



Doberman Rescue UK and Europe (DRUE) Presents

DRUE LIFE



This month's cover girl is 3yr old Mabel
She adores cuddles and bum scratches between her favourite activity of rolling on her back and dressing up as a Christmas Reindeer. She adores her time out on lead and also running around in the secure paddocks with her fellow kennel neighbours.

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Welcome from the editor

Happy New Year from all of us at DRUE!

As we welcome 2025, we're so grateful to have shared the festive season with our rescue Dobies. This Christmas was particularly special as we watched each of one of them enjoy their Christmas dinners, specially funded by our dear supporters. Our team had been busy cooking up the accompaniments (chipolatas, broccoli, carrots and a sprout!) to go on top of their special Christmas dinner mince. This was all made possible by the generosity of our supporters who visited our online shop and bought their Christmas dinners.

The sight of their waggy tails and happy little faces as they savoured their Christmas dinners was a beautiful reminder of why we do what we do and how our supporters make it possible.

The holiday spirit extended beyond their dinner table with an abundance of Christmas gifts. Again supporters went onto our online shop to buy a Christmas

toy and every one of our Dobies received new toys, which turned our rescue into a playground of fun for the dogs. Watching them play with their new toys, we're reminded of the simple pleasures that make life so wonderful for them.



As we step into 2025, we look forward to another year of making a difference. Here's to a year of new beginnings and endless love for our Dobies. Thank you for being part of our journey, and here's to a fantastic 2025!

Dogs who found their new forever home



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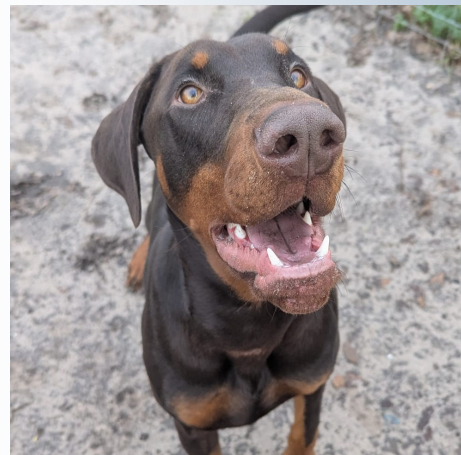
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Florence



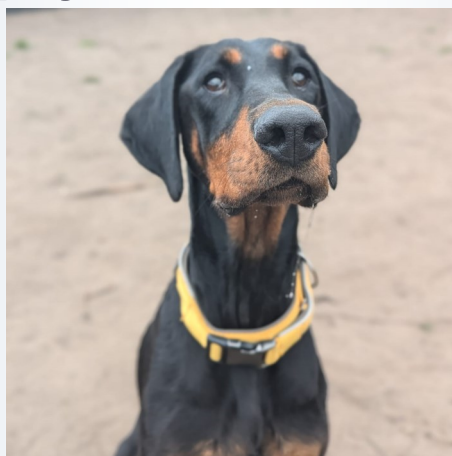
Gypsy



George



Cee Cee



Delta



Enya

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

Please help me, I need a home !



Enzo



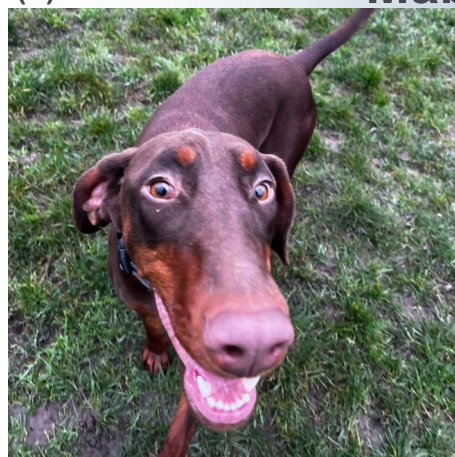
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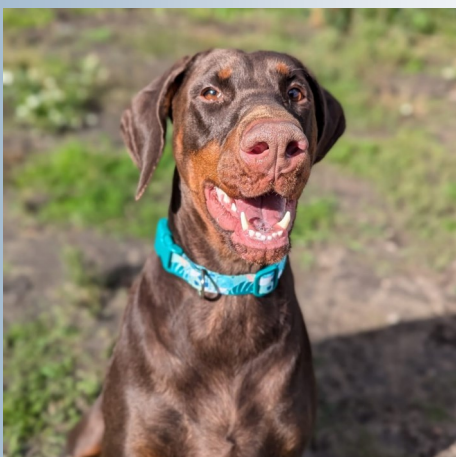
Mabel



