#### **Dobermann Rescue UK and Europe (DRUE) Presents**

# DRUE LIF



Meet gorgeous Greta, our April cover star. This cuddly, loving pup is such a sweet companion. She'd thrive in a home with space to roam off-leash and a cosy sofa for snuggles. She craves human company, bum scratches

and love. Greta isn't keen on other dogs or lead walks, but people are her absolute favourite thing. She has so much love to give... could you give her a home where she will reward you with her affection?



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Welcome from the editor

Spring has sprung, the warmer days and blooming flowers signal a season of new beginnings, perfectly aligning with our mission to find loving forever homes for our cherished DRUE dogs.

We're thrilled to share the latest updates from DRUE. Your support continues to make a world of difference, and we're excited to dive into the highlights of this lovely season!

Read about what our Dobies got up to over Easter, they were soaking up the attention, showing off their playful personalities and the positive bonds they have with our dedicated volunteers who gave them so much time out over the Bank holiday weekend. The Easter celebrations didn't stop there! We were thrilled to participate in Hayley Clowe's Easter Fun Dog Show. A huge thank you to Hayley for hosting and to everyone who attended, find out more about this great day on

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We are looking for more local volunteers



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who can help us get the dogs out walking or on adventures as much as possible, see more info on page 9.

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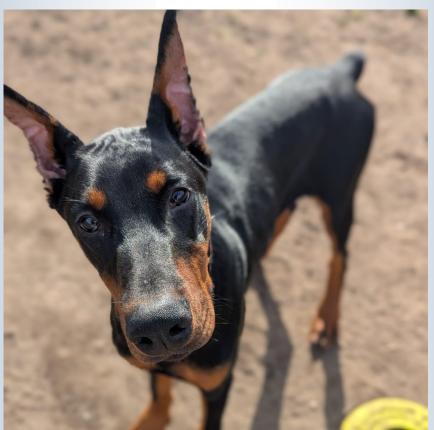


## Dogs who found their new forever home

Our incredible team of dedicated volunteers put their hearts into giving every dog the best possible life while they're with us. Our rescues enjoy plenty of time outside their kennels, filled with play, exercise, exciting adventures, and mental stimulation. We ensure each Dobermann feels loved and cared for, helping them find comfort and thrive. Our goal is to see every dog happy, healthy, and ready to transition into a forever home where they can truly belong.

This month, we're thrilled to celebrate Brad (below), who found his perfect match and is now settling into his loving forever home! While we rejoice for Brad, many other wonderful Dobermanns are still waiting for their chance to find a human to call their own.

Please take a moment to look at the dogs featured on the following page—each one is eager to bring joy and loyalty to a new family. Can you open your heart and home to one of our rescues, to give them the loving future they deserve?



#### **Brad**

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

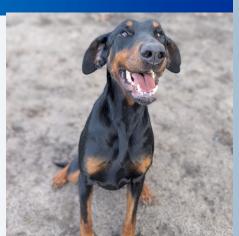




# Please help me, I need a home!







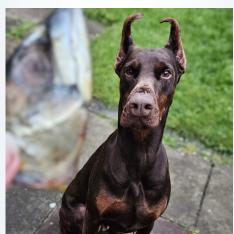
Bella

**Brando** 

Greta









Enya

Lulu (F)

Ava (F)

Can you give one of our dogs a home?
Find out more about them and complete an application on
<a href="https://www.dobermannrescueuk.co.uk">www.dobermannrescueuk.co.uk</a>



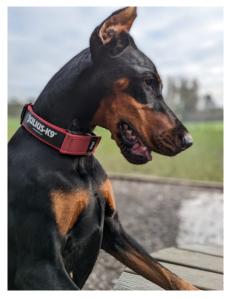


# Life after rescue — "Dotty"

## Editor's note: My personal connection to Dotty:

This month, we're sharing the story of a rescue dog named Dotty, who became incredibly special to me and also to many of our team members at DRUE.

