



Dobermanmann Rescue UK and Europe (DRUE) Presents

DRUE LIFE



This month's cover boy is Chief

This sweet boy is thin, with a dull coat, only three toes on one foot, and signs of clear neglect. At 2.5 years old, he's an unneutered male who's had a rough start—but that changes now.

He's safe with us and starting his journey to recovery today with a vet visit for a full health check. Chief will get all the care, love, and nourishment he needs to thrive. Despite his hardships, he's a joyful, friendly dog with a tail that never stops wagging. He loves everyone he meets!

Over the next few weeks, we'll share updates on his progress. Once he gains some weight and gets a clean bill of health, we'll start looking for his forever home. Stay tuned and monitor our Social Media for more on Chief's transformation!



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Welcome from the editor

Welcome to the March edition of our newsletter! We're thrilled to kick things off with some fantastic news from February—a truly successful month for our rescue.

Our admin worked hard to find loving homes for many of our Dobies, and this past month we celebrated some extra-special victories. Notably, two of our beloved older dogs Thor & Polska, have found their forever families, proving that love knows no age limit. These adoptions remind us why we do what we do—every tail wag in a new home is a win for us all!

On top of that, we're excited to introduce a fresh face to our board. Please join us in welcoming Federica Sambiasi as our newest Trustee!

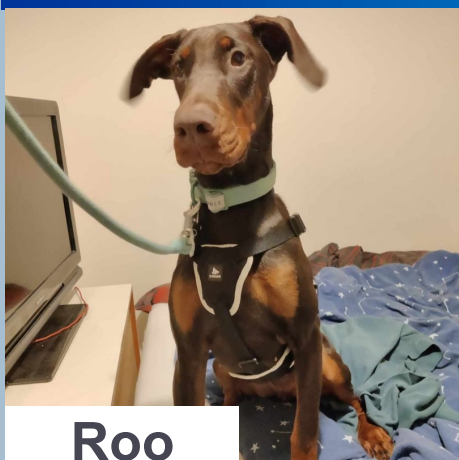
Federica brings a wealth of experience that's sure to propel DRUE to new heights. With her 20+ years experience in finance as Senior Banker lately and previously as a Capital Markets Lawyer, she's equipped with razor-sharp skills in financial management and strategic planning. Federica's impressive career also includes founding and leading as a CEO, add to that her time as a senior board member for global charities, and it's clear she's a powerhouse of talent and heart.

Federica's strategic vision and legal expertise will be instrumental as we chart the course ahead, ensuring we can rescue and rehome even more Dobermanmanns for years to come.

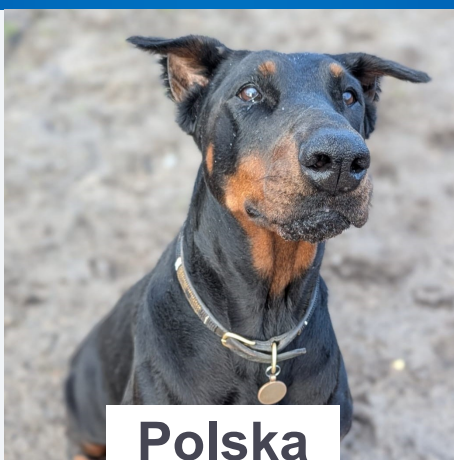


Thank you, as always, to our supporters and volunteers for being the backbone of our efforts—your support makes every success story possible.

