

Dobermann Rescue UK and Europe (DRUE) Presents



Issue 21



This month's cover boy is Rupert.

A youngster just approaching 12 months old.

Ready for an energetic experienced home.

Read all about him in his profile on Page 5.

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September 2024

Welcome from the editor

Welcome to our newsletter

We continue share the stories of our ongoing efforts to support and rehome Dobermanns in need.

Open day and fun dog show:

We ended August with a bang! Our open day and fun dog show was a great success, drawing crowds of enthusiastic dog lovers.



The event not only raised significant funds but also heightened awareness of our charity. Thank you to everyone who participated and supported this event!

In memory

It is with heavy hearts that we share the news of the passing of our dear friend and invaluable team member, Dawn Wigglesworth, affectionately known as Wiggs.

Dawn was a pillar of our DRUE community, dedicating countless hours to the welfare of our Dobies. Her sudden departure has left a void, but her spirit and commitment to DRUE will continue to inspire us. We mourn her loss but celebrate her life and the legacy she leaves behind.

Adventures of Our Kennel Dogs:

Our kennel dogs have been living their best lives this month! They've been on hikes, participated in cani-cross run training, explored the local countryside, and enjoyed visits to volunteers' homes and secure fields. Plus, they've had ample playtime in our secure kennel paddock. These outings are crucial for their physical and mental well-being, ensuring they remain happy and healthy while they wait for their forever homes.

Thank you for your continued support and love for our Dobermanns. Together, we're making a difference, every little bit of support helps in our mission to provide the best for these loyal companions.





In loving memory of Dawn, a pillar of compassion and dedication

In Loving Memory of Dawn

It is with heavy hearts that we share the news of the passing of Dawn, a beloved member of our Dobermann Rescue (DRUE) family. Dawn left us in mid-August after a brief illness, leaving behind an irreplaceable void

in our Dobie community. Her legacy lives on in the lives of the countless Dobermanns she helped to save and rehome with her boundless love and dedication.

Dawn was not just a volunteer; she was the heartbeat of our rescue efforts, a beacon of hope for every Dobermann in need.

Her commitment to our cause was unparalleled, often driving so many miles across the country to perform home checks with little to no notice. Her willingness to drop everything for the welfare of a dog was a testament to her character.

She believed deeply in the mission of finding each dog a loving, forever home, and she made it her personal mission to ensure that every step of the process that she was involved in was thorough and compassionate.

Rain or shine, Dawn was a fixture at our fundraising events. She stood by her stall, not just selling items, but sharing stories of our dogs, educating the public

about the plight of Dobermanns, and raising funds with enthusiasm that never seemed to fade. Her presence was not just about the money; it was about spreading awareness too.

At our kennels, Dawn's hands were always busy. Whether it was scrubbing floors, cleaning kennels, or simply making the environment more welcoming for our dogs, she was there. Her efforts were not just about maintaining cleanliness but about

creating a space where our dogs could feel safe and loved. When we moved to new kennels, Dawn was among the first to arrive, tirelessly sorting through our belongings, moving furniture, and ensuring that the transition was as smooth as possible for both the dogs and the team.

Dawn's legacy is not just in the miles she drove or the kennels she

cleaned; it's in the lives she touched, both canine and human. She demonstrated what it means to give selflessly, to love unconditionally, and to fight tirelessly for those who cannot fight for themselves. Her spirit was one of resilience, her love for Dobermanns was infectious, and her dedication was the stuff of legends.

As we mourn her loss, we also celebrate her life and the incredible impact she had on DRUE.

We dedicated our funday to her memory as she was the key organiser and the engine keeping us on track for many months, preparing us for a successful event. She passed away just a week before it took place.

Dawn, you were more than a volunteer; you were a friend, a mentor, and a hero to many. Your absence is felt deeply, but your legacy will continue to guide us.

Rest in peace, knowing that your work has not only saved lives but has also set an example of what true

compassion looks like. You will be missed, but never forgotten.

With heartfelt condolences, The DRUE Team.