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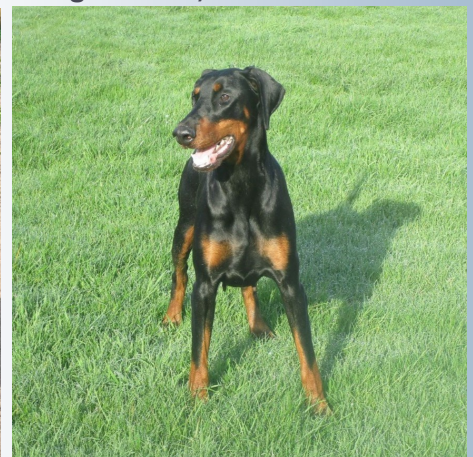
Eve (arriving 4th Jan)



Kiki (F)



Rupert (F)



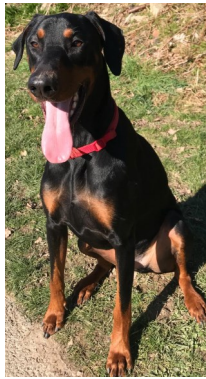
Ava (F)

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 — “Morgan”

After losing our black Labrador bomb dog (explosive detection dog) Buster, I was on a heartfelt mission to find a Dobermann to own me and join our family, hoping to provide a brother for our 13-year-old Springer Spaniel, Archie. My fondness for Dobermanns grew from having been the owner of (or should I say being owned by...) a Dobermann girl for 13 wonderful years.

In my search, I stumbled upon a sweet male Dobermann on Preloved, looking for a new home. I

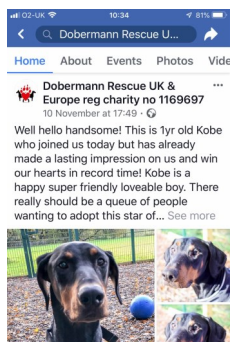


grew very worried that this gentle soul might end up with someone unprepared for the responsibilities of such an active and loving breed. I made enquiries, reaching out to the owner, who

explained that he worked 12-hour shifts, leaving the dog alone in a flat for at least 14 hours a day, then he would come home and go to bed without even walking him because he was too exhausted after work.

I immediately expressed my interest in providing a loving, active home for the dog, and stated that I wanted his dog, but the owner never responded. When I called back again later, he said that the dog had been given to a Dobermann rescue but did not tell me which one.

Determined, I scoured all the Dobermann rescues in England until I found him advertised by DRUE .



Arrival day

A home visit was arranged, and that's how Morgan, at just 12 months old and who had already had 2 previous owners, became part of our family.



Arrival day

Morgan bonded with his 13 year old brother Archie instantly. They became inseparable until Archie passed away at the age of 19.



Morgan as a puppy was just perfect; cuddly, happy and loving. He was also great around any dog and children of all ages.

Morgan enjoyed learning tricks straight away at his very young age. My granddaughter Esmie, who was just 2 years old in the photo below, used to give the commands “sit” “down” and “spin” as she is doing in the photo, and Morgan would carry out all these commands for her and she rewarded him with treats which Morgan would carefully take from her hand.



Initially, he was very scared of getting into cars, a possible remnant of his past experiences. However, with patience and love, he learned that car rides didn't always mean leaving his home forever but instead could lead to fun places, holidays, and open fields, not just another goodbye.



Life after rescue — “Morgan”



Morgan wears a collar that says "friendly" to ease the fears of those who might be intimidated by his large size,

as many people are scared when they see a big dog.

But in our local community, he's become well-known for his sweet and friendly nature, playing happily with dogs of all breeds. He has a girlfriend, Millie, who shares his love for running, as soon as they see each other they play chase and their games turn into fast races across the fields.



Morgan's Sister, 'Holly Molly' a 15yr old Jack Russell, we adopted her when her Mum & Dad died.