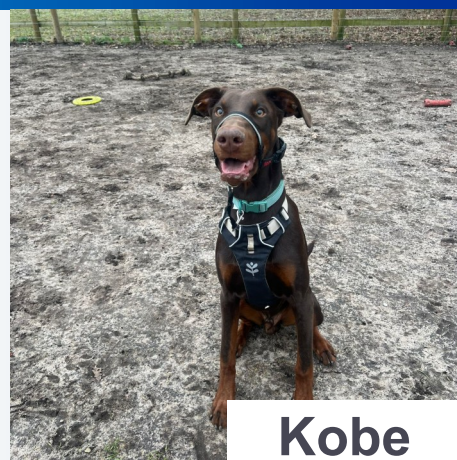
Dogs who found their new forever home



Roo



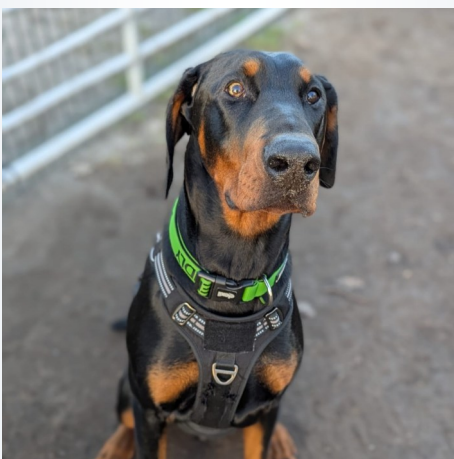
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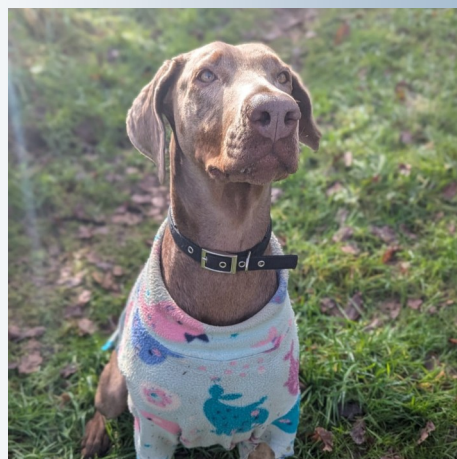
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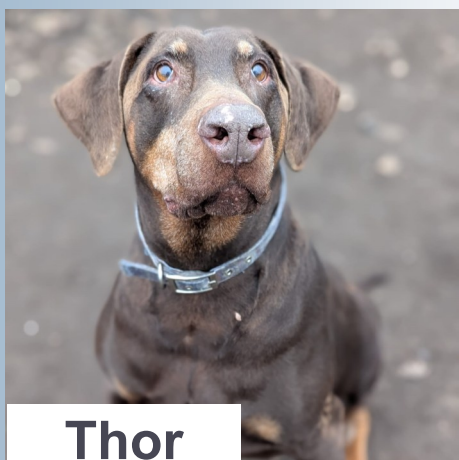
Bonnie



Milo



Mabel



Thor



Kiki



Luna

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 !



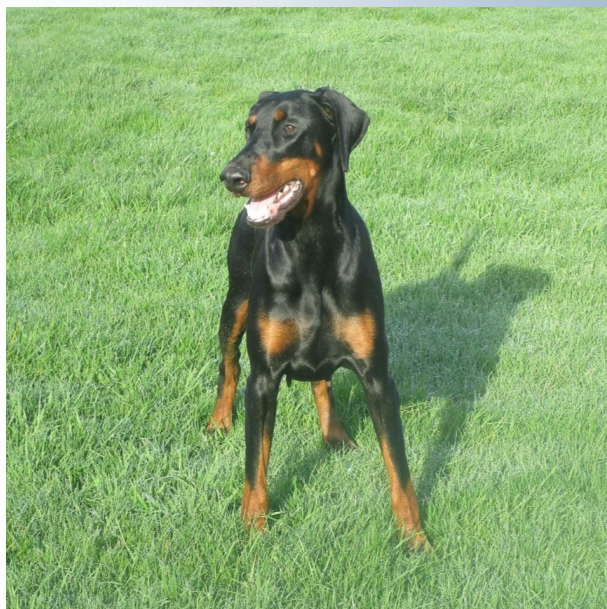
Onyx



Greta



Chief



Ava (F)

Can you give one of our dogs a home?
Find out more about them and complete an application on
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Life after rescue — “Louis”

Editors note:

Almost nine years ago, Clare's life changed forever when she and her husband adopted Louis. From the moment Louis bounded into Clare's home, a bond was formed that would lead to many adventures. This article celebrates their journey and the beautiful life they've shared.

