



Dobermann Rescue UK and Europe (DRUE) Presents

DRUE LIFE



This months cover girl is Delta

Delta is a 2 year old entire black and tan bitch. She was abandoned by her owner at the vets after some health concerns were raised. It is evident that she has been used for breeding.

She is fine with people and will seek out affection. No history with children, so 14 and upwards only, no cats. She is reactive to other dogs, and this will need addressing.

Any new home for Delta will need to carry on with the training. Her reactivity is fear based and we are confident that in time and with the correct guidance she will learn to focus and trust.

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Welcome from the editor

Hello, Dobermann Rescue Family!

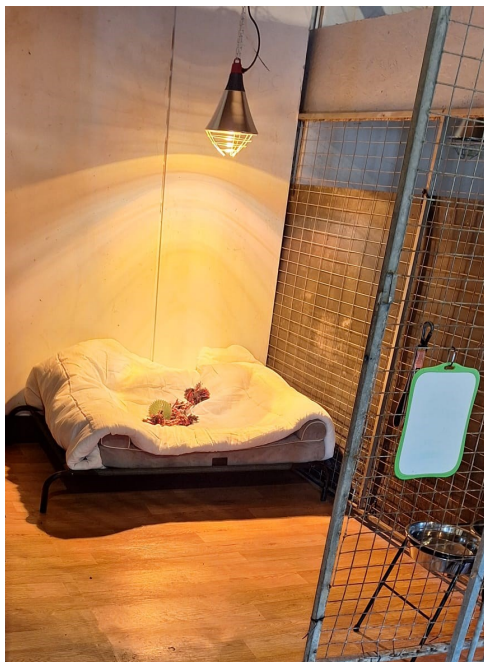
As the leaves turn golden and the nights grow cooler, our beloved Dobermanns are embracing the cosy side of autumn.

They've been snuggled up in their PJ's, basking under the gentle warmth of their kennel heat lamps, making every evening a snug affair.

They've also embarked on many delightful adventures recently, such as; Ice cream farm visits and woodland walks: Our adventurous pack had a great time at the local ice cream farm. It's not just about the ice cream (though we suspect they enjoyed a sneaky lick or two), but exploring new scents and meeting people. On their woodland walks they've experienced the crunch of fallen leaves under their paws, the fresh, crisp air, and the tapestry of autumn colours. Exploring the trails and woods has been the perfect playground for our dogs to indulge in the freedom that only nature can provide.

As we watch our dogs enjoy these autumnal delights, we're reminded of the joy and warmth they bring into our lives, regardless of the season's chill. Your support makes these moments possible, ensuring our Dobies not only have a safe haven but also the chance to experience life's simple pleasures.

Thank you for being part of our rescue community. Your contributions help keep our dogs warm, happy, and adventurous. Here's to more autumn adventures and to finding forever homes for our wonderful Dobermanns.



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Dogs who found their new forever home



