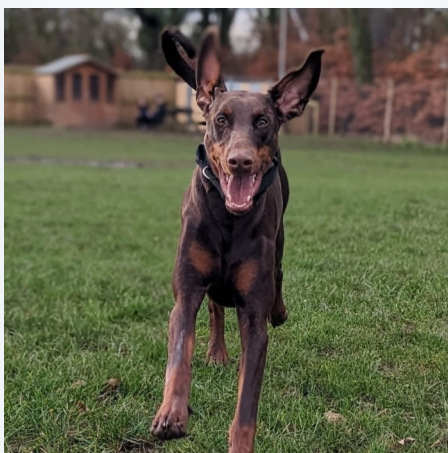
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Dogs who found their new forever home



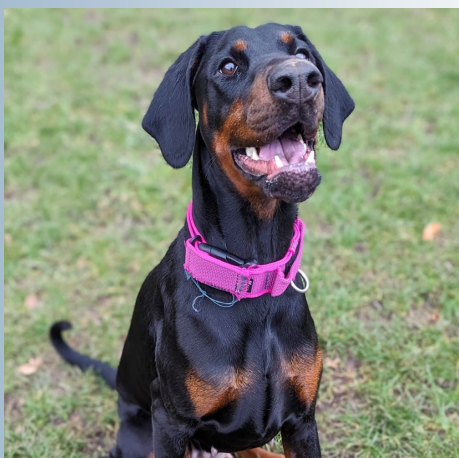
Luther



Chico



Prince



Lucie



Dotty in foster



Louis

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

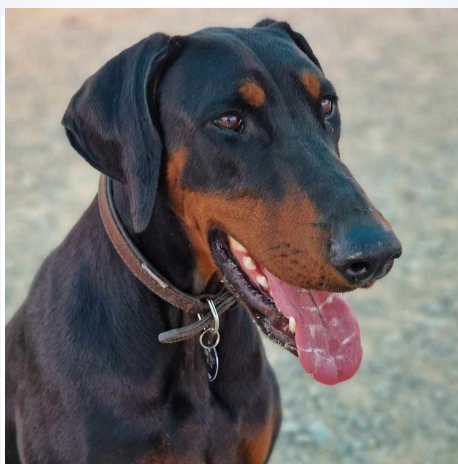
Please help me, I need a home !



Jet



Ozlo



**Lylah arriving
10th March from
Cyprus**



Pepper (Poss Foster/adopt)



Frankie

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

Dotty leaves us—woohoo

1 year & 4 months at DRUE, a favourite with so many of our team, many happy tears were shed today.



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Life after rescue — “Armani”

Editor’s note

I remember the day Armani arrived into DRUE, it tore at my heartstrings, he was skeletal and carried many scars and sores.



And yet despite the evident horrors of his past life, he was so friendly and loving, he welcomed attention and interaction.

From driving home on that first day, deeply upset by the poor boy's condition, to see him thriving now in his forever home is one of the best feelings ever. Yet another successful rescue and rehome. Let's hear now from his new Mum & Dad...



How did you find DRUE

After losing our last dog (female Dobermann aged 5) in late December 2022 to an undetected DCM episode, we took some time out to process what had happened. Early 2023 we discussed again about getting a new dog as the home was quiet and we were at a loss as to what to do with no companion around.

We started to look around a few online Doberman breeders within the UK, after much research everything pointed to a breeder named Jay Kershaw at Aritaur Dobermanns. We contacted Jay to enquire about the next available litter, however due to the fact that only two litters are available within any year, the time frame was too long. We continued emailing between ourselves and Jay pointed us to Dobermann Rescue UK and Europe (DRUE).

Armani was the one

We had a look on the website early February 2023 and found a new rescue in the name of Armani, after some constant persuasion from my wife we arranged to drive over to Cheshire to have a look at him.

Well, upon arrival and seeing Armani for the first time it was love at first sight, yes, he had a few battle scars and was undernourished but we could see the true potential in him with the right care and attention. We went away feeling very blessed that we could offer a dog a new start in life and didn't hesitate in getting in touch to arrange a home visit as soon as possible.

Once the home visit had been carried out and all the boxes ticked, we were elated to be told that we would be the new owners for Armani.

