



Dobermann Rescue UK and Europe (DRUE) Presents

# DRUE LIFE



### This months cover boy is Archie.

Archie is a 9 year old castrated male. His owner sadly passed away.

Archie has lived with children from new-born upwards. He is great with other dogs.

No cats, he does not like them or other small furries.

We have found him to be an absolute gent in the kennels, he is a lovely dog.

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## Welcome from the editor

### DRUE's big open day & fun dog show

Saturday 24th August 24, 10:30hrs to 16:30. Dog show judging starts 11:00hrs.

This is an important day of the year for DRUE, we are holding our biggest open

day and fun dog show to date. It's all to raise money for our Dobies in rescue as well as raise the profile of DRUE and the Dobermann breed.

You'll get the opportunity to peruse the many stalls, take part in, or watch the fun dog show which is open to all breeds - there is no advanced booking required so just turn up.

Our DRUE team and DRUE volunteers will be on hand to answer questions about the Charity and the Dobermann breed and the benefits of rescue.

We look forward to seeing you, a fun day out for all the family and of course your four legged friends!

### In other news

Our DRUE fundraising team have been out and about over the last month. They've attended and represented us with DRUE stalls, first at the Goostrey Rose day festival. Then they travelled over to Lincs, to attend the super Dobiefest that Lincs Dobermann Rescue charity ran. More details inside, so do read on.

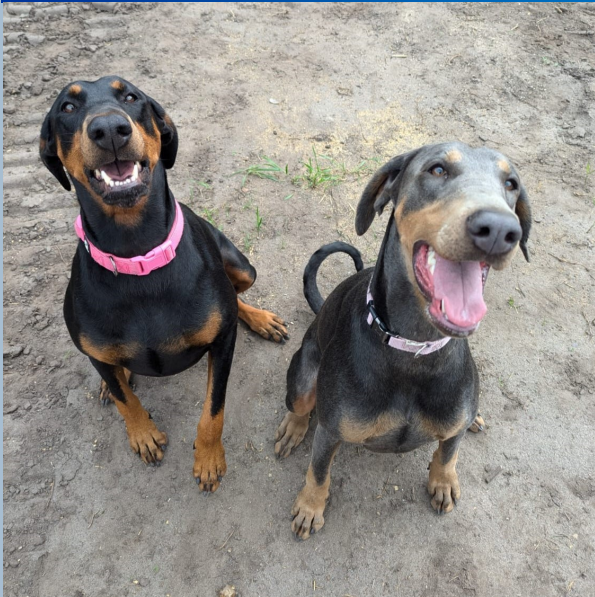
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**DOBERMANN RESCUE UK & EUROPE**  
**WELCOME TO OUR OPEN DAY AND ALL BREED FUN DOG SHOW**  
 SATURDAY 24/8/24  
 JUDGING AT 11.00, £2 PER ENTRY  
 SIDDINGTON VILLAGE HALL  
 CONGLETON RD, SIDDINGTON,  
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 COME AND JOIN US FOR A GREAT FAMILY DAY OUT



## Dogs who found their new forever home



**Coco & Bonnie**



**Ava**



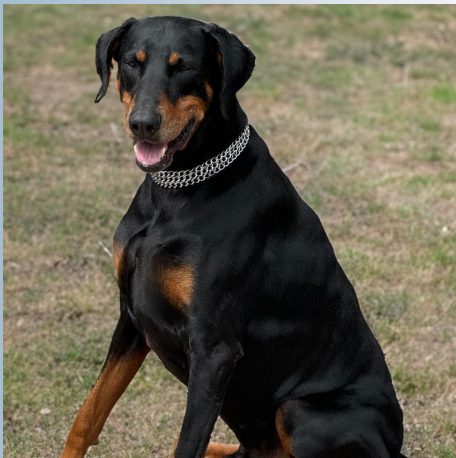
**Rio**



**Beatrix & Amadeus**

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.dobermanmannrescueuk.co.uk](http://www.dobermanmannrescueuk.co.uk)

## Please help me, I need a home !



**Archie**



**Rupert**



**Hugo**



**Roni**



**Penny**

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

## Life after rescue — “Carla (was Nala)”

This month we catch up with Debra and the very beautiful velco Dobie ‘Carla’

### Finding Carla

We lost our Manchester Terrier a few months before and Harry had always wanted to have a Dobermann. After having our Manchester Terrier from a puppy until he passed at 12.5 years old, I was not looking forward to having another puppy.