Harper



Angel



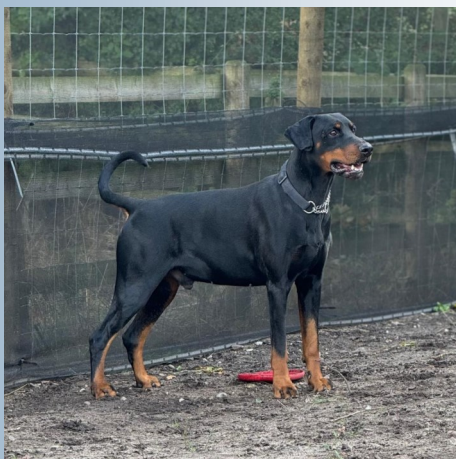
Grace



Penny

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

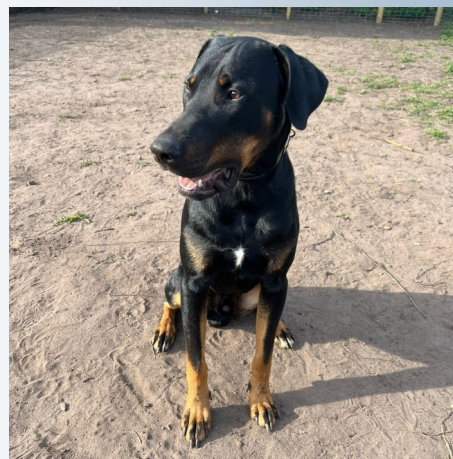
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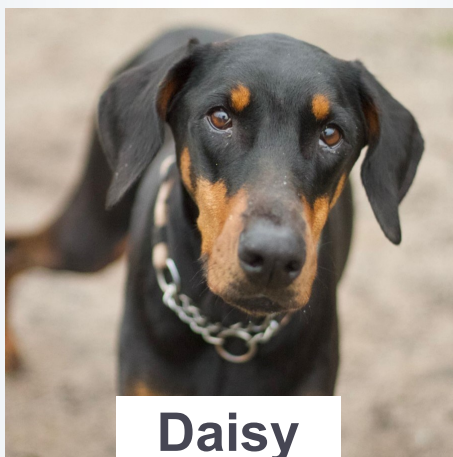
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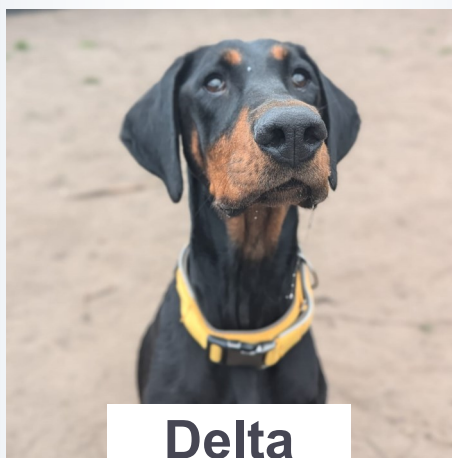
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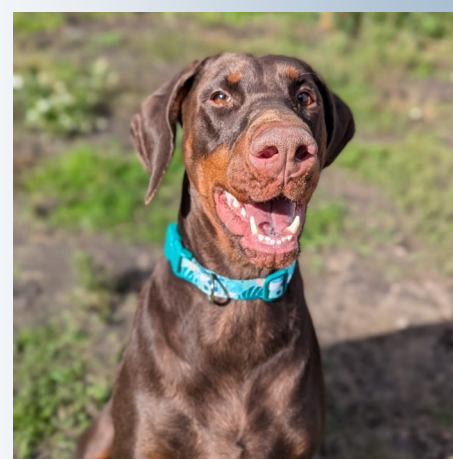
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Roni



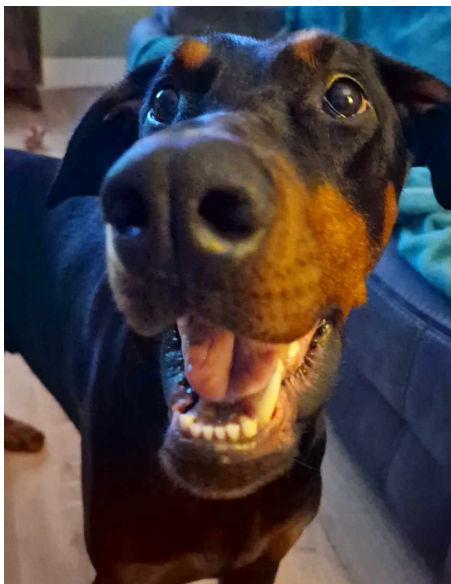
Delta



Kiki

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

Life after rescue — “Finnley”



Editor's note

In this issue, we'll share the heartwarming journey of Finnley who was certainly NOT one of the easiest Dobies at the start.

Finnley's story is a testament to the resilience and loyalty of adopters who didn't give up and demonstrated the life-changing impact of giving these wonderful dogs a second chance.

Over to our adopters...

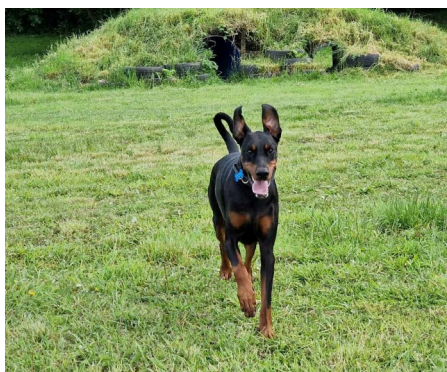
We heard about DRUE via Facebook a few years back whilst we still had our Dobie girl and at the time we were thinking about potentially getting her a brother or sister but Kallie, our girl got poorly, and it never happened.

After losing her in April we knew we would not be able to be without a Dobie for long. To date Heather has had 5 Dobies and between us Finnley is number 3.

We started to look at getting a Dobie in October time last year and DRUE was very helpful.

We saw Finnley (formerly known as Rex) online and after discussing it with the Team we all felt he would be the right fit for our family.

We wanted an active dog that can join us for many adventures. A Dobie with plenty of character and willing to learn.



We learnt that unfortunately Rex (now Finnley) came from an abusive home, but nevertheless he was very lovable despite what he had been through.

