



Dobermanmann Rescue UK and Europe (DRUE) Presents

# DRUE LIFE



## This months cover girl is the very cuddly Ava.

We think she is around 15 months old, she had been left forgotten in a garden kennel by her cruel owner, was found emaciated by a DRUE supporter who requested her surrender and brought her straight to us. She is a lovely girl who adores a cuddle, she is a bit hit and miss with other dogs. She arrived weak with low immunity and not long after arrival became quite poorly with kennel cough so after a few vet visits she was placed in a Foster home where she is recovering well. Could you give this affectionate girl a home, see more photos on page 4



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## Welcome from the editor

### DRUE is on the move

To say we're excited is an understatement. We are absolutely thrilled to announce our move to a lovely farm in Cheshire, which comes equipped with a block of kennels and office which we will be managing independently. This setup is ideal for our charity operations, providing a serene and controlled environment exclusively for our rescue Dobies. This tranquillity is fundamental in minimising the stress for our dogs.

We have had a new secure run put in place to allow the dogs to engage in free running - affectionately known as "Zoomies." Additionally, the location boasts numerous attractive walking paths right at our doorstep, offering diverse stimuli for our dogs when they are outside the kennels.

Our Team has gone from strength to strength and grown robustly, we have a large and dedicated team of volunteers who work on a rotating schedule. This ensures that there are always team members present each day to spend lots of essential time with the dogs and to make sure they get extended time out of their kennels. The immediate vicinity of our new location includes off-road trails, expansive woodlands, and a picturesque

lake, enriching the experiences we can offer our dogs.

We are immensely grateful to Country Kennels, who have been incredibly supportive over the past 18 months. Their hospitality allowed us to utilise their secure fields and take excellent care of our dogs at their boarding facilities. We extend our deepest thanks for their partnership and support during that time.



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## Dogs who found their new forever home