We discussed giving a rescue Dobermann a home and found DRUE on facebook. We noticed Carla (Nala) online. she had a kind loving face and we wanted to find out more about her.



After passing the home check we were invited to meet her. We drove 2 hours from Northamptonshire to meet her and brought her home the same day.

### Arriving home

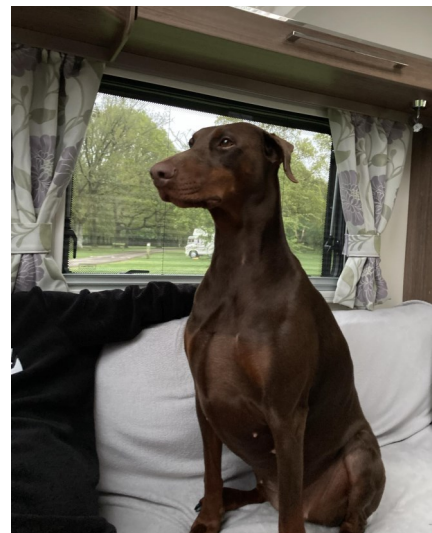
When we arrived home, she was so scared that she would not come into the house. We had to leave her in the back garden until she felt happy and safe to come in on her own accord.

The first few weeks were a huge learning curve for both us and Carla. When walking, she would snap at other dogs and we could not allow her off the lead.

### Great progress

Gradually, after a few months of taking her everywhere we went, allowing her to meet other people and dogs and continually working on her recall, she turned a corner.

Now she loves her walks, playing with other dogs and her ball.



We holiday in a caravan and we were apprehensive that she would not enjoy it, but she has taken to it like a duck to water. Loving the walks, exploring new places and meeting new people.

What a wonderful Dobie we have rescued !



## Quick fire interview — Carla—3 years old

**Q. How long has she been in your life?** A. Almost 10 months.

**Q. Favourite food?** A. Pig and Rabbit ears.

**Q. What makes you laugh about her?** A. She makes us laugh every day but especially when she takes us to her food cupboard wanting a treat, not leaving until we give her one and being very vocal about it.

**Q. Does she have a naughty side?** A. She does have a naughty side and loves to stalk and attack her Daddy, when playing together.

**Q. Best memory/adventure with her so far.** A. Every single day is an adventure with Carla.

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

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### OUR ALL BREED DOG SHOW WILL BE JUDGED BY EMMA FLETCHER

There are 16 fabulous classes to choose from



Puppy  
Best Dobermann Male  
Best Dobermann Bitch  
Best Trick



Best adult handler (over 16)  
Best child handler (under 16)



Best condition  
Waggiest tail  
Fancy dress  
Best 6 legs



Prettiest bitch  
Handsome male  
Veteran 7 and over  
Scruffiest dog  
Best rescue



Judge the dog would most like to take home



Rosettes 1st to 6th in each class  
Treats for all



Best in show and Reserve Best in show

### STALLS FOR A GREAT FUN DAY OUT



#### Refreshments

including meat & veggie options on the BBQ  
Soft drinks, tea, coffee and cakes  
Our own stalls, Tombola, Merchandise and more  
Jewellery, Fur fin Feather natural dog treats  
Duxenall Dog Beds, Ruby gifts,  
Wooden Gifts, Personalised coasters and pet accessories  
Carved wood, Companion dog trailing  
Fruit & veg, Crystals  
Pet food, Tropic skin care  
Lincs dobermann rescue, Face painting  
Horse saddlers, Ice cream  
Northwich Hedgehog rescue  
It's a Shore Thing pebble gifts

PLEASE FOLLOW  
THE CAR PARKING SIGNS THAT  
WILL BE OUT ON THE ROAD  
PLEASE DO NOT PARK  
IN THE VILLAGE HALL  
AS CAR PARK SPACES WILL BE  
VERY LIMITED



PLEASE PICK UP AFTER  
YOUR DOG, BAG IT AND  
BIN IT, THANKS



WE HOPE YOU AND YOUR  
FAMILY ENJOY YOUR DAY OUT,  
CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE

## Help us to improve the lives of more Dobies with gift aid

**£1.00 +**

**Gift Aid**

**= £1.25**

Help us to improve the lives of more Dobies with gift aid, it's simple and it costs you nothing.

At DRUE we are always looking to make the most of the donations we receive from our supporters so we can help as many needy Dobies as possible.

It might come as a surprise to you to hear that with your help the taxman will lend us a hand. He will do this using a device known as "gift aid".