Arriving home

Finnley came home on 11th November 2023. He was good as gold in the car on the journey home. When we arrived, he took his time getting used to his surrounding and claimed his place on the sofa straight away.



The first 3 days Finnley was quite quiet, still getting used to us and his new environment. After 3 days he started to come out his shell a bit.

First 3 months weren't easy!

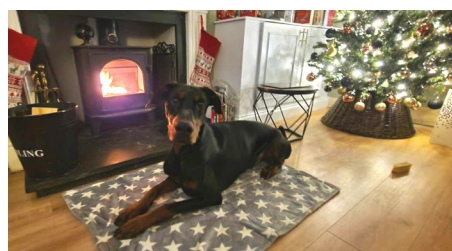
Finnley did not have a lot of training at all whilst in his previous home and we worked very hard getting him used walking on a lead properly, stopping his play biting and unfortunately, he was quite destructive in the house.

He could not be left alone and definitely had a lot of separation anxiety. I think it is important to understand that rescue dogs can be just as hard work as brand-new puppies and we quickly realised we needed to go back to basics.



We joined the Dobercademy with advice from DRUE and started the training. Finnley was very eager to learn and please, and understood commands quickly.

He was quite dog reactive and it was clear it was more from fear than aggression and it took some time to overcome it. He had no recall at all. He seemed to be on edge a lot and was unable to settle for any length of time, whenever we moved he moved, he didn't sleep well, waking up at 5 am every morning.



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Crate training was not going well as he had managed to break out of it and we were worried he would hurt himself, he was very distressed.

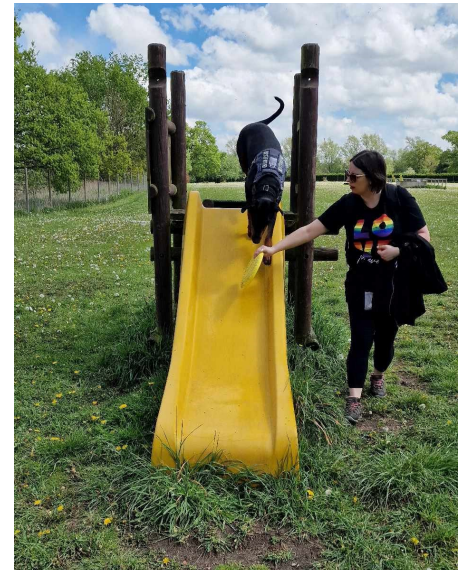
He also had skin issues with missing fur on his chest, due to mishandling by a previous owner he had sores on his snout and was a bit underweight.

And then he settled

With lots of care, training and definitely love, Finnley is a different boy today. His fur is beautiful, no sores anywhere and he has filled out nicely.

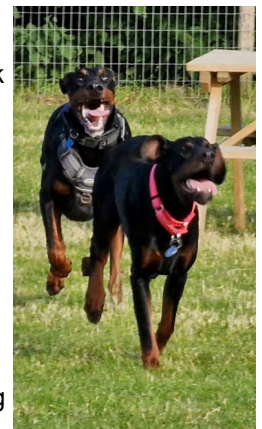
We're now stepping over him when leaving a room rather than worrying he will get disturbed. The crate is always there for him to chill out, but it's no longer required when we leave the house as he is able to just relax on the bed.

He knows lots of tricks and does “the middle”, whisper and touch perfectly. He loves the sofa and has his spot in the garden on the patio where he likes to get in some sun rays, although not for long as he gets hot very quickly, he is definitely not a sun worshipper.



seek and he is a master of tunnels and has recently mastered the slide too.

Back at home he gets a weekly paddock date with his girlfriend Lucie (also from DRUE) where they get to play in real Dobie style chasing each other and getting the humans running out the way in fear of their knees being bashed.



He taught Lucy how to get through tunnels recently and whilst around her he is a master of sliding under benches to hide from her when he needs a break from all the chasing.



We are very lucky and have a caravan at Heacham in Norfolk where we come every weekend so Finnley gets to wander the beach, visit Sandringham woods and make friends with the resident ducks. He is such a sweetheart, does not have bad bone in his body, he loves the ducks, never chases the deer and even had a little dance with a squirrel in the woods. Everyone at the caravan park has seen the change in him over the months and they comment on what

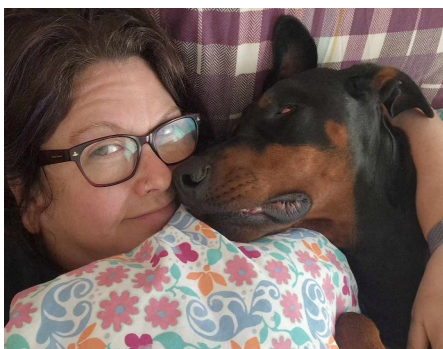
He stands with pride now. 10 months on and he has completely chilled out. There is no more destruction at all.