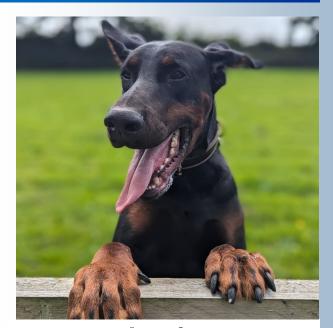




Dogs who found their new forever home



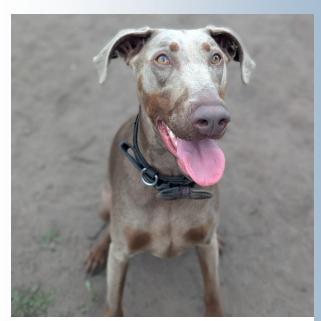
Archie



Louis



Envy



Frankie

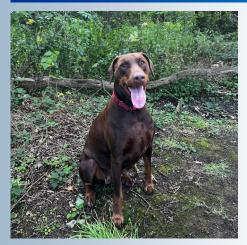
We have dogs still looking for their forever home, these are featured on the following page. If you are able to give any of our dogs a loving home please check out our current dogs and complete an application on our website at:

www.dobermannrescueuk.co.uk





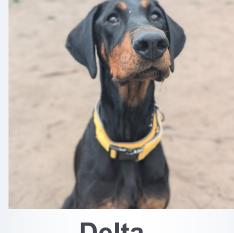
Please help me, I need a home!



Harper



Rupert



Delta



Roni



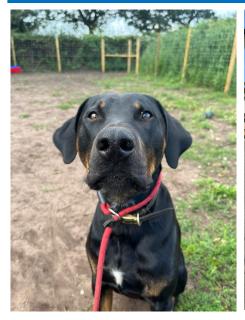
Penny

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





Rescue Profile: Rupert







Profile

Name: Rupert
Age: 12 months
Breed: Dobermann cross
Personality: Cheeky, playful,
naughty

About Rupert

Rupert is our spirited young lad with an abundance of energy and mischief.

This delightful Dobermann is at an age where life is all about fun, and seeing what you can get away with. So, he's in need of some guidance to mature into the well-behaved companion he has the potential to be.

Likes

Long Walks: Rupert enjoys his walks on the lead, exploring the world one sniff at a time.

The Pub: A social butterfly, Rupert loves visiting the local pub where he might charm his way into getting a bite of a burger.

Ice Cream Farm: Yes, you read that right! Rupert adores trips to the local ice cream farm, perhaps hoping for a dog-friendly treat.

Playful Nips: Known for his cheeky habit of nipping at your bottom, he keeps everyone on their toes. This bythe-way, needs to be stopped ASAP!

Needs

Experienced Owner: Rupert requires someone who's handled big dogs before, someone confident and capable of setting firm boundaries.

Training and Structure: He needs a person willing to invest time in training, helping him to channel his energy positively and learn manners.

Commitment: With the right guidance, Rupert will not only mature but will also return the love and effort tenfold. He's mouldable, eager to please, and has a long, lovely life ahead with the right person.

Ideal Home: Rupert would thrive with an active individual or mature family experienced with larger breeds, who can provide him with the leadership, exercise, and love he needs.

If you're looking for a loyal companion who will keep you entertained with his antics while growing into a well-mannered dog, Rupert could be your perfect match.

Note

Adopting Rupert means committing to his growth and development, but rest assured, the journey with him will be as rewarding as it is challenging.

If you would like Rupert in your life then do register your interest by filling out an adoption form located on our website.







Life after rescue — "Darcy"

Note from the editor

We're excited to bring you another one of our remarkable success stories. Meet Darcy, a beautiful loving Dobermann who found her forever home with one of our dedicated adopters 'Karen'.

So let's go to Karen for the details...

Bringing home another Dobie

I'd always had rescue dog my whole life, one of which was a Dobermann I had as a teenager.

I always wanted another, but I'd not found a rescue at the point when I was ready to own one. So, in 2014 we took the decision to get a Dobermann, but at the time I wasn't aware of any breed specific rescues and purchased Axel from a breeder.



Axel as a pup and a few years later

Once I had Axel, it became obviously he needed a pal that could keep up and stimulate his palytime.

I then found out about DRUE from going to Dobermann meets and checked them out on Facebook and I did the odd bit of dog walking on charity days.

Needing a play mate

Now having Axel, I thought he desperately needed a playmate that could keep up.

I looked around a bit, but was working away from home so a little time went past.

Then Darcy (at the time called Princess Jasmine) a 5 month old puppy popped up, she seemed the right fit for Axel who was about 18 months old at the time.



By this point, I'd been to the kennels in Stoke a few times to walk dogs and knew Liz and many other DRUE supporters.

The pup!

I'd only seen one photo and not met her but agreed to adopt unseen. I was so excited and pestered Liz on when she was going to be available.

Darcy had been in a pound in Spain, she had moved to a rescue that DRUE worked with, so I had to wait for her to come over.



Darcy had come from Spain by car. She was so tiny we had bought her a jumper as it was cold. She arrived quite smelly, dirty and a broken collar and a few skin issues. None of which mattered, I loved her immediately.

