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dog warden, we rescued them

from the pound as their time was nearly up and they were

Could you give these two adorable boys a home?

due to be PTS.

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Dogs who found their new forever home











Uma

Our happiness has turned to tears.

Uma was adopted by an amazing family who immediately fell in love with her.
She sadly passed away just days later suddenly and without warning. We take great solace that while she was with her new family, she was happy and was able to experience so much love.

Uma touched so many hearts, and then so many hearts were broken.

Her wonderful, adopted family showered her with so much love in her last days. Her departure left a profound sense of loss that deeply affected the entire team, more than I've ever witnessed before.

What a special girl she was.

Fly high over rainbow bridge beautiful Uma.

There is a short tribute to her life from arrival at DRUE on page 4









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

www.dobermannrescueuk.co.uk

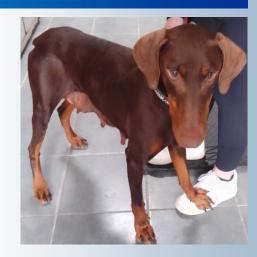




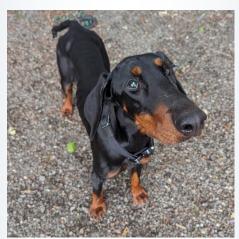
Please help me, I need a home!



Hugo & Harvey



Zeta



Ava

We have more Dobies being surrendered and due in during the first week of June.

Keep your eye on the website and facebook for updates on our new arrivals

Can you give one of our dogs a home?

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





RIP beautiful Uma

Uma, a Dobermann dog with a heart as vast as her needs, was in dire straits when she was taken in by DRUE.

Her arrival painted a picture of neglect—in a terrible condition and fraught with ailments, she deeply moved the rescue team, who were shaken by the extent of her suffering. Her urgent medical conditions precluded the possibility of kennel care, so she was initially taken in overnight by one of our compassionate trustees.

A wonderful family came to the rescue and Uma was welcomed into the loving arms of this remarkable foster family. They continued her necessary veterinary visits with diligence and showered her with affection. They filled her life with blissful walks, took her to the garden centre to experience the lovely scents, lots of visits for treats to Starbucks, but most of all poured out endless love, which Uma returned in equal measure.

She was such a gentle soul whose kindness won over everyone she met. Within a week, the bond



between Uma and her foster family grew inseparable, prompting them to adopt her officially.

The news that she was being adopted and would have a forever home where she would be showered with love and affection brought tears of joy to the Dobermann Rescue team, elated to see her thriving and cherished like never before.

Over the next week the family kept the team updated regularly, filling their messages with stories of Uma's newfound happiness and remarkable progress. It seemed Uma was finally experiencing the love and care she had always deserved.

However, tragedy struck just a few

days later. During a peaceful walk, Uma sat, looked up at one of her beloved new parents, then suddenly collapsed and passed away.

The devastation was profound. Uma's new family and the entire rescue team were engulfed in grief. The initial tears of joy turned into heartache, washing over everyone involved with overwhelming intensity. The pain of her loss reverberated through the family and the team at DRUE like a tidal wave, leaving an intense impact on all who had come to love her so deeply. Despite the pain, there is solace in knowing that Uma's final days were spent enveloped in happiness and love. Her story, though heartrending, is a poignant reminder of the profound connections that can form between humans and their rescue pets, and the joy and sorrow that can come with such deep affection.

Thank you to all adopters, who give a rescue dog a chance to experience real love, like that afforded to Uma.







Life after rescue — "Reign"

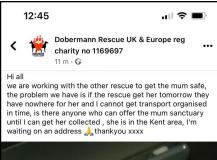
Another success story of a Dobie in desperate need of a loving home. This is the story of Reign given up on at the point she'd had her pups, bearing numerous scars, on arrival with her wonderful adopter Pauline, she didn't know how to play or where to do her business.

We pick up the narrative from Pauline...

After losing our last dobe at only 6 years old, I said I would never have another dog again. Her aggressive, sudden illness broke my heart, and I said I couldn't ever go through that again.

Here we are 2 years down the road with our beautiful rescue dog Reign, it was just meant to be. My son follows DRUE and often mentioned different dogs to me that needed rehoming and I would always say no, never again.

But, back in November he sent me a picture of Reign which had been posted online and I just knew when I saw her that we would eventually take her.







At first, I said no, he told me about her and her puppies and the whole situation played heavily on my heart.

The following day I asked him if there was any update on her and he said, its ok mum, she has gone to a foster home, I kind of felt happy but sad at the same time.

A couple of days later whilst sitting in traffic with my husband, son and his girlfriend my mobile phone rang, which is connected to the car, so we could all hear the conversation. Hello mum, first thing she said was, do you want a puppy? Not again I said, I've already got Bentley on at me to take on a rescue dog.