He was a friendly puppy who hated getting inside cars and like most Dobermanns doesn't like the rain or storms and as soon as loud thunder sounds, Morgan would ask to come upstairs and sleep with us.



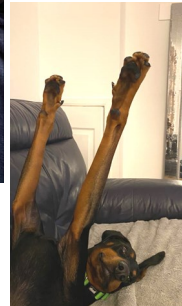
sofa with his 4 legs up in the air well and truly chilling out.

Morgan can smile which not every dog can and when he looks into my eyes it is so special and I can feel his love.

Morgan loves his tennis ball and he also welcomes everyone who visits our home with a toy and big loud sounds.

Morgan is the most gorgeous sweet, kind, adorable, cuddly dog. He scares people who knock at our door with his deep voice but buys everyone's heart with his beautiful nature and calm playful temperament. He is known in the area as a gentle giant and gets great comments regarding his shiny coat and also how he is a sweetie to all dogs and people of any age.

Morgan is the most loving sweet boy I have ever met, making happy sounds when he's having cuddles on the



My oldest daughter Jessica surprised me with this fabulous drawing, which she did herself, of my beautiful boy on my birthday.



Thank you to Everyone at DRUE for rescuing my boy and making my life complete. Morgan has not just filled a space left by Buster but has carved out his own special place in our hearts.



Quick fire interview — Morgan— 7 years old (3rd Oct)

Q. How long has he been in your life? A. Since he was just 12 months old

Q. Favourite food? A. His favourite thing to eat is...nearly ANYTHING! But he does love sardines which he has every few days on top of his dry food. I also give him some healthy things like chicken, some meat and natural treats such as chicken feet.

Q. If he was a famous person who would he be likened to & why? A. Dwayne Johnson "The Rock" because he's handsome, fit, got a deep voice, a beautiful smile, is very kind, calm and welcomes everyone happily and everyone likes him and says lovely things about him.

Q. What makes you laugh about him? A. When we play "hide & seek" and then he finds me and gets so excited and happy and we do it over and over again as he loves this game and makes me laugh, also when we run around whilst he has a toy and he wants me to keep chasing him round and round the whole house.

Q. Does he have a naughty side? A. Yes, when there's a storm or heavy rain and he sneaks upstairs to our bed and gets under the covers.

Do dogs like music?

Caveat

There are many studies and research available on the effect of music on dogs. The following is compiled from a mix of studies. You may find your own dog has a different taste in music, a bit like myself & my partner!

Exploring canine musical preferences and relaxation

For centuries, music has been a balm for the human soul, offering solace, excitement, and relaxation. But what about our canine companions? Do they share our appreciation for melodies, or is music just another noise in their rich auditory world?

Canine hearing and music perception

Dogs possess a hearing range from 40 Hz to 60,000 Hz, far surpassing the human range of 20 Hz to 20,000 Hz. This expanded range suggests that dogs might experience music differently than we do. Research indicates that while dogs might not "enjoy" music in the human sense, certain types of music can influence their behaviour and physiological states.

- **Classical music:** Studies, including those discussed in animal behaviour research, have found that classical music tends to have a calming effect on dogs. In shelters, classical compositions have been observed to reduce barking and induce more restful behaviours, suggesting a preference for softer, harmonic sounds over others.



- **Heavy metal & high-energy music:** Conversely, heavy metal music seems to cause agitation among dogs, leading to increased

body shaking, a sign of stress or discomfort. This response indicates that not all music is soothing or even neutral for dogs.

Genre specificity and canine

relaxation: An interesting development in canine music therapy is the creation of music tailored specifically for dogs. This music often incorporates rhythms and frequencies that align more closely with canine vocalisations and natural sounds, aiming to resonate with their auditory preferences.

Best type of music for canine relaxation

Experimental evidence

- **Slow tempo and classical compositions:** Research published in journals like *Physiology & Behaviour* has shown that when dogs are exposed to classical music, there's a noticeable decrease in stress-related behaviours. This genre's slow tempo and structure might mimic the calming signals they recognise in nature or from human interactions.
- **Dog-specific music:** A niche but growing area is music composed with the canine auditory range in mind. These compositions tend to result in a more pronounced relaxation response, suggesting that when music matches their communicative frequencies, the relaxation effect is enhanced.