I had two dogs at home already. An older lurcher cross (Benson) and a 15 month old Doberman (Axel). So when we got her home, We brought the other two dogs out for a walk and they

met Darcy on said walk. However, after the walk she came back in the house with us and never left.



I had two crates for her, one in kitchen and one in my bedroom. She did go in her crate for a quick 20 min sleep, but after that was straight on the bed and adapted to home comforts very quickly.



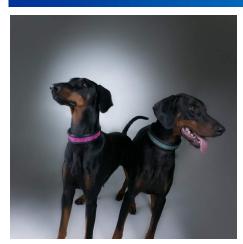
Only being 5 months old, she put the other two males in their place straight away and became the boss.







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She instantly became Axel's play mate and he enjoyed having someone that could play rough and tumble with him.



She didn't have the best of starts. In the first 2 weeks of owning Darcy, we noticed a small lump on her face, after testing this turned out to be an indicator of leishmaniasis disease. We think that the stress of the travel activated the condition.

It was a challenge at first as our vet had no knowledge of the condition and just said did we want to put her to sleep - absolutely not!!! I spent lots of time learning and Darcy started treatment. Unfortunately we had quite a long battle. As with being a pup as seasons kicked in, it kept reactivating the condition and need for treatment.

For some time we were stuck in a cycle of trying to get her spayed, but a season would kick in and delay us. However, this sad cycle had a happy end. We eventually got everything under control and Darcy is living her best life.

Sadly, I lost my other 2 boys. Her Dobermann brother died of DCM in March this year.

She has been sad for a while, but is now most definitely enjoying being the only dog and having all the toys and attention!



I consider
Darcy to be a
very special
dog. Due to
her illness,
we've been
able to help
others. My vet
has used me a
few times to
talk to new

owners, who have rescued dogs from abroad and I've been able to share my experience with Darcy.



If you look at her now, her coat is shiny and she is the happiest girl.

As a life long dog owner, Darcy is the most complex dog I've ever had. She is full on all the time, but I love her for that, she is also the most affectionate dog I've ever owned.

She is a typical Dobermann - she follows me from room to room and provides security when I go to the loo.

She is selective with her doggie friends and we have what I like to call her 'circle of trust', which is the dogs she loves. Her best friend being Wilbur a Cocker Poo.

After a difficult start - she is most definitely living her best life as a spoiled dog! I know all of us know how precious this breed is, the love and joy they give us is immeasurable.

Quick fire interview — Darcy — 7 years old

Q. How long has she been in your life? A. Since she was 5 months old so 6.5yrs.

Q. Favourite food? A. Everything! She eats better than me! She has kibble, but I also cook for her (yes she is spoiled). She loves meat, veggies, sardines, eggs, melon and blueberries. And, shouldn't say it but she loves crisps!!

Q. What makes you laugh about her? A. Watching her with her collection of toys (although she has a favourite monkey) and the sock she often steals always brings a smile to my face. She is the queen of the 'side eye' and even at 7yrs old, everything in the world is still wonderous to her, she gets so excited.

Q. Does she have a naughty side? A. Oh yes, she is quite the clever one, likes to steal socks and food given the chance.

Q. If she was a famous person who would she be likened to & why? A. Well, she is a DIVA, her nickname is Lady Da Da - So I think we go with Lady Ga Ga

Q. Best memory/adventure with her so far. A. I'm not sure I could ever pick one, I love to see her on holidays or walks, where you can see her enjoying her surroundings and how happy she is.







Fun day and dog show extravaganza In memory of "our Dawn"



24th August 2024 was a super a day to remember

In a wonderful display of community spirit, the Dobermann Rescue Charity held its annual open day and fun dog show, which turned out to be a resounding success. Held under the benevolent gaze of a clear, sunny sky (except for one 15 minute downpour), the event not only raised significant funds but also heightened awareness about our Dobermann rescue dogs and the work of our charity.

The venue buzzed with excitement from early morning as attendees, both two-legged and four-legged, began to pour in. The event was strategically located in the spacious grounds of a rural village hall, providing ample room for the numerous activities planned for the day.

Stall holders from across the local area showcased an array of merchandise, from artisanal crafts and produce to pet accessories, with a special focus on products that supported our DRUE charity and Dobermann welfare. The stalls were a hit with their quality produce.

The highlight of the day was undoubtedly the fun dog show,

which saw an impressive turnout of participants. Dobermanns, known for their elegance and strength, were joined by a diverse array of other breeds, each showcasing their unique talents and personalities.