Clare's story

Our first Dobermann, Dexter, came into our lives as a puppy. Tragically, we lost him suddenly to dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) in May 2016 when he was just three years old. It was an unimaginable heartbreak. Seeking solace, my husband Andrew and I decided to escape for a few days to Wales.

On our way there, I turned to Andrew and admitted, “I can't live without a Dobermann.” To my surprise, he suggested adopting a rescue Dobermann. That thought sparked hope. While stopping for lunch, Andrew discovered DRUE (Dobermann Rescue UK & Europe) on Facebook. There, we saw a young Dobermann named Louis being fostered by a man in London named Julian.

As soon as we reached our hotel, I contacted DRUE and completed an adoption form. Having cared for Dexter, we understood the energy, stimulation, and exercise a Dobermann requires, so we felt ready for the commitment. Just a few days later, Julian reached out and offered to bring Louis to meet us. We were thrilled beyond words.

On Friday, May 20, 2016—a date forever etched in my memory—Julian arrived with Louis. Armed with treats and prepared for any potential nervousness, we were instead greeted with pure joy. Louis leapt out of the car and ran exuberantly around our garden. At just 14 months old, he radiated a boundless, infectious

energy. Within an hour, we knew he was ours. I transferred the adoption fee, and Louis became part of our family. As we often say, “We rescued him, but he rescued us.”



Adopting Louis so soon after losing Dexter was a balm for our grieving hearts. His first night with us was heartwarming; he slept on our bed, finding comfort and safety. I'll never forget waking up Saturday morning to his happy, beaming face.

At the time, I was between jobs, which allowed me to dedicate the summer to Louis's care and training.



When he first arrived, he was underweight at only 32 kg, with weak back legs due to lack of muscle. Determined to help him thrive, I tried hydrotherapy—a famously effective method for building strength—but Louis wasn't a fan. Instead of swimming, he spent the entire session clinging to the instructor! With regular walks, a nutritious diet, and love, Louis transformed over the summer. By the autumn, he was strong as an ox.



Louis has since become quite the traveller. In 2020, we bought a caravan, and by 2021, he had toured the Scottish Highlands with us. He's also visited Wales, the Lake District, and numerous other destinations. He loves the caravan life, likely because it keeps us close together in a cozy space.



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His favourite adventures are in the woods. There, he indulges his love for sniffing and exploring. However, his high prey drive—particularly toward cyclists and motorbikes—means we’re always mindful of where we take him.



Working from home full-time, Louis is my constant companion. He gives my days structure, starting with morning walks in the woods and continuing with a midday outing. Thanks to him, I stay active and grounded.

Perhaps the best part of life with Louis is his affection. He adores cuddles and kisses. Initially, he slept in the kitchen, but after experiencing the closeness of the caravan, he began crying at night to join us upstairs. His persistence paid off—we bought a super king-sized bed so he could

sleep with us comfortably. Now, every night, Louis sleeps beside us, providing the most comforting and beautiful companionship imaginable.

Louis is my best friend, I tell him I love him every day and he is treated like a king.

When I’m out walking him, I feel so proud as he is so handsome and when small dogs bark at him, he is so gentle towards them. He is what I call “my sunshine boy” and I love him so deeply.



Quick fire interview — Louis - nearly 10 years old

Q. How long has he been in your life? A. 9 years this coming May, Since he was just 14 months old

Q. Favourite food? A. Louis is fed raw Nutriment everyday, which he loves, but he loves almost anything, especially cooked meat and cheese!

Q. If he was a famous person who would he be likened to & why? A. Danny Devito – not in size, but in personality as he is funny and silly.

Q. What makes you laugh about him? A. If I say “box your ears...” he knows it’s playtime and he starts doing what I call bumpies and jumping around. Even though he is nearly 10 he is playful.

Q. Does he have a naughty side? A. Yes with barking at magpie noises, which is actually very annoying, as often British dramas have magpie noises in the background, so he’ll jump off the sofa to bark!