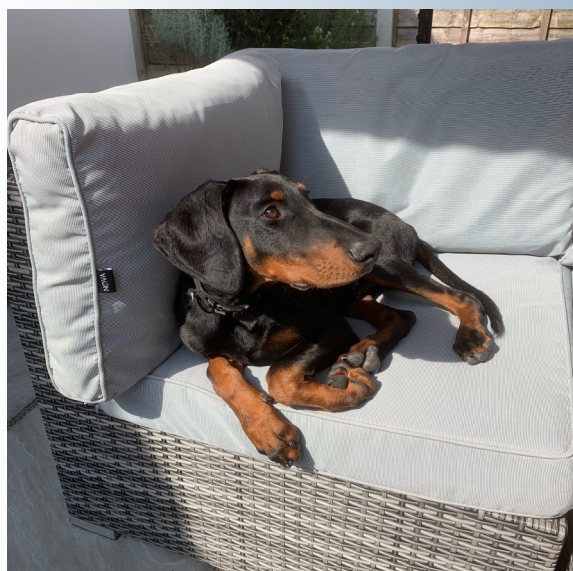
**Hugo & Harvey**



**Zeta**



**Blaze**

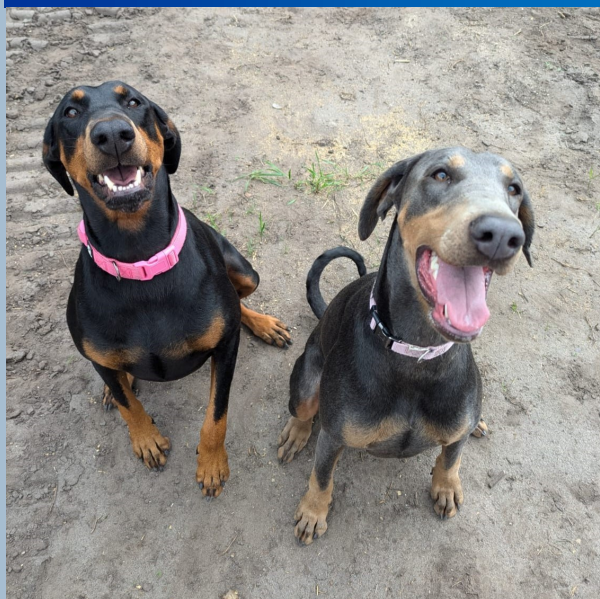


**Bruno puppy**

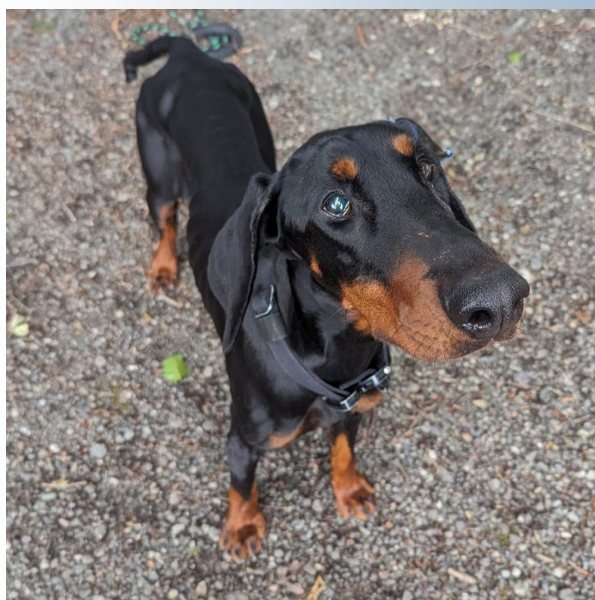
We have dogs still looking for their forever home, these are featured on the following page. If you are able to give any of our dogs a loving home please check out our current dogs and complete an application on our website at:  
[www.dobermanrescueuk.co.uk](http://www.dobermanrescueuk.co.uk)



# Please help me, I need a home !



**Coco & Bonnie**



**Ava**



**Beatrix & Amadeus**

Can you give one of our dogs a home?  
Find out more about them and complete an application on  
[www.dobermanmannrescueuk.co.uk](http://www.dobermanmannrescueuk.co.uk)



## I'm cuddly Ava & I need a home !

If you missed my introduction on the cover page, I'm Ava. I was left forgotten in a kennel in a garden by a person who didn't love me. I was emaciated and scared. A lovely DRUE supporter came across me and took pity on me. They talked to my owner about my condition and how DRUE could help me, my owner then surrendered me to DRUE.

I crave a loving home, where someone will look after me and love me. I have so much love to give in return. I was so weak when I arrived at DRUE I became poorly with kennel cough but the team immediately actioned vet treatment to make me better and a foster home where I was pampered and loved to help me recover and build my strength.

Initially I went straight to one of DRUE's lovely volunteers home while we found a longer term foster. Below are some photos of my short time with the DRUE volunteer. I have now moved to another loving foster home to continue my convalescence.

I am looking for my forever home now. Someone who will adopt me and love me and enjoy all the cuddles I love to have. I am around 15 months old, I have a bent tail tip, I've yet to become comfortable with other dogs, some dogs frighten me and I need time to get over this.

Is there anyone out there who could give me my second chance in life and love me?



Can you give Ava a home?  
Complete an application form on  
[www.dobermanrescueuk.co.uk](http://www.dobermanrescueuk.co.uk)



## Life after rescue — “Bella & Avicii”

### My early DRUE Dobies

Miss Sophia, was a nine-year-old DRUE rescue, she was a cruelty case in Doncaster, found free on Gumtree. Liz found her for me and my 7yr old Dobie boy Bodie.

She and Bodie, formed an immediate and deep bond and she became an integral part of our family.

Sadly, she passed away due to a cluster of epileptic seizures in February 2019, leaving both Bodie and me bereft.