Avoidance of loud, chaotic sounds:

Studies suggest avoiding music with sudden loud noises or chaotic structures, like certain types of rock or experimental music, as these can increase anxiety rather than alleviate it.

Practical applications

For dog owners looking to incorporate music into their pets' routine for relaxation:

- **Start with classical:** Introduce classical music at a soft volume to see how your dog reacts. Look for signs of relaxation like lying down, reduced barking, or even sleep.

- **Experiment with different**

genres: While classical might be a safe start, every dog is unique. Some might find solace in soft reggae or gentle pop. Observe your dog's behaviour to tailor the auditory environment.

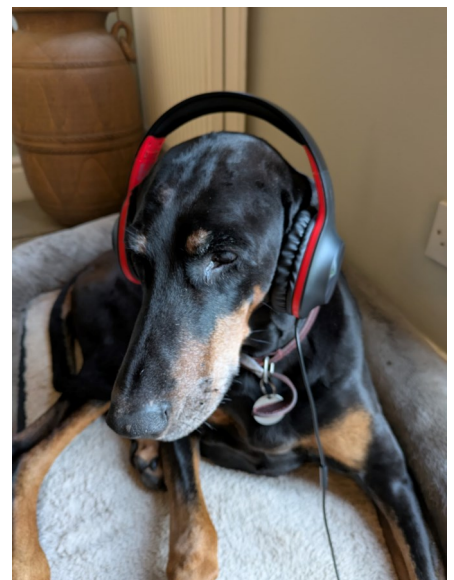
Use music during stressful times

Music can be particularly beneficial during known stress periods like thunderstorms, fireworks, or when left alone, to potentially mitigate separation anxiety.

Conclusion

The intersection of dogs and music is a fascinating study of how auditory stimuli can influence animal behaviour. While dogs may not "like" music in human terms, evidence suggests they respond to it, particularly to genres that are calm and harmonically simple.

Tailored 'dog music' or classical tunes can serve as a non-invasive, drug-free method to promote relaxation in canines, enhancing their well-being and potentially strengthening the bond between dogs and their owners through shared sensory experiences. Always remember, however, individual differences mean that what relaxes one dog might not work for another, encouraging a personalised approach to canine music therapy.

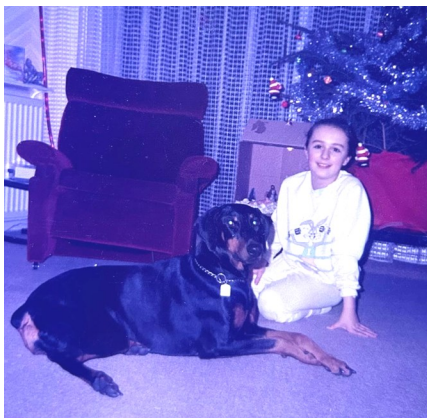


Spotlight on our volunteers “Lyndsay & Janine”



Meet the chuckle sisters

This dynamic duo ‘Lyndsay & Janine Maddick’ are known for their infectious smiles and laughter, these two sisters bring joy and energy wherever they go. Tirelessly volunteering their time, they are pivotal in promoting DRUE at various events as well as helping with chores at the kennels and walking the dogs. Here is their wonderful story as told by Lyndsay...



A childhood with dogs

Our dad had a real fondness for large breed dogs from his own childhood. So when we were growing up, we were always surrounded by dogs, mainly German Shepherds and Dobermanns.



When we were kids he’d researched the Dobermann’s temperament extensively via various Breeders and a Show Judge to ensure that they would be suitable dogs to slot into a large family of children

Looking back, our house was a bit mad, well it is our namesake I suppose (‘Maddick’) but there were five young children and two/three large dogs at any given time, coupled with having a litter of Dobermann

pups and various other pets over the years - Rabbits, Tortoise, Hamsters, Gerbils, Fish, Parrot, Shetland Pony - and to this day we have no idea how our Mother coped!...Though it did usually involve a 7 seater car, the great outdoors every weekend and a big pot of stew to eat when we got home knackered.



From this upbringing, and what she instilled in us was a solid work ethic and a humble spirit that has ultimately led us to where we are today in volunteering for DRUE.

So when we are over at the kennels or helping out in other aspects we naturally like to roll our sleeves up and get stuck in to support however we can.