If you pay income tax and you make a donation to DRUE, gift aid can increase the amount of money DRUE receives without any additional cost to you. Gift aid is really easy to use, so if you want to give even more help to Dobies, read on.



You must remember that you can only use gift aid if you pay United Kingdom income tax. It doesn't matter whether you pay your tax at the basic rate or at a higher rate, as long as tax is paid on your wages, salary, pension or other income.

In order to use gift aid all you have to do is to complete a Gift Aid Declaration. Email us at [info@dobermannrescueuk.co.uk](mailto:info@dobermannrescueuk.co.uk) and we'll send you one.

The declaration is a really simple form, just fill in your name and address, confirm that you are a taxpayer and send it back to DRUE by post or by scanning or photographing the form and attaching it to an email. The team at DRUE will do the rest.

The magic part is that once you have completed a declaration the taxman will give DRUE an extra twenty five pence for every pound that you donate, that's extra money our volunteers can use to pay for the food, shelter, medication and comforts the Dobies in our care desperately need.

If you pay tax at the 40% higher rate, gift aid is even more generous. Not only will the taxman give DRUE an extra twenty five pence for each pound you donate, but if you tell the taxman about your gift aid donation, your tax bill will be reduced by a further twenty five pence.

You can either write to your tax office to do this or you can do it online. You can get details of your tax office from your employer or pension provider or

from your PAYE coding notice. To be even more generous to our Dobies you might think about passing your tax saving back to DRUE as a further donation.

So, if you are a taxpayer and you want to give DRUE some extra help at no extra cost to you, please ask us for a gift aid declaration form when you make a donation, we will be only too happy to help. If you contribute to one of our special appeals through Just Giving or Go Fund Me you will find gift aid instructions on the relevant web page.

We thank you for your donations, they allow us to save and care for many more Dobies in need. Do please gift aid your donations to help us even more. Contact us at [info@dobermannrescueuk.co.uk](mailto:info@dobermannrescueuk.co.uk)



## Spotlight on our volunteer “Ben”

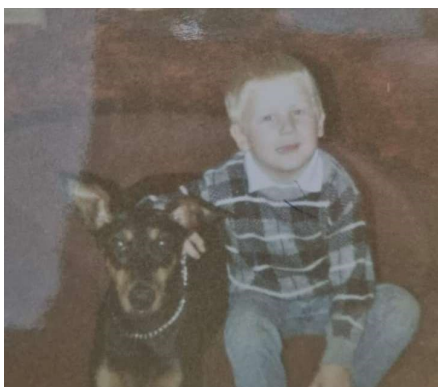
### Editors note:

Once again, we have the pleasure of bringing one of our amazing volunteers from behind the scenes and into the spotlight. These dedicated individuals work tirelessly, often without recognition, to ensure DRUE's success and make a meaningful impact in our community. Today, we are thrilled to shine a light on Ben and share his inspiring story with you of his journey to DRUE and beyond.

### My life with dogs

Ever since I can remember, our home has been filled with animals—dogs, cats, birds, rabbits, and guinea pigs. My father and grandfather were passionate about animals, but my father firmly believed that every family should have a dog. Our first dog was a German Shepherd named Kizzy. I was just a toddler then, and she would gently carry me to her kennel, becoming my first canine protector. So she was my first dog but not one I remember too well because I was just a toddler.

But the first dog I really remember was my very first Doberman. She was an unforgettable dog named Jess.



She was a Euro and we got her as a rescue, she arrived at our home so scared and skittish, she even ran away from a ball.

We suspected she had been mistreated by her previous owners, possibly beaten with a stick as she would hide from my grandma, who used a walking stick.

Jess and I grew up together, and she was incredibly intelligent, the cleverest animal we had ever had. She would fetch the post in the morning to my father's bed side in exchange for a polo mint. She loved them, she also used to speak (I say speak loosely) she would tone her voice to sound like want one. She did this when we offered treats and said what do you want.