Without going into lots of detail it turns out that my daughter's good friend volunteers for DRUE and was the lady that had rescued Reign. We couldn't believe it; I said this is fate and after a quick discussion we all agreed that Reign would be harder to rehome than the puppies and we would look to foster/adopt her, and the rest is history.

She arrived on 11th November after a long drive down, she jumped out of the crate, I cried, so pleased and relieved to finally get her.

She looked so scared, sad and unloved. Her coat was very dull, smelly and full of scars.

She came over to us but kept in quite close contact with Dave, the kind volunteer that had driven such a long way to bring her to us.

It felt strange having a dog in the house, but I just knew this was going to be the start of a new adventure for us all.

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Life after rescue — "Reign" cont.



She settled in quite quickly; we were advised to let her get used to us before we started taking her out for walks. It was very clear, she had never been on a lead or walked before, we think she may have lived her life outside and for several days, we woke up to little presents in the hall as she wasn't house trained.

We have recently had Reign spayed, we think in her short life she has already had two litters of puppies and we would never want to put her through that again. She was 2 in December, so only a baby herself really.

Reign is such an affectionate dog but absolutely hates all dogs and can be very unpredictable. Walking her is not a pleasure and we are looking to get help with this. It seems the world and his wife have a dog where we live and so we must explain her sudden outburst of aggression when she encounters a dog.

We have a secure field near us that we take her to once a week where we can let her off the lead and she can run to her heart's content without having to worry about bumping into any dogs.

Reign has such a long way to go but we know it is little steps and we will get there.

One of her favourite foods is sausages and she is a bit of a thief, we have learnt that we need to put things up high in the kitchen otherwise they may get taken.

As my husband and I are now retired we have lots of time to enjoy her, Reign loves nothing more than coming up to us for a cuddle, either snuggling into us or laying on her back with her legs up in the air. She loves to please and now knows quite a few commands.

It is still such early days for us but so many people have said how far she has come in the 4 months we have had her. Sometimes she still looks sad, and I just hope she is gradually forgetting her old life. Since we took Reign in, her whole demeanour has changed for the better.

We take her to the groomers, and she comes out looking so beautiful, her



coat is no longer full of scars, and it shines and smells amazing.

As we have only had Reign for such a short period of time, I will look to send an update on her progress.

Reign is the most special dog, she has so many issues but we are working hard to help her in every way we can and to improve her life and ours for the better.







IAX "keep it simple & help a Dobermann"

Can you capitalise on this...

and help DRUE at the same time?

Many company Directors are probably aware, but perhaps haven't yet taken advantage of, or perhaps even forgotten, about the tax benefit of donating to charity.

Maybe some are not aware of the marginal tax rate regime?

Here is a great opportunity to keep your company tax affairs as simple as possible, and save a little extra money, whilst helping a beautiful Dobermann at the same time?

Sounds pretty good to me!

Maximise your corporate tax relief with strategic donations to DRUE

Understanding the new corporation tax relief for limited companies

Starting from April 1, 2023, the UK introduced a new structure for Corporation Tax (CT) rates. Companies are now subject to a tiered tax system:

- Profits up to £50,000: Small profits rate of 19%
- Profits over £250,000: Main rate of 25%
- Profits between £50,001 and £250,000: Marginal rates

This change creates a significant opportunity for companies with profits hovering around the £50,000 mark.



How your donation can save on taxes

If your company's profits are just above the £50,000 threshold, you can reduce your tax liability by making a donation to a charity like DRUE. For example, if your company has profits of £51,000, donating £1,000 to DRUE would bring your taxable profits back down to £50,000. This strategic move keeps you within the small profits rate of 19%, rather than moving into the higher marginal rates.

Previously, a £1,000 donation would save £190 on your tax bill under a flat 19% rate. However, with the new tiered system, the incentive is greater, as you can avoid the higher marginal rates entirely by bringing your profits



below the critical threshold.

Timing your donation for maximum impact

For companies with a March 2024 year-end, finalising accounts early to include a timely donation can provide immediate benefits. Even if your year-end falls later in 2024, planning your donations now ensures they are recorded within the current financial year,

maximising your tax relief benefits.

Support DRUE and benefit your business

Is your company's profit close to the £50,000 mark? Have you exhausted other options to reduce your taxable income? Consider making a donation to DRUE. Not only will you help support Dobermanns in need, but you will also keep your company within the small profits tax rate, optimising your financial position.

Your contribution to DRUE goes a long way in providing care, shelter, and medical attention to Dobermanns who need it most. Simultaneously, it offers a strategic advantage for your business under the new Corporation Tax regime.

Take action now

Don't miss this dual opportunity to benefit your company and make a meaningful impact. You can keep your tax affairs simple and help a Dobie at the same time. Contact your accountant today to discuss how a donation to DRUE can fit into your tax strategy. Your support can make a difference.