The importance of Dobermann adoption

Making a difference one paw at a time

When considering adding a furry friend to your family, it's essential to recognise the profound impact you can make by choosing to adopt a rescue dog.



In this article, we shed light on "The Importance of Dobermann Adoption" and explore the numerous benefits and positive difference it brings to the lives of these magnificent dogs.

Rescues need our help

The Dobermann, with its regal appearance and loyal disposition, is a remarkable breed loved by many. However, like any other breed, Dobermanns can sometimes find themselves in unfortunate situations that lead them to shelters or rescue organisations.



Some might be abandoned due to unforeseen circumstances, while others may be surrendered by owners who can no longer care for them.



Rescue organisations such as DRUE, play a vital role in providing a safe haven for these dogs. They tirelessly work to rehabilitate and rehome Dobermanns in need, giving them a second chance at life and love. By choosing to adopt from a rescue, you become an integral part of this life-saving mission.



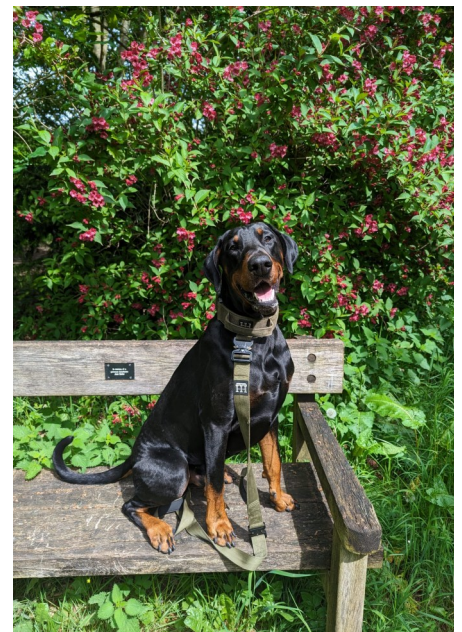
Benefits of Dobermann adoption

Saving a life: The most significant advantage of adopting a Dobermann from a rescue is that you are saving a

life. By providing a loving home to a rescue dog, you not only give them a chance to thrive but also create space for the rescue organisation to help another dog in need.

Home check & dog assessment

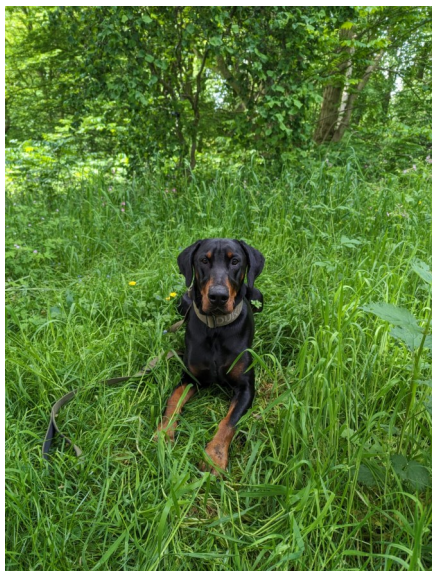
Rescues such as DRUE, perform thorough home check evaluations to help in matching against the temperament assessments of their dogs, which helps match you with a Dobermann that suits your lifestyle and preferences. Although some dogs will display different behaviour in the kennel environment to in the home and cannot be a guarantee, this evaluation does reduce the risk of surprises, promoting a better fit between you and your new companion.



Support and guidance

Many rescue organisations, including DRUE, will provide post-adoption support and guidance to ensure a smooth transition for both the dog and the adopter. They understand that every dog is unique, and their assistance can be invaluable during the adjustment period.

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The joy of second chances

There is something extremely rewarding about giving a rescue Dobermann a second chance at a happy life. Witnessing their transformation from a timid and uncertain soul to a confident and joyful companion is a wonderful experience that will leave a lasting impact on your life.



The ripple effect of adoption

Choosing to adopt a Dobermann from a rescue organisation doesn't just change one life; it sets off a chain reaction that positively

impacts various lives and communities. By supporting rescues, you contribute to:

Reducing overpopulation: Adopting from rescues helps combat overpopulation by providing homes for dogs in need, reducing the demand for puppies from breeders.