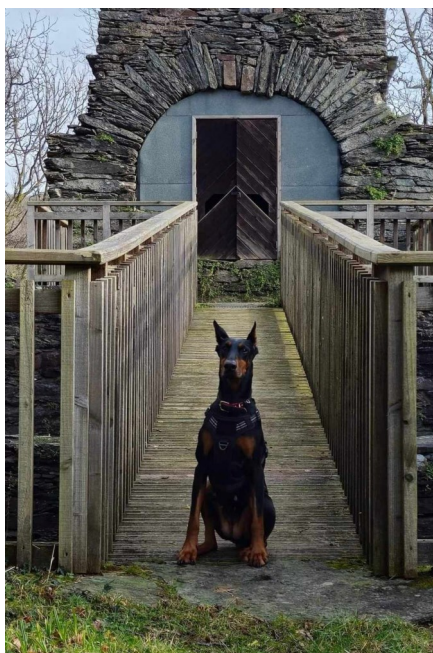
Jess had all the typical Doberman traits—protective, loyal, and deeply loving. Since Jess, we've had various breeds, including 4 Great Danes, 2 Dobies, 2 King Charles Spaniels, and 3 crossbreeds.

### Discovering DRUE

I discovered DRUE on Facebook. My father had a soft spot for Dobermanns, he was my best pal.

I always promised I'd get another dobie however never got round to it before he passed. So it was my mission to do so, in his honour.

I contacted DRUE in May of 2021 to get a home check done and register my interest in a rescue, Dawn Wiggs and another DRUE team member came to my house and did the checks. That day Dawn became like my second Mam, as she helped me get my best pal Roxy (then Tara).



Roxy



### Volunteering at DRUE

I've always felt a strong desire to give back, especially when it comes to animals, they are something I am massively passionate about. All animals, however, dogs mainly.

A typical day at the kennels starts with greeting all the fur babies and taking them out one by one for their morning business.

Once this has been done I will then look to clean the kennels and top up waters and food. Whilst doing this I always have a natter to the other volunteers. Once the kennels are cleaned I'll spend some quality time having a little cuddle and play with the pups before heading off home.

I have taken them out for the day on adventures, trying to give them the most 'normal' experiences. The type they might expect in a loving home.



Dizzy on a day out to Mam Tor

## Spotlight on our volunteer "Ben"

### Challenges and Rewards

I don't think there has been any major challenges for me, the hardest thing is not getting too attached to some of the them. I am a sucker for a sad face on the dogs.

However the rewards are immense, seeing the dogs grow into the loving, confident, loyal companions and watching their tails wag with joy when they find their forever homes and families.



Dizzy

Two particularly memorable moments are the success stories of seeing my 2 favourite girls Dotty and Dizzy get there forever homes. Dotty more so, as she had been with DRUE when I first looked at volunteering almost 15 months before. She was such a beautiful girl. She just needed someone understanding to give her a loving home.

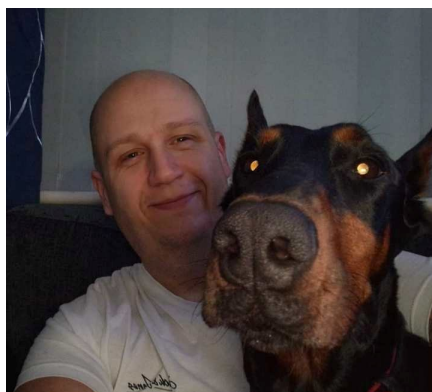


Dotty

### The impact of rescue work

The work done at DRUE significantly impacts the lives of the Dobermanns we help. Many come to us as a shadow of what they should be, some haven't been treated properly and they are scared, unloved, and vulnerable.

With all the work that is done, time spent and love and care given, 99% of these dogs go out as wonderful animals. I took the 1% home, her name's Rox and she's a naughty dog. But she mine.



Roxy

Without the charity a lot of these dogs wouldn't be in caring, loving homes, getting the second chance they deserve.

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### Advice for prospective volunteers

Do it, it's fantastic you will be getting rewarded by a smiley dog with a wagging tail and if not, they will be, once you have given them some love.

However, be prepared for the emotional challenges, as it can be hard to see some of the dogs in their initial state.

Remember, these dogs are all different but each has the same end goal, to be loved and cared for. Your time can help them achieve that.

### Understanding Dobermanns

Dobermanns are sometimes misunderstood due to their portrayal in movies and media as being fierce and aggressive. In reality, they are very intelligent, very loving, and even a goofy type of daft.

They need boundaries setting, good exercise, and mental stimulation but are fantastic family dogs who will fit in well when given the right support.

### Personal Growth

Well I am very open with my mental health issue's hence the reason I got a dobie and also got involved with the rescue. However, since joining the volunteering team, it's helped me.

The support and friendliness of the team, coupled with the unconditional love from the dogs, has been a great help.

These dogs have an uncanny ability to sense when we need a pick-me-up cuddle or some love, making this experience truly special.