He is able to relax throughout the day and he sleeps through the night and even likes a lie in now.

an amazing boy he is, everyone loves him. His smiley face makes everyone's day. We cannot walk past people without them commenting on what a beautiful boy he is.

We are still unable to let him off the lead in public areas unless there are no dogs around, as he is very much a Dobie full on play mode and can be a bit much for other dogs, but he gets to go to a paddock at least twice a week wherever we are.

In Norfolk he gets to go to Narborough 6.5 acres paddock which includes a pool, agility equipment and a tree area where we play hide and

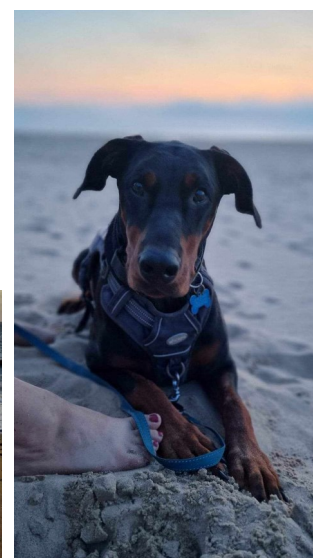
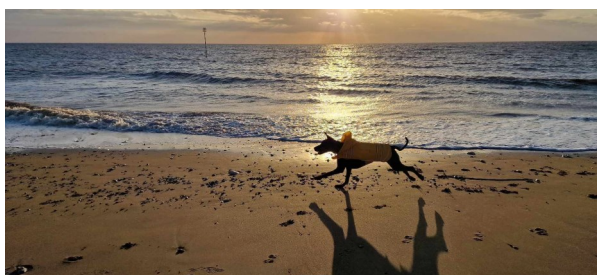


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Finnley is a fun, loving boy who we cannot imagine life without now. He is a cuddle monster to the point he comes and wakes Heather up in the night just to have a good hug. He will do paws up on her shoulders anytime of the day and he loves being called a good boy, his tail goes mental when he hears it. He loves a rope toy and a bit of tug of war, he likes his frisbee but mostly to carry around and tease us with rather than fetch. He adores a shower. He loves spooning in bed and a good zoomies



session through the house to the garden and back. We can't wait to see how much more we can learn about each other in the coming months. We're planning different weekends away next year to see if we can find his favourite place, although we believe back at home on the sofa, cuddled up with his mummies will still probably be no 1.



Quick fire interview — Finnley — 3 years old

Q. How long has he been in your life? A. 10 Months.

Q. Favourite food? A. He loves a lick mat full of cheese and a chicken foot, and his favourite dinner is a fish supper with added carrot and a bit of goat's milk (weirdo lol). His most favourite treat is a puppuccino, we cannot walk past Starbucks without him wanting one.

Q. What makes you laugh about him? A. He is super funny due to his clumsiness but he also chooses the craziest positions to sleep in that have us in stitches.

Q. If he was a famous person who would he be likened to & why? A. Clark Griswold (National Lampoons, played by Chevy Chase), he has all the right intentions but unfortunately he is a clumsy boy, he can walk into bins, trees and lamp posts due to being nosy or fall off the sofa or a step in the garden every time he tries to turn, but despite this he always has a cheeky grin on his face and loves his family and would do anything to make us happy.

Q. Best memory/adventure with him so far. A. We have managed to let him off at a Brancaster beach at Sunset where he just ran and ran, he seemed so free and happy, it was a pleasure to watch. Afterwards the 3 of us sat down at the sand dunes watching a seal colony playing and splashing in the water and Finnley was just settled, happy and watching along with us.



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Editors note

This month we take a look at “The Mutts Munchies”

The Mutts Munchies Raw Feed Ltd. is a company dedicated to supplying high-quality, natural dog treats.

They generously stepped up as a sponsor for the DRUE open day, ensuring that every canine competitor entering the dog show left with a delightful treat bag filled with numerous goodies.

Their commitment extends beyond this event, as they continue to support DRUE with ongoing supplies of treats, underscoring their dedication to our Dobies. Over now to the Mutts Munchies for more information.

How it all started

At the start of lockdown in 2020 I'd been working with young people in care for 20 years, I had 3 dogs, a Jack Russel, Swiss Shepherd and a Dobermann.