Attendees were treated to a spectacle of canine good looks and sheer cuteness. All breeds and ages present were encouraged to take part. Every dog was a winner in the eyes of the crowd, demonstrating that the true spirit of the event was about love, not competition.

Throughout the day, volunteers from the Dobermann Rescue Charity were on hand to discuss their work, share stories of successful adoptions, and educate attendees about the responsibilities and joys of pet ownership. The event also featured some of DRUE's rescue dobies who strutted their stuff, mingling with the crowd and getting lots of attention. The icing on the cake was that one of them found their forever home, a testament to the day's impact.

The fundraising efforts were equally impressive. With a combination of dog show entry fees, donations, and sales from the stalls, the charity managed to raise a substantial amount, though exact figures are yet to be finalised. These funds will be

crucial in continuing our mission to rescue, rehabilitate, and rehome Dobermanns in need.

The open day concluded with a sense of fulfillment. Attendees left not only with memories of a fun-filled day but also with a deeper appreciation for the work of animal rescue organisations. The DRUE open day was more than just an event; it was a gathering of kindred spirits, all united by their love for dogs, particularly the noble Dobermann. Here's to hoping that next year's event will be just as successful, if not more, in spreading joy and support for our four-legged friends.

As mentioned earlier in this newsletter, we dedicated this open day to our beloved team member Dawn Wigglesworth who passed away just a week before. She had been the main driving force behind the open day and had been planning it for many, many months. Many of her family members turned up in support of the event and in her honour. The day was not without an odd tear here and there, but we know she would have been proud of how the day went.

A heartfelt thank you is also extended to **Lincs Dobermann Rescue** for their incredible support. Their team members not only joined us but also actively participated in our efforts to raise funds for DRUE. It's truly heartwarming to see charities unite for a common cause, demonstrating the power of collaboration in making a difference for our beloved dogs.

We also want to thank our sponsors "The Mutts Munchies" who provided all of the amazing treat bags for our

dog show.
Thanks guys,
the dogs
certainly
approved.

Check out the next couple of pages of event photos...







Fun day and dog show extravaganza







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First Prize Fido:

Rolling in victory with the coolest treats on four wheels!

Serving up cutie-pie cones with a tail-wagging twist!"

Second Place Splash

Making waves in style, this beach babe's ready for the pool party!"







Spotlight on our volunteer "Gill"

This month we are thrilled to shine the spotlight on our fabulous volunteer Gill. With a deep love for the dogs and a wide experience with Dobies, she helps us out weekly with the walking and kennel care of our rescues. So let's go and gather the details...over to Gill

In the beginning

I always wanted a dog when I was growing up but my parents wouldn't let me. After school (secondary) I would take out a neighbour's dog. There was an elderly gentleman who lived on my road and I started to take his dog, Heidi, a cross breed, around the park which was just 20 yards from my house. Then he became ill and Heidi went into kennels, sadly i never saw her again.

Then in the 80's, after being with my then husband to be, we decided on getting a Dobermann. I don't know why we chose the breed but home came Gemma!



She was with us during both of my children's births and until their first years at school.



You couldn't have asked for a more loyal dog. There was one person who she didn't like, and to this day I still don't know why, but

every time she saw my uncle she would growl at him! That was all, nothing more than that.



At the age of just over 10, she would disappear up the field behind us, and come back like a barrel after drinking vast amounts of water. After a trip to the vets, the worst was confirmed and we had to make that decision...



My next dog was a Dalmatian, Lucy, who was with me through my divorce and while I was bringing the children up on my own. She wasn't the typical crazy dalmatian, quite the opposite. I was given the opportunity for her to have pups.



She gave birth to 9 healthy puppies, which was a very rewarding experience but i don't think that I could go through that again!

It was hard work fitting in work, the children and rearing 9 lively puppies.

After moving house and the children starting to have lives of their own, I decided I needed another dog in my life!

It was a last minute decision after seeing an advert. A phone call was made at lunchtime on a Friday. At 3pm that day I went home and told my son to come with me, we were going to pick up a puppy.



Home came my 2nd Dobermann, Riley.



Now at the age of 10, although you wouldn't know it sometimes as he still thinks he's a puppy and wants to play with every dog he meets.

He has a heart of gold and hasn't got one bad bone in his body.





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He is my world and my best friend, and he gives me a reason to get out of bed every morning.

Riley is my world & best friend



I don't recall where I first saw DRUE, I presume it must have been on social media when searching 'Dobermann'. Following the site, it was always at the back of my mind that I would like to help in some way, but it was too far away.

Then many years later, I saw an advert asking for volunteers to walk

the dogs for Drue, and I noticed it was a different address, which was a bit closer.