There is a saying often heard in our DRUE world "I wonder who rescued who!" I'll leave you with that thought.



Amadeus





## DRUE Fundraisers shine at Goostrey 'Rose day' festival



The picturesque village of Goostrey was buzzing as the annual Rose Day Festival unfolded, drawing crowds from near and far.

Amidst the vibrant atmosphere and lively music (hmmm there was a brass band next to our stall!), a group of dedicated DRUE fundraisers stood out, raising awareness and much-needed funds for our rescue Dobies.

The volunteers manned an eye-catching bright red stall adorned with DRUE banners and were on hand all day selling merchandise and running a tombola, as well as providing information about the rescue efforts.

Every purchase made and every donation given directly supported our ongoing rescue, rehabilitation,

and rehoming of Dobermanns in need.

The festival-goers were treated to lots of engaging stories of successful rescues, with our fundraisers sharing tales of our Dobermanns finding their forever homes. This personal touch resonated deeply with the visitors, many of whom were eager to learn more.

As the day progressed, the festival atmosphere remained upbeat and charged with energy. Our team had a super time flying the flag yet again for DRUE.

Many more fundraising events are planned through out the year. Keep an eye on our Facebook Fundraising page for details.

Thank you to our wonderful DRUE

fundraisers for their dedication and enthusiasm. It's inspiring to see such passionate individuals coming together for a cause they truly believe in.



## Big shout out to Lincs Dobermann Rescue & Dobiefest



A big thank you to Lincs Dobermann Rescue (LDR) for letting DRUE participate and be part of their big 'Dobiefest' day.

Our intrepid team of DRUE fundraisers headed off to Dobiefest for a wonderful time of delightful



Dobie fun and of course to meet many other lovely dog breeds and interesting owners too.

The day was a great success and the turnout was marvellous. LDR have the same goals as DRUE in that we are all working together to help rescue and rehome the beautiful Dobermann breed. Well done LDR for putting together an awesome event.

### Evie—A dobiefest princess

Dobie mum Val, has been a dedicated Dobermann fosterer for LDR for many years, she found her perfect match in Evie on 29th July 2019.

Val had fostered numerous Dobies, but when she requested a permanent companion, Evie appeared like a dream come true.

From the first day at Val's home, a beach walk marked the beginning of Evie's reign as the queen of the coast. Her love for the beach, water, and her cherished ball was evident as she happily interacted with other dogs and people.



Evie

However, Evie now has a debilitating condition. She has been diagnosed with Masticatory Muscle Myositis (MMM), a rare immune disorder where her immune system mistakenly attacks her own muscles. This condition has progressed, leading to significant muscle swelling and pain, making it increasingly difficult for Evie to chew and eat.

### Understanding MMM

Masticatory Muscle Myositis (MMM) is an autoimmune disorder affecting dogs, targeting the muscles responsible for chewing. This condition leads to muscle inflammation, swelling, and pain, significantly impacting the dog's ability to eat. As the disease advances, the muscles deteriorate, causing severe challenges in performing basic activities like chewing and swallowing.

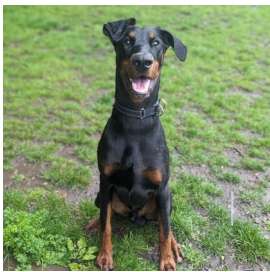
Evie's battle with MMM underscores the importance of awareness and early intervention in managing this disease. While her condition has limited her physical activities, the unwavering support from Val ensures that Evie continues to live with dignity and love.



## DRUE charity poster by Paddy age 11yrs

Paddy is our kennel co-ordinators son, he has Dobermanns at home and sometimes visits the DRUE kennels with his Mum. Paddy's class was given an exciting project: to design posters for a charity of their choice.

Embracing the challenge, Paddy decided to support our very own charity DRUE. Paddy's poster



aimed to raise awareness about the plight of our dogs and the critical work DRUE

does. He incorporated eye-catching visuals of 2 of our recent dogs and a compelling message to highlight the importance of adoption and support for rescued Dobermanns, hoping to inspire others to contribute to this great cause. To show how well he captured the dogs likeness check out the actual dogs in the photos (Blaze on the left & Loki on the right).