Promoting responsible pet ownership: Rescue organisations emphasise responsible pet ownership, including spaying/neutering and proper care, setting an example for others in the community.

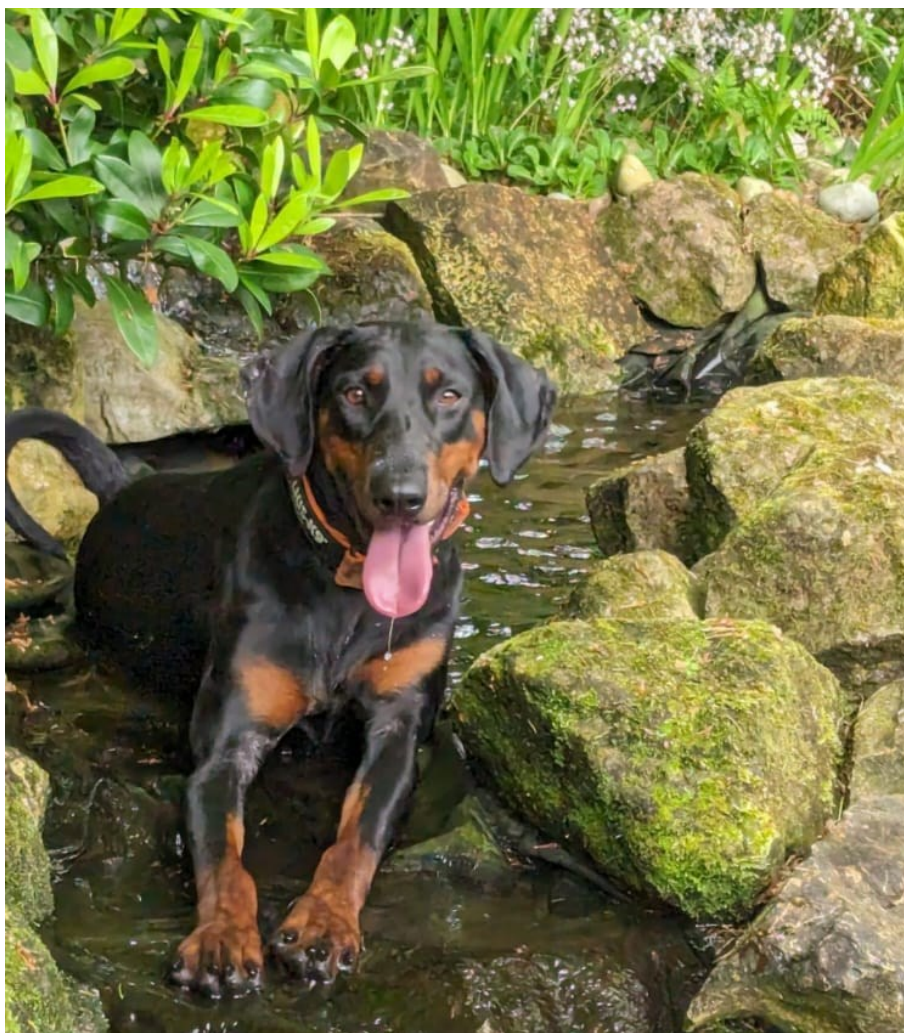
Advocating against backyard puppy mills: By choosing adoption, you reject the backyard puppy mill industry, which prioritises profit over

the well-being of animals.

Inspiring others to adopt: Your decision to adopt can inspire friends, family, and acquaintances to consider adoption as a compassionate and humane choice.

In conclusion

The choice to adopt a Dobermann from a rescue organisation is one that makes a significant difference in the lives of these beautiful dogs and the larger community. You not only save a life but also contribute to the well-being of animals and advocate for responsible pet ownership. Together, let's celebrate the power of adoption and pave the way for a brighter future, one paw at a time.



The many colours of the Dobermann

So many colours...!