### Bella arrives



Bella entered my life in February 2019, a new beginning after a period of profound loss. Liz, who had previously chosen Miss Sophia for me, once again played a pivotal role in this transition, she chose Bella for us and she came home.



Bella settled in very well, she can be left and her favourite place is my sofa. We have the most brilliant days out at the beach, I can take her anywhere as she's a good traveller.



Bella is around 10 or 11 and was dumped after she had been used for puppies. She's part bull breed and can be grumpy if she doesn't want to leave the sofa to go out for wees.

My boy bodie died suddenly of bloat and it nearly broke me. He was 8, it was October 2019.

### Then came Avicii

Avicii is a completely different kettle of piranha.

Liz had advertised 4 boys all under the age of 2. Avicii had been found tied to a tree in Spain and was rescued and taken to Geoff Jarvis who then popped him on a plane to DRUE.

I remember feeling the injustice of such young boys needing homes.

So I asked Liz to choose me one of them and she chose me Rex who was initially adopted by a young family who called him Dexter then found they couldn't cope with him and returned him. I then adopted him and I named him Avicii after the Swedish DJ and music producer.

Liz told me about the Leishmaniasis but said DRUE would pay for the lifetime medication. I adopted him immediately after the meet and greet on remembrance Sunday.

We didn't bond straightaway but he and Bella meshed well so I was

happy. Some people insist on an immediate emotional connection but I don't. That comes in time.

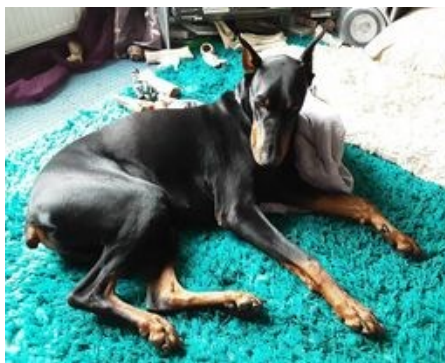


Avicii's prey drive is legendary, I've tripped over him and fallen over during walks but am always OK. He had to be castrated so came with a cone of shame and had resource guarding issues with food and the sofa.





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Liz and Alan MacDonald gave invaluable advice over the phone and after 2 years resource guarding had stopped, I can now remove him off sofas and remove marrow bones from him.

Avicii is crate trained and he loves it as he has sheepskins in there.

His leishmaniasis has had 3 major flare ups where he needed a month of 2 glucantime injections a day which I administered with the guidance of Martina Hamburger Willimer from the 'Living with leishmaniasis' Facebook page. They help with his serology and leishmaniasis biochemistry results when he had his relapses. He'll be on allopurinol for the rest of his life.

He is a cheeky boy and LOVES his food and medication time.

He is non-reactive to dogs and is brilliant when little dogs lose it near him.

Avicii will be 6 in June. I once took him into work for my birthday where he met all my workmates, he was such a good boy with them.



Bella and avicii are adored by my local butchers, I get their raw food from them and their bones.



Bella sleeps upstairs with me and Avicii on one of the sofas.

When I contracted covid in Sept 2023 they never left my side. Wonderful Velcro dogs.



## Quick fire interview — Bella & Avicii

**Q. How old are they.** A. Bella age ~ 10 to 11yrs & Avicii age 6yrs.

**Q. Favourite food?** A. Bella will eat ANYTHING but gets a beef marrow bone weekly. His fave food is marrow bones but will do anything for a carrot. Like Bella he gets a beef marrow bone each week. They help with his decompression and it has taken around 3 years for him to allow himself to relax

**Q. What makes you laugh about them?** A. Bella snores which is funny and she's a suckler and loves her blankets. he jumps up and around in circles like a bull to catch the rain.

**Q. Do either of them have a naughty side?** A. Avicii was naughty the other day, he stole a sausage roll from my plate on my lap. He's never done that before!

**Q. If they were a famous person who would they be like?** A. Bella would be Pat Phoenix who played Elsie Tanner in Coronation Street, a bit of a Madam but with a heart of gold.