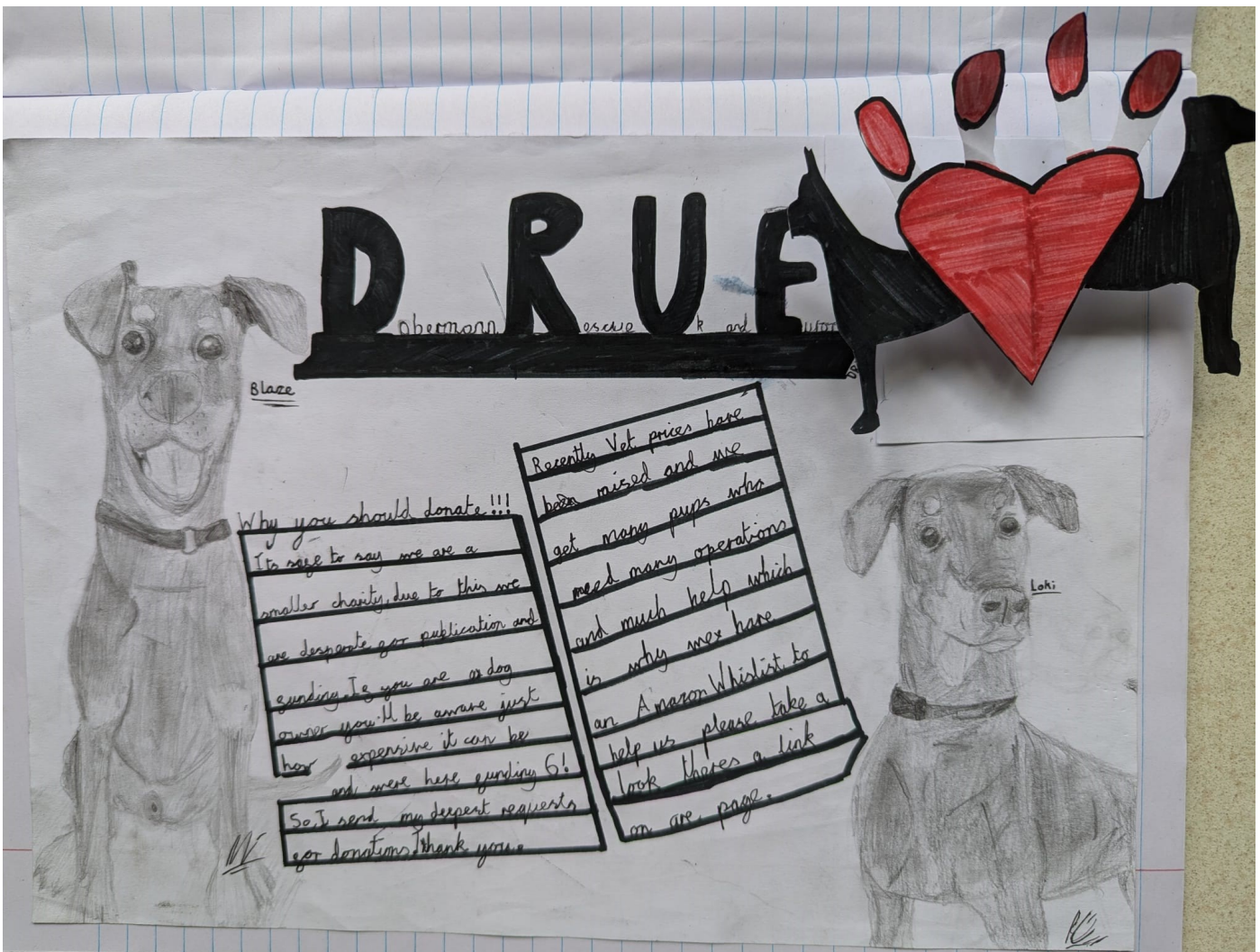
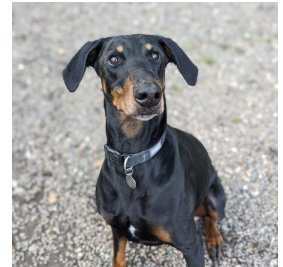
For ease of reading, Paddy's text is transcribed as follows:

*Why you should donate!!!*

*It's safe to say we are a smaller charity, due to this we are desperate*

*for publication and funding. If you are a dog owner you'll be aware just how expensive it can be and we're here funding 6! So I send my deepest requests for donations. Thank you.*

*Recently vet prices have been raised and we get many pups who need many operations and much help which is why we have an Amazon wishlist to help us please take a look, there's a link on our page.*





# DRUE LIFE



## 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 your bank or mobile/online app for the 1st of each month for a £2 contribution, hopefully you won't miss it but the Dobies will benefit greatly.*

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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



Bank details  
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