Our family’s love for dogs is still thriving and evidenced in the numbers and various breeds we’ve each gone on to have into our adulthood ranging from Jack Russell’s, Cocker Spaniel, Dobermann’s, CavaPoo, English Mammut Bulldog to name but a few.

Spotlight on our volunteers “Lyndsay & Janine”



Janine and I are always willing to help other family members out taking in one another's dogs whilst they're on holiday, out at work, additions to our daily or weekend walks, and even travelling to Italy frequently to look after and walk our eldest sister's Golden Retriever. (Though Ivy sometimes has other ideas!).



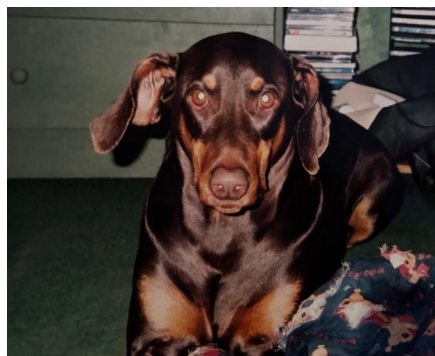
Dogs are basically a big and precious part of our family, and they are all so very different in both breed specific, and individual ways.

Adulthood & our own dogs

For me personally - it was my love of the intelligence and beauty of Dobermanns that continued into adulthood, so I got my first brown Dobermann, Kaya, when I left home in my early 20's.

She came from a show breeder/judge who I recently discovered is actually a supporter of DRUE.

She was 6 months old when I got her as she'd planned to keep her to show but then decided she didn't quite cut the grade - I wasn't perturbed by this as I thought she was adorable and worthy of every rosette going! And she did in fact go on to win a few!



Kaya was an absolute dream to train. She loved agility and hill walks and snoozing, and had an endearing quirk that she would come upstairs with us at night and lay next to the bed, then once she knew we were settled she'd go back down to her own bed content that she had protected us from any bedtime monsters.

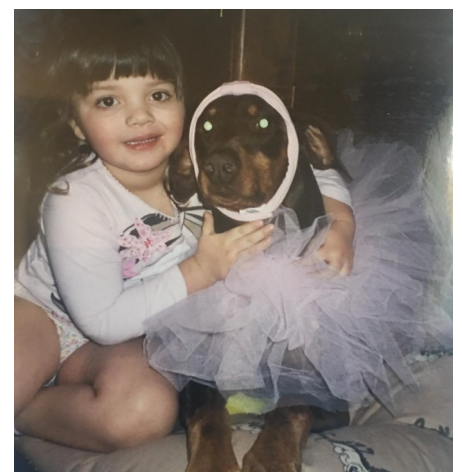
Janine's dog of choice was less of a guarding breed and more of a 'let's lick a burglar to death' breed. As she opted for a gorgeous fluffy golden Cocker Spaniel, Millie, that she raised from a pup.



Millie was a bundle of fun who got away with all sorts of mischief because she was so cute - Janine and her partner Andy would often wake from slumber on either edge of their bed as she would sneak up and bury herself in-between them during the night then spread her little body out and hog the covers!

Despite the timing difference of Janine and I becoming puppy Mums, the dogs were actually only a few months apart in age and so Kaya and Millie (little and large) soon became the very best of friends and would have many wonderful adventures together throughout their lives.

When my daughter Molly was born, Kaya instantly adored her and would follow her around the house like a dog Nanny; lovingly watching and protecting her from afar, walking alongside the pram, playing with her and even patiently enduring the many dressing up sessions that followed as Molly got older.



Sadly Kaya and Mille passed away after reaching over 10 years old. Janine didn't get another dog of her own after that, but in fairness she has been busy enough as an amazing dog aunty!!