We collected Armani on the 19.03.2023 and as if by fate as soon as we opened the boot of the car he was in and ready to go.

We got home with Armani and were a bit apprehensive due to the past conditions that he may or may not have lived in.



We had considered all the advice that the carers at Drue had told us in relation to toilet training and home training but Armani was the total opposite he settled straight in.



He loved his new surroundings, his new beds and toys.



Life after rescue — “Armani”



Cataracts!

A little after he settled in we started to notice that he would knock into stuff around the house and when out on walks. This led to him damaging his poor nose



Following some visits to the vets and a specialist in Portsmouth, poor Armani was diagnosed with cataracts, apparently passed down within his



blood line. We didn't hang around so again got back in touch with the Charity to let them know the update, they quickly arranged a 'Go fund me' page to raise some money to put towards the much needed operation he needed.

We are pleased to say that after several months of eye drops (as much as 28 a day at one stage) Armani has now regained near on full sight having been diagnosed with only 10% at the start.



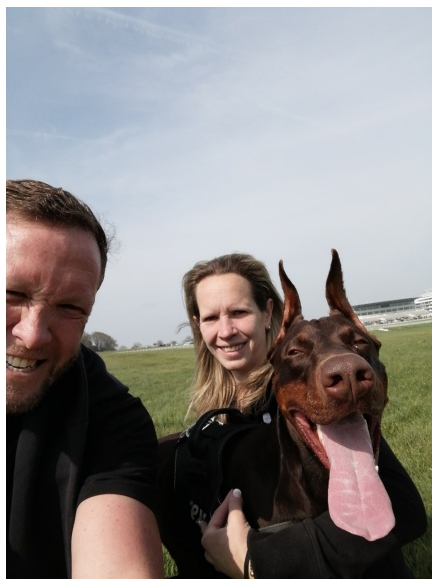
We must say that Armani has settled in fantastically and you would never suspect that he had a bad start to life.

We are so grateful to everyone that helped with the money raised for his much-needed operation.



Life after rescue — “Armani” cont.

Armani is a very laid-back caring dog and enjoys nothing more than cuddles and a fuss made of him. He loves his freedom when out in a secure field and runs relentlessly for hours on end.



He recognises both of us in his life but spends the majority of the day with my wife as she takes to him to work with her each day, thus limiting the time he has to spend on his own which is very minimal.

He loves life, whether it's the secure field, the woods, the beach or just lounging with us sucking up our cuddles.

It's like he's been with us forever and is now a fully signed up member of the family. Moving forward we will be introducing some training now that his eyesight is better, and we can now train him better on a collar rather than a harness.



Quick fire interview — Armani — Approx 23 months old

Q. How long has he been in your life. A. 1 year—we took him home in March 23.

Q. Favourite food? A. Raw mix with veg

Q. What makes you laugh about him? A. His zoomies

Q. Does he have a naughty side? A. Not naughty, just cheeky

Q. If he was a famous person who would he be like? A. Rocky, he might get knocked down, but he comes back fighting

Q. Best memory/adventure with him so far. A. Every minute since we have picked him up.



The pet I'll never forget: Moon the gorgeous, stupid Dobermann, who scalded his testicles in hot tea

Editors note

The following article is an extract of a wonderful story I read in the Guardian newspaper, written by journalist Rhymer Rigby. I haven't been able to reproduce the whole article, due to limited text copyright granted to me by the Guardian, but you can read the remaining by following the link to the full article in the Guardian.

The pet I'll never forget

The pet I'll never forget: Moon the gorgeous, stupid Dobermann, who scalded his testicles in hot tea. He only ate tripe, was as strong as an ox and was always getting lost. A regular at the local police station, his scrapes became legendary...

One day my mother went to pick up my 10-year-old brother from school. She arrived with a big brown Dobermann. "Whose dog is that?" I asked.

"Ours," she replied. "He's called Moon."

This was how Moon arrived in our lives. As the eldest sibling, I had an inkling this might happen. Mum had said she was going to see a family about a young dog they were struggling with. When she got there, she fell in love with Moon (their choice of name, but a good one). And so he came home with her.

In 1984, labradors and collies were the norm for middle-class, home counties types like our family. How we ended up with a Dobermann is as follows: Dad liked the look of them; Mum said she thought the more usual black and tan Dobermanns (which featured as guard dogs in Magnum PI and second world war films) seemed very fierce. Brown ones looked softer, so a brown Dobermann it was.