Nope... they are not all Black and Tan. Oh and by the way, Tan is also referred to as Rust, and Brown also referred to as Red. Are you confused yet? Traditionally, they come in a few recognised colours:

Black & Tan



This is one of the most common colours for Dobermanns. They typically have a black coat with tan markings on specific areas like the muzzle, eyebrows, chest, legs, and under the tail.

Brown & Tan



This colour ranges from a deep, rich red to a lighter brownish-red. Like black Dobermanns, red Dobermanns also have tan markings.

Blue

Blue Dobermanns have a diluted black coat, appearing more grey or blue.



Blue's are less common than black or brown and also have tan markings. They are associated with a higher incidence of alopecia (baldness) and rougher coats.

Fawn AKA Isabella



Fawn Dobermanns have a fawn or light brown coat with pale tan markings. This colour is also less common and sometimes not recognised in all kennel clubs or standards.

Melanistic Black

This is a genetic condition known as melanism. Melanism leads to an increase in the dark pigment melanin,

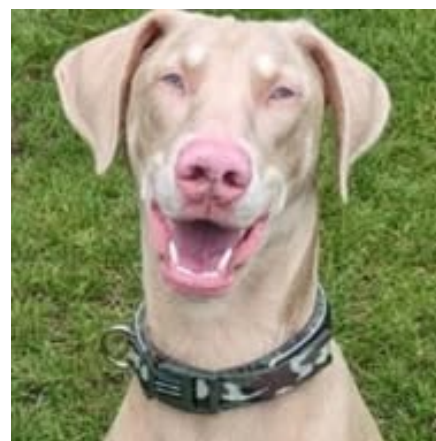
resulting in a dog with a significantly darker coat than the standard black & tan Dobermann. They are relatively rare because this trait isn't something that is commonly bred for in Dobermanns.



The black featured here is Trigger, sitting proudly in the snow. We are very grateful to John Walters at Dobermanplanet.com for his kind permission to include him. <https://www.dobermanplanet.com/are-all-black-dobermanns-rare/>

White/cream & Albino

White Dobermanns do exist due to a genetic anomaly known as "albino". They are not a dilute colour, rather they have an absence of melanin. These dogs often have issues, related to sensitivity to light and vision problems.



Spotlight on our volunteer “Ruth Lasance”

Editors note

This month we chat to one of our volunteers, Ruth. We find out what drew her to the Doberman breed and ultimately to become one of our super team members.

My journey to DRUE

My name is Ruth, and I live just outside Telford with my husband and our lurcher, Maddie, who's a rescue dog with a big personality.



Maddie originally came into our lives as my husband's dog. He brought her home when she was just nine months old.



Then there was Mya, my beautiful Doberman, who was already part of my world before Maddie arrived in my life too.



It was a fun start with plenty of playful chaos as they figured each other out! Both Maddie and Mya were strong-willed and loved to be in charge, each convinced she should rule the roost.



Over time, though, they settled into a firm friendship, a sort of truce where they both secretly thought they'd won the top-dog title. Watching them together was a joy, two beautiful souls who ended up sharing the throne, or at least pretending to!

Bella my first dobie was only 7 when she died, following a major operation.



Both Bella and Mya were amazing, and so different in lots of ways (considering they 'all come from the same mould' so a friend of mine used to say!).

I miss them both so much, their love, cuddles and big kisses! But without them and the love for the breed I wouldn't have found DRUE.



I first started to volunteer for DRUE in October 2024 shortly after losing my second Doberman Mya (above).

I had followed DRUE for a few years and always admired their work.

So, shortly after we lost Mya I took a few things over to the kennels hoping they would be of use to some of the pups they had in their care. I was lucky enough to meet other volunteers who were there helping take the dogs out for walks.



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After speaking to them I didn't need much persuading to help out with this and that was the start of my journey with DRUE.



I'm so happy that I get to play a part in helping our rescue dogs find their forever homes. It's something that means the world to me.

Since October, I've been incredibly fortunate to meet so many of the pups who've come through DRUE, each one with their own quirky personality and story to tell. Watching them leave for their new families is bittersweet; it's a moment of celebration, but it always pulls at my heart too.