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 kennels 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

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



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 oversite.

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





Spotlight on our volunteer "Venessa"

Editors note:

The diversity of our volunteer team, encompassing various skills and disciplines, enhances our efforts and amplifies our success. While some of our volunteers contribute visibly to our cause, others contribute equally but more quietly behind the scenes.

Regardless of their role within DRUE, every volunteer's contribution is invaluable, driving us forward to our goal of ensuring every dog finds a safe, loving home.

This month we come catch up with Venessa, a lovely lady who has adopted DRUE dogs previously and is human Mum to DRUE dog Rudy. She also volunteers as part of our team, assisting us at the kennels on a regular basis. So over to Venessa to hear her story...

The early days

My mum staunchly refused to have a dog in the house, arguing that raising three kids before she turned 25 was challenging enough.

Whenever my dad left the house in the evening after returning from work, my two brothers and I would eagerly bombard him with questions. "Dad, where are you going?" His perennial response was, "I'm going to see a man about a dog." We fell for it every single time, pleading with wide-eyed hope, "Can we come with you, Dad? Please?"

We would wait anxiously for his return, our hopes high, but he inevitably came back emptyhanded.

Both my Nans had dogs, and I seized every chance to visit them. I remember one particular walk to my Nan's house. When she opened the door, she greeted me with a playful, "Oh no, not you again!" I simply couldn't stay away.

Moving on some years

I left home to get married, and since my husband and I worked long

hours, we opted for a cat as our companion. Fast forward 20 years, following a divorce, I remarried—this time to a builder. One delightful perk of this new chapter was that he could take a dog to work. Finally, I could say "yay" to having a dog!

Then came Odie

We agreed to get a rescue dog and he came home with a Dobermann. Welcome to our family Odie, a beautiful brown boy from Romania via DRUE. He stole my heart immediately.



When my hubby picked him up he was so thin he put his jersey on him because he was worried he might be cold.

He was sweetest most loving boy you ever could wish to meet, everyone



Odie visiting my friend

loved him. We had 3 children and I used to pick my son up from primary school with him. All the children, teachers and parents absolutely adored him.

When we lost him my heart broke in a million pieces I saw my husband weep (the only other time I'd seen this, was when we lost a baby). We still talk about him all the time (he's under my bed), and I light a candle every night for our lost babies.



Dell Boy

We looked after Dell for a short time, this was a transitory period and when he went back, I broke my heart.

DRUE dog Zeus

The house was so deathly quiet without a dog, so my son and I decided we'd go up to DRUE to see if they needed any help walking the dogs.

As soon as we got there, Liz who was running the charity then, said "Oh Venessa we've got a boy in this week and he really doesn't like (cont...)







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kennel life, he's just sat in the corner not eating anything and won't interact with anyone". So, we took him for a walk on Wetley Moor. I thought I can't leave this dog in that kennel another night so he became our second DRUE dog.

That was Zeus our beautiful black & tan boy, previously I'd felt I could never love another dog like I did Odie, but sure enough I loved Zeus to the bone, he was my shadow, and I loved him with all my heart

Meet DRUE dog Rudy

When Zeus passed away, it was painfully clear that there was no 'right time' to wait for before welcoming another dog into my life. While none could ever take Zeus's place, the void he left was too vast, but I knew I couldn't go long without a Doberman by my side.

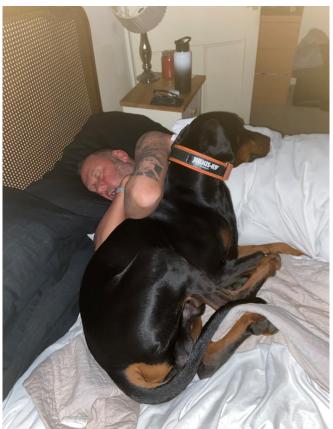
Already familiar with Dawn from DRUE, where I had discussed volunteering, my passion for Dobermanns drew me back. This time, not just to volunteer but possibly to find a new companion. Soon after, I learned about Rudy, a



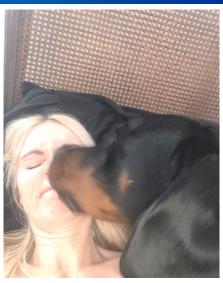
young Dobie recently returned by his previous adopter. Imagining the upheaval he must have felt being shuffled back and forth, I was eager to meet him.

Now, that's all in the past. As I sit here attempting to jot down these thoughts, Rudy is right beside me, cozily disrupting my writing by nudging the pen out of my hand for a cuddle.

Rudy and my husband have quickly become inseparable, despite initial protests of "This dog isn't going upstairs." That rule was abandoned within a day—much to the dismay of my mother, who finds the arrangement appalling.