I then lost my Jack Russel who worked as a therapy dog with me at the children's home.

The Swiss Shepherd (Alaska), the Dobermann (Stanley) and I, all felt the loss of the little boss



I sat there one evening and contemplated if I wanted to carry on in my current job and the answer was no.

I have been feeding raw food to my dogs for over 15 years and my local supplier had been letting me and a few others down with orders so that was it, decision made, action was about to happen!



I got myself a couple of very large display freezers, found a little unit in a mill local to me and then off I went.



At first it was a bit of a hobby as I was also a dog walker so fitted it in around that.

I was only selling maybe 30 boxes of food a week but fast forward 4 years

We now have 10 display freezers plus a walk in freezer and have extended the shop 3 times and we now sell over 300 boxes a week plus natural treats, dog beds and collars.



The reason I think its taken off so well is that I have always tried to keep prices as low as possible and offer a great service to all our customers where they want to come back.

Along with the physical shop people can also order on line for deliveries. We only offer local deliveries to Stockport and South Manchester at the moment but are looking to expand this further a field in the New Year.

I have educated myself on all the benefits of raw feeding and even though I thought I knew a lot I'm still learning with every new dog that comes in.



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Dogs thrive on a diet that is rich in high quality protein, low in carbohydrates and low in sugar. Raw feeding is the most natural thing for your dog.

It helps your dogs immune system. When your dog is getting the nutrients and vitamins it shows in their coats, skin & teeth



We have had fussy eaters, dogs with allergies, dogs with digestive and skin issues. 99% we find a solution for and I have had customers buy me gifts to say thank you for helping them.



The Mutts Munchies is now part of the community where we try and cater for every dog.

We sell 24 different proteins all DEFRA approved so there is always a good choice for the picky eaters and the ones with allergies, these are all complete meals. We have lots of frozen treats such as fish chunks and bones too, something for everyone including those who want to DIY with raw plus dried natural treats which include rabbit training treats and 100s of other products such as salmon oil and turmeric.

The rabbit ears with fur are a good source of fibre and they are also said to be natural wormers.

There was lots of over breeding during lockdown which has caused a knock on effect with health issues. I am not saying that every dogs health issues can be fixed by raw feeding but its a good place to start.

I always offer advice by telephone or in person at the shop to every new customer & existing ones whether it be

starting your raw feed journey or wanting to try a different brands. I pride myself in finding whatever is going to suit your pup & if I don't have something in that the customer needs will do my utmost to find it for them.

Any new products I get in. I always get my own dogs to sample them. My Dobermann will eat anything and everything so if the fussy Shepherd likes it, its a winner.

Going forward who knows where we will be in another 4 years but I don't want to get that big that I lose the personal touch that all my customers love.

I love being a big part of the community and some days it feels like we are the community hub for all the local dog owners and I don't want that to change its the best job in the world.

We also sponsor the under 11s local football team Reddish Villa and now I'm so proud to be sponsoring DRUE.

Dobermans are a breed unlike no other and owning one myself I know how special they are.

On behalf of DRUE

We would like to give a big shout out and thank you to Wendi at the Mutts Munchies for supporting us.



Out & about with our rescues



Life is chilled in the DRUE office



One of our team members checking for treats at the bottom of the container





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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 1st of every month.

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

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

IN THE FIRST 3 DAYS

Overwhelmed with their new surroundings. Not comfortable enough to be themselves. Reluctance to eat or drink. May shut down and curl up in their bed, crate or in a corner. May be stressed, scared and not know what is happening. May try to test you to see what they can get away with.

AFTER 3 WEEKS

Starting to settle in, feeling more comfortable, and realising this really may be their forever home. Figured out their environment and getting into the routine that you have set. May start showing their real personality. Behavioural issues may start showing, this is your time to put boundaries in place and show them what is right and wrong.

AFTER 3 MONTHS

Now completely comfortable in their home. You have built trust and a bond with your dog, which gives them a complete sense of security with you. They are set in their routine and will come to expect the routine to continue





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4 REASONS TO SUPPORT DRUE



We are 100% invested in the dogs wellbeing.

We aim to ensure the dogs are stimulated everyday with time out of their kennels to walk, run, play.



We have a highly motivated team made up of professionals and experienced Dobermann owners/handlers.

We aim to save and rehome as many Dobermann dogs in need as we can, but we need your help!



WAYS TO HELP US



One off donations, monthly standing orders, take part in our fundraisers

Gifts, treats, coats, PJs
robust toys for the dogs



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