To look at, Moon was impressive. He was on the large side, lean and well muscled. He had a serious pedigree and, in profile, was almost regal. And he had a lovely nature that belied the breed's reputation. But he didn't have a great intellect. We never managed to teach him much beyond "come" and "sit", and he considered "come" as very much optional.

Moon's idea of a walk was: "You take me out for 30 minutes, then I run off for the rest of the day chasing the local muntjac deer, before coming home after dark, covered in mud, with cuts all over my face from brambles." I spent a fair chunk of my teens wandering around the local common shouting: "Moon!" Once he disappeared for 12 hours. Eventually we called the local police station. "Do you have a brown Doberman?" we asked.

"Is he beautiful, but really sappy and stupid?" the woman replied. Moon became a semi-regular at the local nick.

Everyone had a favourite Moon story: Moon greeting us at the door with a kilo of cheese in his mouth. Moon trying to run between trees two metres apart – with a three-metre-long stick in his mouth. Moon backing into a coffee table, his testicles dipping into a cup of scalding tea. Moon appearing halfway through a Christmas Eve walk with a quarter of a turkey in his mouth.

If you would like to read the remaining part of Moon's story head over to the Guardian on the following link

<https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2023/dec/18/the-pet-ill-never-forget-moon-the-gorgeous-stupid-doberman-who-scalded-his-testicles-in-hot-tea>

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With thanks to Rhymer Rigby for his story and the photo of his beautiful dobie 'Moon'.





Spotlight on our volunteer “Carole Osmaston”

Our volunteers

The diversity of our volunteer team, which encompasses various skills and disciplines, enhances our efforts and amplifies our success.

Introducing Carole

This month, we shine the spotlight on Carole, a pivotal figure at DRUE. Carole's exceptional role involves liaising with and coordinating our home-check team, ensuring a seamless flow of information to and from Pauline, our Admin Manager. Her efforts are crucial to the rehoming process, playing a key role in identifying suitable homes for our dogs.

I had a chat with Carole, she shared her journey and the deep connection she has with the work we do at DRUE. Here's her story:

My first Doberman was Juno and my parents got her as a pup when I was three years old. We grew up together and had a very strong bond. She was the perfect family dog. My parents went on to have three more after Juno. Tom and I have owned six Dobs over the years; we currently have two (a male and a female) but sadly the male, Atlas, has kidney failure aged only three. Tyche is five years old.



I started following DRUE on FB many years ago, before contacting Liz to offer my services in 2020. I took on the admin task when we were getting 30 applications a day.

I was motivated by the breed to become a volunteer at DRUE. Juno and my own dogs have given me so much, so I wanted to give back to the breed. As well as the home-check supervision, I've also transported for DRUE and Lincs Dobermann Rescue and carried out home checks myself.

The home-check process

For those who don't know, a typical home-check process follows this format; I find the relevant data needed, collate it, add to the home check progress list, request volunteers either direct or using the three FB pages, send details to the volunteer and offer any support that they may need. Supply them with a link to the home check form, monitor progress and keep Pauline updated.

Challenges and rewards

The most challenging aspects of my work with DRUE is mentally processing the cruelty cases we receive. Also transporting dogs when the existing owners are traumatised by giving up their dogs (all of the transports I have done to date have fallen into this category). This can be very emotional indeed.

One of my most challenging moments was my first dog transport which was from Havant to Stoke on Trent. I spent the journey home in tears. Thankfully the dog was rehomed the following weekend.

The most rewarding aspects are without a doubt seeing the dogs get loving homes. Every dog that we can rescue and rehome is a reward. Undoubtedly, the most fulfilling aspect of our work is witnessing dogs find their forever loving homes. Each dog we successfully rescue and rehome represents a wonderful achievement. Witnessing this reinforces the importance of our work and motivates us to continue making a difference in the lives of these dogs.

The impact of rescue

Reflecting on the efforts made by DRUE and its profound effect on the Dobermanns we assist, I'm struck by

the efficiency and care with which these dogs transition through our safekeeping. It's clear to me that their stay in kennels is kept as brief as necessary. Impressively, they adapt swiftly to their temporary environment, and I am confident that each one receives the highest standard of care during their time with us. This approach not only aids in their quick adjustment but also underscores our commitment to their well-being and future happiness.