Spotlight on our volunteers "L&J"

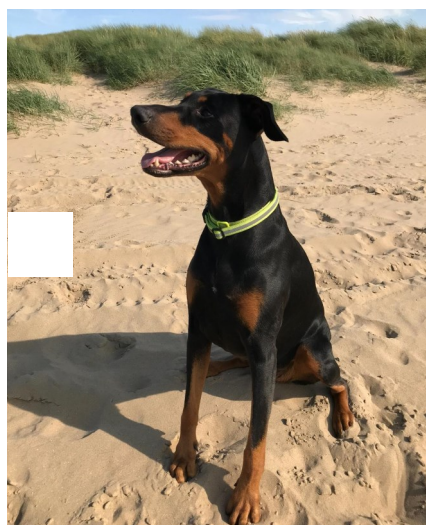
Office dogs

Long before "take your dog to work" became a trendy thing to do, Janine worked in the family business so we were all lucky enough to be able to drop our dogs off like a doggy daycare centre at the office with her to look after, and just left her to juggle her day job with dog walks and giddy puppies!

And then came Pippa

So then onto my second Dobermann....(and don't they say the 2nd child is usually the naughty one??). Well as Molly was still young I wanted her to continue having the joy I'd had from dog companionship growing up so along came Pippa, a black and tan puppy that Molly picked out from the litter.

Pippa was quite frankly the polar opposite of Kaya - she had the typical Dobie attention whine, the nip, the lean, the boisterous teenage attitude and high prey drive, and when out on a beach or let loose in a field she would be off running and circling like a greyhound for miles and return with a big smile and happy dangling tongue.



She was a beautiful dopey dog with bucketfuls of personality and affection and personified the Velcro

of the breed. We never went to the toilet alone, and she would instantly clamber on top of anyone who sat on the settee as she had a need for constant touching and took no shame in nudging with her nose or paw to hint that she wanted a bum scratch or to tell you she wasn't getting enough attention. She was an avid sun worshipper who followed that one tiny strip of light/heat around the house or the garden all day.



Both Kaya and Pippa were "Typical Dobies" by rights but with their own unique mannerisms!

Sadly Pippa passed away from DCM at 9 and we were (and still are) heartbroken.

Finding DRUE

Work distracted me initially as I was sent up to Scotland but after a year or so my love for the breed and the emptiness I felt, had me stalking various Dobermann Rescue websites; "Just looking".

DRUE were based in Stoke at the time and I kept trying to pluck up courage to fill out an foster/adoption form as my idea was that I really wanted to give an older dog a home (purely working on an assumption they would be overlooked and I wanted to give back to the breed who were so close to my heart) but then I kept feeling a strange disloyalty to

Pippa and I couldn't shake it, so I never completed the online form.

Then one day by total chance scrolling through Facebook I saw an article asking for volunteer dog walkers and that DRUE had relocated to Cheshire which was much closer to us. Instantly I knew this was right for me and without hesitation I contacted them and after a very pleasant exchange of emails and WhatsApp messages I arranged a day to go and meet the Kennel Coordinator. Molly was on holiday with friends at the time, so I dragged Janine along with me to see what it was all about.

Janine still frequently laughs telling people this was Lyndsay's thing, and she was only coming in support for me on that very first day, so she's still not sure how she's now spending so much of her spare time at the kennels! But nearly a year later she'll now admit she loves it and it's a little bit addictive helping out and giving love to these beautiful dogs and wanting to do right by them all. I just remind her she wanted to get her daily step count in!!



So from that initial "Hi, we've come to walk a dog today please" it quickly evolved into us being interested in how else we could help out at the kennels and support the amazing team at DRUE.

Spotlight on our volunteers "L&J"

Quick fun fact

We are now nicknamed "The Chuckle Sisters" following a rather pathetic 'me to you' attempt at putting up a Gazebo on a very windy night before the Summer



event in August. Fortunately we like to pride ourselves on being much better with handling dogs than assembling outdoor equipment!

Which leads us on to a 'Typical day at the kennels'.....

Typical day at the kennels

The dogs that come into the kennels all have their own story, personalities, quirks and needs and as such we adapt to that quickly through love, patience and understanding, maintaining an awareness of the fact that we don't always know their history, or their triggers, and we have to be mindful of such to build trust and let the dogs know they are safe in our care.

So there isn't necessarily a typical day at the kennels as it very much depends on the number of dogs in that particular day and their needs - which can vary given their age, and the reason for them being there (surrender, stray, etc). Though



generally it will involve cleaning out kennels, preparing feeds, taking the dogs out for as much time as possible whether that be street walking,

taking them to a secure field for offlead play, or a more adventurous walk. Sometimes it may be perhaps simply spending time cuddling them on the settee in the office and just generally having time out of the kennel pottering around, doing some basic training.