Every morning, Rudy's enthusiastic kisses are our wake-up call, a joyful start to our day filled with love and laughter.



Rudy comes with me to visit his mates in the kennels every week. He howls on his own, so I can't leave

him at home. We drop my son off at school then head straight over to Swettenham.

We're always so excited to see the rescues, first of all I have to put Rudy in a spare kennel and then I go into each kennel and have a cuddle with all of the dogs.

We use the secure paddocks at Country Kennels to give them a good run around off lead, some will run and run, you can see how much they enjoy it.

We're also lucky enough to have use of a friend's lovely field just up the lane

too. Where possible we always like to give them an off-lead run, because they get a daily lead walk by the main kennel staff every day. (cont...)





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We disinfect the kennels and toys and put clean bedding in each dog bed and change their PJs if required. They wear fleeces over the colder months and have heat lamps to keep them warm, because they only have short hair.



When we are interacting with the dogs and taking them out for stimulation and exercise, we teach the dogs good manners, lookout for any health problems and care for them 110% at all times, just as if they are our own.

They have so much love because we are passionate about them. My husband and son say I love the dogs more than them.

Leaving them at the end of the DRUE day is very hard, I've shed a tear many a time. We give them a treat as we leave and then check they're all safely locked in their kennels.

The most challenging aspects of volunteering is seeing the state of some of the dogs that come into us, but the rewards are seeing them flourish and go off to their happy new forever homes - We shed lots of tears then too.

My husband says it's a good job we don't live close to the kennels it's a good one hour round trip otherwise I'd be there all the and he'd never see me.

I have suffered with my mental health and the Dobies are proving to be the best therapy dogs, as we all know, they are Velcro dogs and I just wouldn't be without one.

At the moment I'm waiting for a hip replacement so walking the dogs has become too much and I have to save myself my dream baby Rudy. So instead of walking I tend to do all the foods, disinfect the kennels, make up fresh clean comfy beds and give lots of little attention to our fur babies.

Challenges of volunteering

Volunteering as a dog walker and helper for the rescue, has affected me personally in that is has cemented my opinion that 'I hope and pray I will never have to put my dog into a kennel'.

I find it so hard to see the babies who are homesick, I want to bring them all home with me.

I'm in tears most weeks when I'm at DRUE's kennels. Seeing the state of some of the pups come in, is heart breaking and I cry buckets. Even the ones that are in good shape I still feel such huge emotion because the owners who are surrendering them can be extremely emotional giving them up.

Rewards of volunteering

Despite the emotional aspects, the rewards are plentiful. We know that our Trustee and admin manager Pauline Rose, will find a lovely family for the dobies, where the dogs will find their forever home. In the mean time we make their stay with us as best we can with lots of love, (cont...)







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stimulation and adventures. They are treated so well and get all the care they need.

Just to see their faces when you get to the kennels is priceless and when you go into their kennel for a cuddle it's just the best feeling in the world. If a Dobie is shy, scared or reactive when I first meet them, I slow everything down, talk softly while sitting a chair or on the ground, body sideways to look less threatening, offer treats, let them approach me

We've been on many adventures. I've been to the Arboretum and the Swettenham Arms also to Congleton park and to a friends field. Each moment with every dog is a memorable moment for me, but I suppose the most recent is when a very shut down Dobie came up to me and gave me a massive wet sloppy kiss, he was adorable and brought tears to my eye, just writing it down is giving me goosebumps, oh gosh the impact is humongous.

We get to know the dogs and give feedback across our team to Pauline, so that they can be matched to family suiting their lifestyle. There's ongoing back-up with DRUE for the pups, which is very reassuring.

Recommending volunteering

I would recommend volunteering at a rescue centre without a doubt, it's so rewarding and there is such a feeling of camaraderie, because you're spending your time with very caring people, all with one huge thing in common 'your love of the dogs'.

In terms of understanding the Dobermanns; I wish more people knew what loving loyal dogs they are, but that they also need physical and mental exercise every day.

For the first two years of their life at least, Dobies can be very full on because they are super energetic and need a lot of stimulation, so perhaps not a great choice for first time dog owner or those who don't appreciate their mental and physical needs.

Post script: Every time I picked up my pen to continue writing this piece, Rudy started barking continuously. He's an attention seeking love monster!

When he's not attention seeking then he loves to sleep snuggled up to his huge panda.



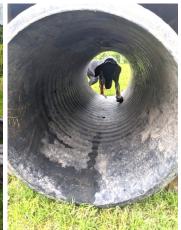




It's a dog's life at DRUE Dobies having fun in the agility field







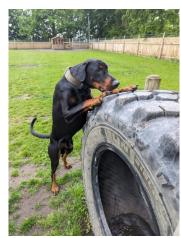






















A family fun day and dog show extravaganza — 24th August



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 funfilled 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

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







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.







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 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.

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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