Understanding Dobermanns

The Doberman breed can prove difficult as a first time dog and may not be suitable for many first time dog owners. They need clear boundaries, plenty of exercise and a safe environment to flourish in. Rescue dogs can (not all) be even more challenging, especially the cruelty cases. They need time to settle and an experienced owner to help them adjust, give them love and kindness. Training is essential. Too many people get a dog, don't put the time in, end up with a dog that is out of control in all respects and expect to hand them in to us or another rescue.

Perspective on animal welfare

Aged 10, I was collecting money for the RSPCA so animal welfare has been key throughout my life. I try not to be judgemental; not everyone that hands a dog over to a rescue are lazy or bad owners. Some people hit really hard times or have life circumstances (e.g. illness) that necessitate the surrender of their dog, and these people do what is best for their pet. However, the severe cruelty cases are another thing altogether!

Carole's story is a testament to the passion and dedication that fuel our mission at DRUE. Her invaluable contributions, rooted in a lifetime of love and commitment to Dobermanns, highlights the impact of volunteering and our efforts to provide safe, loving homes for dogs in need.



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Lincs Dobermann Rescue Fun show on Easter Monday in Bury

A shout out to a fellow Dobermann rescue charity

Lincs Dobermann Rescue are holding a fun dog show on 1st April to celebrate the life of one of their members who passed away last year, Steve Wood. Dobies were his passion. His brother Mark and best friends are coming along to present the Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show trophies. **DRUE** will also have a stand there, so mark the date in your diary and come and get the chance to support our wonderful Dobermann breed.

1st April 2024



FUN DOG SHOW

IN AID OF LINC'S DOBERMANN RESCUE
CLASSES START AT NOON

Perfect Puppy	Waggiest tail
Lovely Lady	Best Trick
Fab Fella	Best Legs- dog & handler
Best Rescue- Male	Best Veteran
Best Rescue- Female	Best condition



ALL DOG BREEDS WELCOME

THE BROWN COW, BURY, BL8 1DA
IN MEMORY OF STEVE WOOD

Happy Easter to you all... but Dobies beware!

As Easter approaches (end of the month), and lots of us enjoying an indulgent easter egg or two, I thought it would be prudent to remind folk of the dangers chocolate poses to our dogs.



With Easter eggs and chocolate bunnies becoming temporary fixtures in our homes, it's crucial to keep these treats far from the reach of our dogs, especially those who have a knack for finding and reaching things they shouldn't. Some of our Dobies can be very proficient counter surfers and due to their long legs have an extended reach, especially as the smell and taste of chocolate can prove so be irresistible for some dogs



Reports of chocolate poisoning in dogs see a significant rise around Easter, and similarly during Christmas. This time calls for extra vigilance to ensure chocolates are kept where dogs can't access them.

If you're planning an Easter egg hunt, make sure it's in a dog-proof area and double-check that all eggs are accounted for afterwards to prevent your dog from stumbling upon them.

Chocolate is harmful to dogs because it contains theobromine and caffeine, both of which are toxic to our canine companions. The danger level increases with the darkness of the chocolate; the darker it is, the more theobromine it has, and the more harmful it could be. Additionally, some sugar-free chocolates contain xylitol, a sweetener that's extremely toxic to dogs, capable of causing rapid drops in blood sugar levels and even liver failure.

If your dog eats chocolate, they might experience, vomiting, Diarrhoea, increased thirst and urination, restlessness, fast breathing, increased heart rate or irregular heart rhythm, hyperexcitability, tremors, incoordination, seizures, fever, coma or even death.



Symptoms of chocolate poisoning can vary based on the amount ingested and the size of your dog, typically appearing within 2-12 hours and lasting 12-36 hours or more in



extreme cases. If you suspect your dog has eaten chocolate, contact your vet immediately. Provide any available information about the type of chocolate and the amount consumed.

If your dog is showing severe symptoms, take them to the vet right away, and if possible, have someone call ahead to inform the vet of your emergency.

Remember, prevention is the best approach during these holiday seasons. Keep chocolate out of reach and enjoy your Easter treats with peace of mind, knowing your pets are safe and sound.