The application form was filled in and I was invited to go to the kennels and meet the dogs. On arriving at the kennels it was not what i expected, the noise from the dogs in the kennels, that weren't the DRUE dogs, was overwhelming. The kennels were cold and the pups all had jumpers and heat lamps on to keep warm.

All they want, even with whatever they have gone through, is to be loved, and that is exactly what everyone who meets them gives them.

You see the pups come in and instantly fall in love. Some are in such a terrible state, so thin and neglected or just that their owners circumstance have changed or sadly passed away that they have to be surrendered, I was made to feel very welcome from the other members of the team and nothing is ever too much for them. They are such wonderful people and I am proud to be part of the 'DRUE family'.

Even though I make a hour and a half round trip to see the pups every week, or more than once if I'm not at work, it doesn't matter. Just knowing that they are so pleased to see you and that you are giving them the love and the extra walks that makes them feel so much better, you get the best cuddles from them as if they are saying 'thank you'. They have so much love to give.

On arriving at the kennels I go around to say 'Hi' to all the pups and then make sure they all get equal amounts of time out of the kennel, whether it's a walk, a run around the secure paddock that we have, or time out having cuddles in the office.

Sometimes you might be on your own with the dogs, or often with other

volunteers, which is good because you can take a couple of dogs out together which helps with the socialising and makes the walk more exciting for them.

You make a difference to their lives and when they go to their forever loving homes, there are tears all around because you do get attached to them, but happy tears because they have been given a second chance.

One of the most memorable moments was when one of the pups wriggled out of her leads and did a runner!



She had a figure of 8 on and also a lead attached to her collar. In a blink of an eye, she rubbed her figure of 8 off and then slipped her collar and she ran, and ran, and ran.

Luckily she ran into a field and there were at least 6 of us trying to catch her but she would not stop running even when we fetched another pup who she knew and walked with.

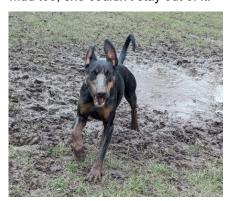






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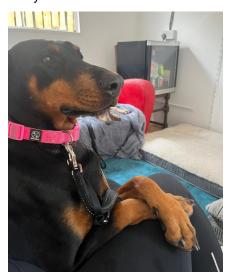
After at least 45 minutes she started to slow down slightly and one of the team managed to grab her as she ran past and she was put back on a lead. Even when you took her into the paddock she would just run and run doing the laps of the paddock. She loved the mud too, she couldn't stay out of it.



When she wasn't running she was the most loving girl, and all she wanted was to cuddle up for snuggles. Not long after, the pup went to her forever home where she is now living her best life.

Since volunteering we have moved to new kennels within a farm, which has a much better, calmer environment for our pups.

We have a lovely office with a few sofas where the dogs can come and chill out with the DRUE team away from their kennels.





There are no other boarding dogs, just the farmers own dogs that live on the farm, therefore it is so much quieter and less stressful for them when they are in the kennels.



We also have a much bigger team now, our team feed them early morning and evening as well as spending many hours during the day with them. The team take the dogs out for lots of walks and adventures both on lead and off lead in the secure play areas. They get to the local ice cream farm, the pub and on many beautiful walks in our local area. Never have our rescue pups had it so good.

When you own a Dobermann you have to expect people to cross the road to avoid you because your dog will attack them, they pick up their dog because yours will eat theirs, they tell you to put your dog on a lead and get it under control even though it's minding its own business! It is ok for their dog to come running and barking at your dog but good heavens, it's a different story if your dog even looks at their dog! LOL

What you actually have is a dog that will follow you everywhere, has to be touching you when sat next to you, always wanting attention, daft, playful and loyal.`



If it's anything like my dog, it doesn't like water, puddles or getting its feet wet and if he can't avoid going through mud, he will literally tip-toe through it!

For anyone who has thought about volunteering, I would say do it.

It helps to de-stress, gets you out and about, and you get to meet other people who are also passionate about the dogs. You forget about your problems and the pressure of work etc because you are focussed on the well being of the dogs and enjoying the time you spend with them.

If you want to join our team, contact us at: info@dobermannrescueuk.co.uk





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 1st of every month.

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







THE 3 DAYS. 3 WEEKS. 3 MONTHS RULE OF ADOPTING A RESCUE DOG

THIS IS A GENERAL GUIDELINE, EVERY DOG IS UNIQUE AND WILL ADJUST TO THEIR NEW ENVIRONMENT DIFFERENTLY

IN THE FIRST 3 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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