We like to establish how they are around different locations/stimulations - eg. what is their lead walking like, how are they with getting in and out and travelling in cars, how do they react if cyclists pass by, reactions to cats, other dogs, the public, in shops, and their activity level and needs.

The idea is to make the time the dogs spend in the kennels as comfortable as possible and to have them out doing normal and natural things so they transition into their forever homes with relative ease.



But whilst spending this time with these gorgeous dogs we are also providing feedback details and observations about each of their behaviours to our kennel coordinator and home assessment team, so they can ensure the right fit is made with prospective adoptions.

Helping DRUE in other areas

Fast forward to date and now we're dipping our toe into the Fundraising side of DRUE too.



This is uncharted territory for us but we've realised it's so essential for DRUE to maintain and finance the care they give the dogs. So we've been contributing in small ways to raise money and awareness by being part of a team of volunteers who spend time out at local events, or on stalls selling merchandise and providing awareness of DRUE, or contacting local businesses for donations towards Raffle prizes etc.



All of this is necessary to raise the much needed funds to support the dogs in our care to pay for things like food, vet bills, heating and electricity costs etc.

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Being part of an amazing team

We have an amazing group of volunteers and we are fortunate to be part of this team, committed to helping these dogs during this transition period from rescue to rehabilitation and finding their forever homes.

Working with each of them brings some obvious risks but moreover many rewards. It can also bring immense joy and deep sadness and can be emotionally devastating at times seeing how some come to us emaciated, or when dogs show signs or develop ailments in our care or illnesses later in life and pass away, as we all become so attached to each of them and even follow their journey onwards with their new families via the Adopters Facebook group or via personal message to team members.

Something truly special

For both Jan and I though, it's receiving the updates or reading on Facebook the many success stories of our rehomed dogs and how they continue to flourish in their new lives beyond our care that is really something truly special and heartwarming.

We are just very small cogs in this amazing community of Trustees, Volunteers, Transportation Team, Home Checkers, Dog Assessment Team, Supporters, Donators, Fosterers and finally all the amazing Adopters who all have the common goal of protecting and providing safe loving homes for Dobermanns in need, and we are so proud and privileged to be part of it.

DRUE's ability to rehome

Interestingly.....now from my experience and looking back at an initial lack of understanding of Dog Rescue, I had a misguided

perception that the kennels would just be full of old dogs that had been there for months/years as everyone would want the so called puppies.

So, I have been touched profoundly by the DRUE teams ability to rehome all the dogs that come to us regardless of age and medical conditions so swiftly that their lives in the kennel environment is very short lived. This is mainly down to our amazing kennel coordinator and our heroic administrator's system for pairing potential adopters with the most suitable dogs.

An incredibly loving team

I have also been amazed at the instant love that our kennel team share for every dog and their invaluable contributions to keeping each dog physically and mentally

stimulated outside of the kennel environment throughout each day. It is actually much more so than most dogs get in a normal home environment! This is truly amazing. The team at DRUE pride themselves on that.

It's a very strange sensation sharing combined tears of joy and sadness every time that a dog leaves us for a better life.

Hats off to the adopters

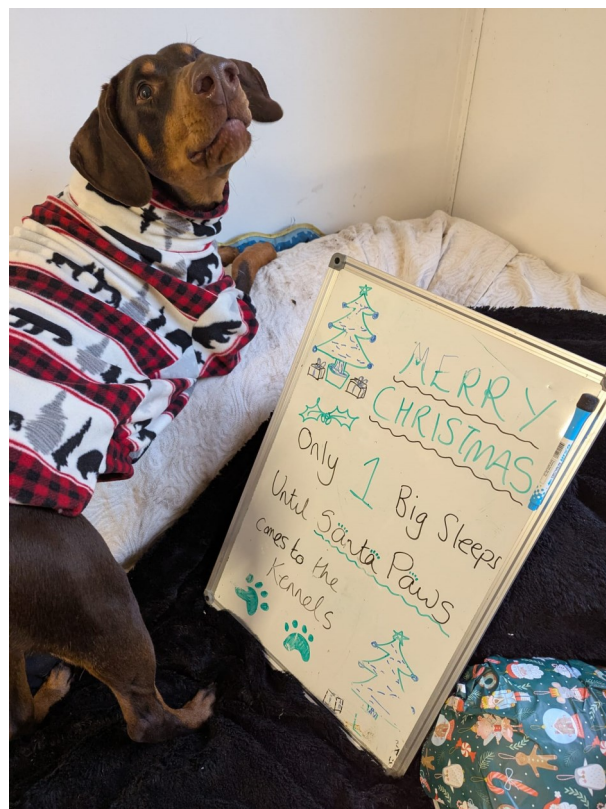
And finally we are both in awe by all the wonderful people out there willing to take on a rescue dog of any age, physical condition and background to provide a loving safe environment for them to thrive and live out their lives.