**Happy Easter
to all of our supporters**

Do you know what 'YOU' are getting into?

A dog is for life, a dog makes your life

I knew what I was getting myself into. Nobody made me, nobody put a gun to my head. I wanted it just like this.

I knew I'd be tied down, caring for them, feeding them, walking them. It doesn't matter what the weather is or if I'm in the mood or not. I promised them that as long as they were with me I would give them everything, take care of them and when they are sick I would take them to the vet. They are my babies.

I knew my wallet would be tighter, my clothes would be covered in dog hair, and my stuff could be ruined, but that was the choice that I made. Not saying it's always been that way but it's worth it.

I can never be mad at them.

Damaged items can be replaced, carpets can be cleaned, and my clothes can be washed. What can't be replaced, however, are those sparkling eyes that are so happy to see me when I come home as they fall all over jumping on me. It doesn't matter if I'm gone for 5 mins or 5 hours. Their affection and unconditional love are irreplaceable.

There are times that they feel my sadness or hear me cry. They come poking me with their cold noses and licking me with their slobbery tongues. Always making me laugh and feel loved, immediately.

The years pass by

You don't even notice the years fly by. Eventually their faces turn grey, movement slows down, they are no longer able to jump when I get home but the excitement is still the same.

Then one day the light starts to fade from their sparkling eyes, they stop going for long walks, they sleep a lot more, and their days are spent laying next to me resting. We may have to go more often to the vet. I may have to clean up accidents more often.

I wanted this when I decided to bring them into my life, I wanted their childhood, their youth and their old age with all of it's beauties, happy moments and even their worst days with all it's pain.

There is not a single moment that I regret. I took charge of them when I took them in until the day I have to let them go.

My dogs will never have a new owner. My dogs will never end up in a rescue or at a shelter unless I'm dead.

I'm not moving if they can't come with me! The person who would make me give them up isn't born yet and never will be.

They are part of my life, part of my family and with me they will stay!

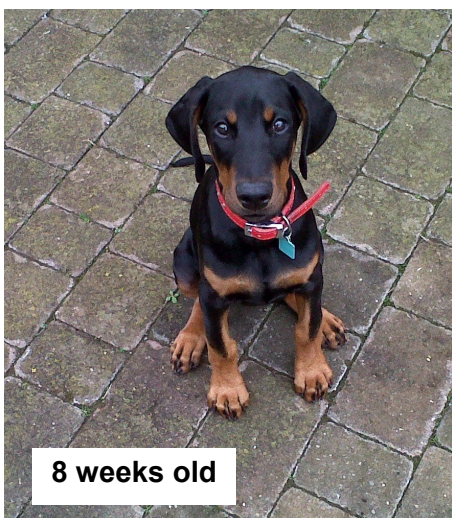
I have taken over this responsibility from their first to their last day with me. Until Death do us part!

Editors footnote

This is a post that I have 'borrowed' from Sharon Chamberlin (she borrowed it too!). It resonated with both of us.

Below is my own Dobie Inca, she is my world. She was the most difficult Dobie we have had, her early years tested us in every way. We raised her and set boundaries just like we had with our other Dobes, but she was wired differently. However there was no way we would ever give up on her, she paid us back tenfold over the years and became the most loving, protective 'special' Dobie.

If you have a dobie from a pup or take a rescue and they are difficult, not what you expected, or you feel too much for you, then please work with them, get help with them, help is available, but do not give up on them. They will pay you back (eventually!).



8 weeks old



3 yrs old



11yrs 10mths old



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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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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
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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





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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

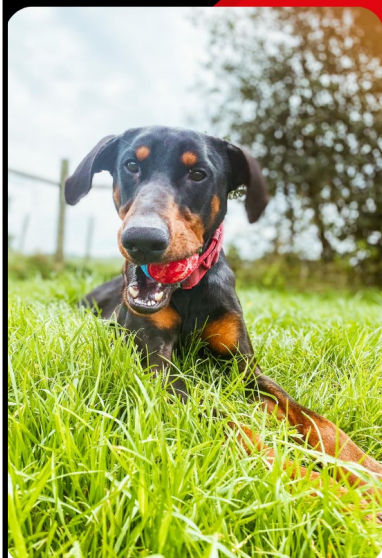


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