**Q. Best memory/adventure with her so far.** A. Bella comes to work with me on a Saturday. We have had some great seaside trips but Avicii finds the car so stressful it makes his leishmaniasis a bit worse as stress can affect it. When his nails are strong I take him across the fields but when his nails are brittle we walk round the village.





## A family fun day and dog show extravaganza — 24th August



### Paws & play:

A Family Fun Day and Dog Show Extravaganza!

We want to give you a warm welcome at our DRUE Open Day at Siddington Hall!

Join us on the 24th August at Siddington Village Hall in Cheshire for a special day dedicated to celebrating and supporting Dobermanns and their friends!

Last year's event was a huge success and this year we are aiming for bigger and better.

This exciting event promises a fun-filled day for families, dog lovers, and, of course, dogs of all breeds.

### What's happening?

Our Dobermann Rescue Open Day isn't just about Dobermanns, although they hold a special place in our hearts and this event. We welcome all breeds to participate in our dog show, where various categories will give every pup the chance to shine! Whether you have a graceful Greyhound or a dashing Dachshund, come and show off your furry friend's best qualities.

### Explore and enjoy

Stroll through our vibrant stalls featuring an array of merchandise perfect for your pet.

From bespoke dog collars to artisan treats, find everything you need to pamper your pooch. Don't miss our selection of local craft stalls for some unique finds.

Feeling peckish? Our food and refreshment stalls will offer a variety of delicious options to satisfy your cravings.

Enjoy a bite in the surroundings of this Village Hall, making it the perfect day out.



### Join us

This event not only provides a platform to raise awareness and support for Dobermanns in need but also brings together the community of dog enthusiasts and families looking for a delightful day out.

**Dobermann Rescue UK & Europe**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**24th AUGUST**

**2024**

We will be holding our annual meet up and fun dog show

at Siddington village hall

SK11 9JR

Going to be good, details to follow

So, mark your calendars, gather your family, and leash up your dogs for a day of unforgettable fun and togetherness, and support a cause that makes a real difference to the rescue dog's lives.

Don't forget all breeds of dog welcome, if you don't have a dog don't worry, just come over and enjoy the atmosphere and entertainment. We can't wait to see you there!

Warmest regards, from the Team at DRUE





## Spotlight on our volunteer "Gary"

### Editors note:

We couldn't give the dogs the stimulation they get these days, without the caring individuals who give up so much of their own time to spend with our rescues. Some are local and others travel many miles on a regular basis to do their bit for our Dobies.

The dogs are flourishing, they are taken out on regular adventures to give them a decent break from kennel life. They've visited parks, pubs, woodlands, hillsides, nature reserves, homes, been cani-cross running (one won a medal) and some have even been camping.

What a life our DRUE rescue Dobies are having, and it's all made possible due to this fabulous group of volunteers we have. All from differing backgrounds but all with the same passion, to play their part at DRUE for the dogs.

This month, the spotlight falls on our committed volunteer, Gary.

### GARY — Me in a nutshell

I worked in a coal mine on leaving school, then played professional sport (from which I retired early at 27).



I joined the Police which opened a new world for me. I periodically worked with members of the royal family, senior members of government and at times well known personalities.

On retiring from the police, I got back in sport (obviously not playing LOL), but travelling a lot with both management and teams for a premier league club.



As I have got older and older, family time is so very important to me, so I decided to call it a day with all the travelling.

As a child I always wanted a dog. My mum was not keen on the idea so guess what, I never got one !!! However as soon as I got my own home I bought a female Doberman pup, 'Rhea'. She lived until she was 11.

Some 30yrs passed without a dog, then one Sunday morning and completely out the blue my wife agreed to a dog, my son was already looking online and wanted a Boxer, I tried so hard to convince him he wanted a

Dobbie but failed. Four hours later we were on our way to look at a 4-week-old Boxer pup - ('Jax' was reserved, he's now 6yrs old).