Every single one of these dogs leaves a mark on us. Their pasts might be filled with heartbreak, abandonment, neglect, or worse. But the way they open up to the volunteers is nothing short of amazing. The love they give, the trust they place in us despite everything they've been through, speaks volumes about the resilience and spirit of this breed. It's humbling to see how quickly they're ready to wag their tails and start over.

Of course, some of them burrow into our hearts a little deeper than others. There are always a few that linger in our thoughts, the ones who maybe had an extra

tough road or just a certain spark that gets under your skin. When they finally head off to their forever homes, the tears come, tears of sadness because we've grown so attached and will miss their goofy antics, but also tears of pure joy knowing they're going to a place where they'll be loved and safe. It's a rollercoaster of emotions, but I wouldn't trade it for anything.

Knowing we've helped them find that happy ending makes every moment worth it, even if we're all sniffing as we wave goodbye!



Luna above and Enzo below are two of the pups who really tugged at my heartstrings! I'm so happy they are both now in their new homes 🏠



I have also met such an dedicated team! Everyone is amazing and all have their own stories of love and loss for this special breed.



It's so lovely when we are all there at the same time, the dogs all get long walks, play time or cuddles and we can also spend time together.

DRUE is an amazing charity, cared for and run by amazing trustees and our incredible kennel manager Danielle.



I'm so proud to be part of this team and charity, who are all there to help love and find all of these beautiful pups their forever homes, knowing they are going to have forever happy lives.



Pup Pop Quiz No.1

Welcome to our fun dog themed Pop Pup Quiz, brought to you by Lyndsay, one of DRUE's wonderful volunteers.

Test your knowledge and see if you're the top dog when it comes to a pop quiz with some loosely, and some strongly, connected Dobermann trivia! Some are tricky so get the family involved. We hope you enjoy it and perhaps you can even relate to some of these with your own Dobermanns?

1. In the song recorded by Patti Page in 1952 "(How Much Is) That Doggie in the Window?" What is the following line in the opening verse?
2. Can you name the song by Fontella Bass in 1966 in which she sings within the chorus "Cause I need you by my side, Can't you see that I'm lonely"?
3. What did English band James tell us to do in 1989 in a song of the same title?
4. "Jump" was a hit song for who in 1984?
5. What do Dobermanns like to do as sung by Bill Withers in 1972?
6. Which Actor and Singer, nicknamed The Hoff, sang "Jump in My Car" in 2019?
7. What year did Dexys Midnight Runners sing "Come on Eileen"?
8. Hound Dog was a hit for Elvis Presley, but who originally recorded it in 1952?
9. "I knew you were waiting (for me)" was a duet by Aretha Franklin and what other artist in 1987?
10. The Tremoloes sang "Silence is Golden" in what year?
11. "Lay Down Sally" was a hit song from the album Slowhand, by what male artist in 1977?
12. What is the name of the Stone Roses song that contains these lyrics "Your tongue is far too long, I don't like the way it sucks and slurs upon my every word"?
13. Can you finish the song title by the Foo Fighters in 2021 "Chasing?"
14. "Save all your kisses for me" was a Eurovision entry in 1978 by what British group?
15. Bill Haley & His Comets, said to "Shake, Rattle and" what in 1960?

You will find the answers on the next page, but no peeping until you've tried your best.



Answers to Pup Pop Quiz No.1

Answers to the previous page pup pop quiz

We hope you didn't peep. How did you do?

Answers

- 1.The one with the waggly tail
- 2.Rescue me
- 3.Sit Down
- 4.Van Hales
- 5.Lean on Me
- 6.David Hasselhoff
- 7.1982
- 8.Big Mama Thornton
- 9.George Michael
- 10.1967
- 11.Eric Clapton
- 12.I am the resurrection
- 13.Birds
- 14.Brotherhood of Man
15. Roll



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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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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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 Doberman owners/handlers.

We aim to save and rehome as many Doberman 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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