Our love and respect to you all!!



Pre-Christmas day at the kennels

A big thank you to our wonderful supporters who bought Christmas dinners & presents for our Dobies

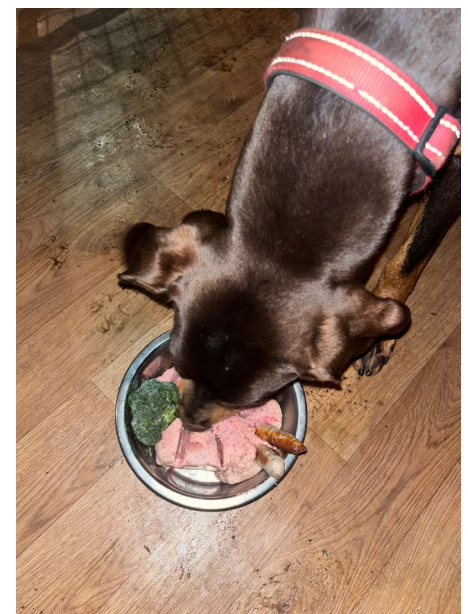
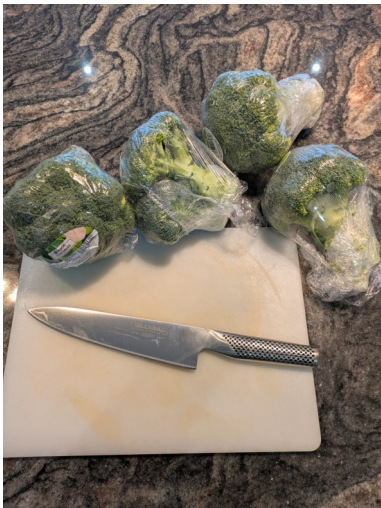




Christmas dinner at the kennels

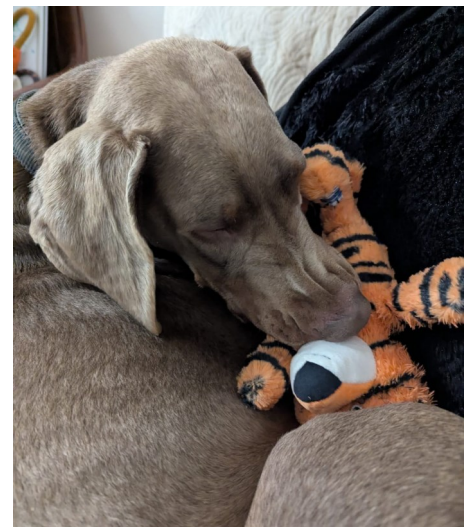
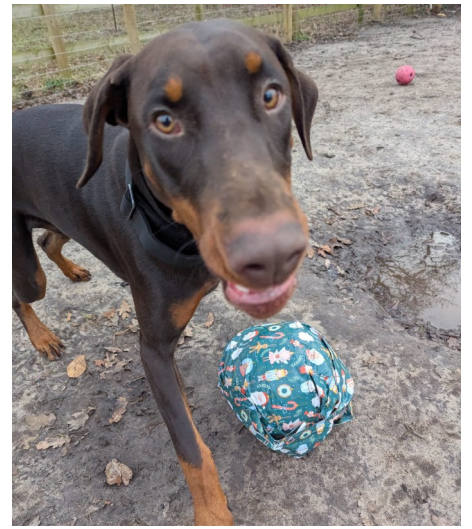
Turkey mince, chipolatas, broccoli, carrots and sprouts

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Christmas presents at the kennels

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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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