The connection with the Doberman breed has never gone away. Around Christmas time 2023, I was researching the breed again online when I come across DRUE. The more I read about the work that's done at DRUE and the people who do this, the more I was interested. I don't know why but I wished I had done more with our Dobbie, this left me wanting to give something back. I sent an email and made a phone call and very soon I was invited to come over to do some voluntary walking of the dogs. On my first visit (and every visit lol) I could not have been made more welcome.

I usually attend DRUE on a Saturday afternoon, it normally consists of meeting Ian and or the other volunteers, quick chat regarding who is resident in the kennels and any issues we need to be aware of. Then the very good part 'taking a dog out'. It's good because there is no fixed routine, you may take a dog out on your own, may be with another dog and walker, you can take them to some of the enclosed facilities we have access to or a road walk. It's entirely up to yourself and what is available.

The challenges and rewards of being

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a volunteer are varied - It's a real roller coaster of emotions being at the kennels, it's so, so sad when you see one brought in due to a change in family circumstances, the look on their face when they are left!! Then the pups that have been miss treated and are very undernourished, however with these they are definitely in a better place.

Understanding that these dogs are having a very traumatic time in their lives, helps to keep expectations in check on how they are going to react. Taking everything at a slow pace. If there is anything you need to be aware of you are advised about before going out. This said, a lot of the dogs are so happy to come out they are an absolute pleasure to be with, it's so rewarding when they want to lean against you for a little cuddle. I find it so hard putting them back as I do get attached to all of them.

One particular occasion stands out to me, a dog was being dropped off, I suggested to Ian that I walk him away whilst he did the documentation, as I did this, he kept stopping about every 10m and looking back, it was heart breaking to see him so sad, I made it a very long walk. When we got back, I sat down and he just leaned against me with his head on my shoulder. I so wanted to take him home. Fortunately, some 2 weeks later he found his forever home, I was so pleased.



There is nothing better than to see them when they get their forever home. For the neglected ones you

see the development of them after the team has done their magic and then get rehomed. It definitely goes from tears to joy, sometimes in the same day.



I find it difficult to put into words the impact DRUE has on the Dobies that come into their care, its sometimes the last chance these dog have of life. Without the people at the heart of DRUE there would be so many Dobies lost, it's a special place run by very special people who I feel privileged to help .

To anyone thinking of volunteering – If you can give the time then don't have a second thought, one of the best thing I have done with 3hrs on a Saturday ever. You really do know the Dobies are enjoying what you are doing for them.

This breed of dog is not what is generally portrayed, they are far from a guard dog first – they are very intelligent, but more importantly they are so forgiving. No matter what has happened in their lives if you show them a little love they just give buckets back, they can definitely read your feelings. They're so special.

I wonder how many people

have thought the way I did prior to attending DRUE. - I had always thought *"It's nice that 'unwanted' dogs are looked after, but if I was to get another, I would want a pup so it would be more attached to our family"* - WOW how wrong could I have been.

Firstly, you see how the dog has turned out - so no shocks on that front. You get a history (in some cases) behind the dog. You can get to find out if you are the right person for them. Plus, very much contrary to what I'd believed many years ago, these dogs are so loving you really do get the feeling they know you've saved them. Building a bond with them happens very quickly. I wish more people could experience this.

You have also got a lifetime of support from DRUE to help if ever needed.

I can honestly say my next dog will be from DRUE, I wish I could take them all home.

Being a volunteer has allowed me to meet some very wonderful caring people, who's priority is the Dobies that come into DRUE. Being around these people and the Dobies of course gives me a chance to escape the day-to-day stuff. You get to feel appreciated (not only by the Dobies LOL). Being here for me is special in many ways, I go home with less stress in my life after being here.

I just wish we could help more Dobies (I'll keep doing the lottery!).





## Kennel Club Breed Rescue & Agria Welfare Awards



For over 6 years, Ian Tyson has been a dedicated volunteer with Dobermann Rescue UK & Europe, he is also one of our Trustees.

On Wednesday 26th June he achieved recognition as a finalist in the Kennel Club Breed Rescue & Agria Welfare Awards.

These awards aim to honour exceptional individuals within the Kennel Club's breed rescues.

He was chosen among over 2000 nominations for his outstanding contributions to canine welfare. We are thrilled to announce that he was selected as a finalist for Breed Rescue Volunteer of the Year.

Ian spends all of his free time helping out at the kennels, he goes above and beyond what is ever expected of a volunteer, he is always ready to step up when emergency cases arrive at DRUE, transporting to the vet or over to foster homes.

The team here at DRUE are absolutely thrilled that he has been recognised for the exceptional reliability, love, care and time spent helping our Dobermann Rescue dogs.

Ian we can't thank you enough.  
3 cheers for Ian—he's our main man!





## Huge thank you



### Fundraising Triathlon in aid of DRUE

On Sunday 15th June a team from Global Air Training took part in the Alderford Triathlon team event to raise money for DRUE.

The team gave it their all with the dogs in mind, and knowing the support from our amazing Dobermann community they were spurred on to do their best for the Dobies. Amazingly the GAT team WON, yes they won the team class!

The most incredible thing to come out of their event was the absolutely overwhelming support for DRUE. They were truly blown away by the support they received from the DRUE community, and those who just wanted to help a dog in need. Many people shared the pre-event post on social media and got the word out there for the dobies.

As it stands DRUE's received the amazing amount of £1,122.00 + £266.75 gift aid.

**A stunning total of £1388.75**

Thank you to each and every one of you who support DRUE in any way to make it possible to rescue and rehome more Dobies in need.







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## Join our volunteer team

### Could this be for you?

Are you passionate about making a difference, giving something back for the good things in life you've had?

If so, could this role be for you?

In addition to our volunteer kennel helpers and dog walkers, we're currently looking for committed individuals with the right skills to join our dedicated Admin & Trustee team and channel their enthusiasm into real change for our Dobies in need.

As we work to expand our charity and rescue even more Dobermanns, we have several key projects where we are looking for assistance.

If interested, please email  
[info@dobermannrescueuk.co.uk](mailto:info@dobermannrescueuk.co.uk)

If the Trustee vacancy is of interest please request the role specification information.



***Dobermann Rescue UK & Europe***

***Join our Volunteer Team***

***Positions Available***



### Trustee position

We are looking for an inspirational individual to help steer the charity, to expand our breadth and profile as well as provide support to the wider team.

Trustees have legal responsibility for the charity's management and administration. They are ultimately accountable to the Charity Commission regulators for the good governance and strategic direction of the charity, therefore this role requires the skills and capability to contribute to regulatory and directional oversight.

Requirements: Relevant skills, time and commitment - Please request the job role specification if you are interested.

### Project trailblazers

We have a number of specific projects for individuals with the relevant skills and experience to take the lead on, under the direction of the Trustee Board. Including, but not limited to:

- Design and development of promotional material.
- Creative writing & article generation.
- Source and preparation of grant applications.
- Partnership and collaboration initiative: Establish partnerships with businesses & suppliers.
- Source, cultivate and nurture relationships with high value donors and sponsors, creating compelling proposals.
- Marketing and PR: Social media, community outreach, press releases, collaboration with media outlets.
- Facilities development.

**For more information and to apply email: [info@dobermannrescueuk.co.uk](mailto:info@dobermannrescueuk.co.uk)**





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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.

Donate £2 for the Dobies on the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month.

Direct Debit details: Account: Dobermann Rescue UK & Europe - Account No. 61927168 - Sort code 30-84-26



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*Please support us by setting up a scheduled payment via  
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for a £2 contribution, hopefully you won't miss it but the  
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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 Doberman owners/handlers.

We aim to save and rehome as many Doberman 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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