Dotty arrived at our Rescue in November 2022, alongside another stray named Maggie. Found wandering together, we suspected they might be related, perhaps mother and daughter? Though we could not be sure.



Over the next few months, we got to know both dogs well. Maggie, the luckier of the two, was soon adopted by a wonderful lady Ruth, who later joined our volunteer team. It was a joy to hear updates about Maggie settling into her new home. But for Dotty, the days stretched into months, and months turned into over a year. She remained with us, waiting.

I grew deeply attached to Dotty, as did several others on our team. My heart melted every time I saw her sweet face or watched her hop excitedly on her back legs at the kennel bars, knowing it was time for a walk. She was the rescue dog who truly stole my heart.



Taking her out became the highlight of my visits to DRUE. We'd wander down quiet lanes, roam through fields, or play in the secure paddock.

I'll never forget one hot summer day when we lay together in the long grass, basking in the warm sun. She lay relaxed and content beside me as I stroked her, admiring her quirky ears, one standing tall and pointed, the other flopping down. I adored those ears.

Time seemed to slow in those moments, and I could have stayed there forever.



Dotty had a reactive side, barking at dogs, cars, cyclists, and horses, in fact pretty much anything that wasn't human. Yet beneath that, she had a loving, affectionate nature, soaking up attention from anyone willing to give it. It broke my heart to see her still with us as another year began, her forever home seeming like a distant dream.

#### Our dream came true

Then, something wonderful happened. A wonderful lady named Caroline took an interest in Dotty. After a few meetings, the day we'd all hoped for arrived: Dotty went home with Caroline.



A group of our volunteers gathered to wave her off, and there were plenty of happy tears that day. Our team member Ruth bought Dotty a teddy, which she proudly carried in her mouth throughout the goodbyes. Our dream for her had come true, though we'd miss her dearly.

Now, Caroline picks up the story of her lovely new companion.

#### Caroline — My Life with Dotty

I first learned about DRUE through my daughter, and I'm so grateful I did as I then found out about Dotty.



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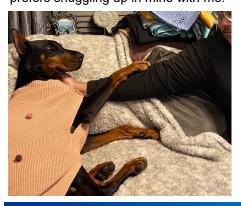
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Dotty has settled into my home remarkably well. For a reactive dog, she's surprised me by getting along beautifully with my daughter's Dobermann and adapting to meeting new people.



She has a wonderful life now and goes on countless walks, she claimed her own spot on the sofa, and despite having her own bed, she prefers snuggling up in mine with me.



She has her favourite toys and a cozy blanket, she loves nothing more than



curling up and snuggling on the couch with her favourite blanket.



Dotty's personality shines through every day. She makes me laugh when she races up and down the stairs after my son's food, boldly kicking his door open.

If she doesn't get her way, she throws little tantrums, jumping up and down, hopping on her back legs like a kangaroo.

She's been known to steal a jar of coconut oil and pry it open, and she guards the cooker like a sentinel whenever I'm cooking food.



Dotty's brought so much laughter and love into my life. She's a character, a companion, and a constant reminder of the joy that rescue dogs can bring.



#### Quick fire interview — Dotty— 6 years old

- Q. How long has she been in your life? A. Just over 1 year (Feb 24).
- Q. Favourite food? A. Anything and everything.
- **Q.** If she was a famous person who would she be likened to & why? A. A true queen (of any kind), demanding what she wants, when she wants it.
- Q. What makes you laugh about her? A. So many things, her mischievous nature and her funny tantrums.
- **Q. Does she have a naughty side? A.** Oh yes, she has a mischievous side and throws a tantrum when she doesn't get her own way, she's a "gobby mare" who lets you know when she's displeased.





## Bella's big day out -Her own story in pictures

#### **BELLA'S BIG DAY OUT**

Oh boy, oh boy! This morning Aunty Kat sprung me from the kennels, and I was wagging my tail so hard I nearly took off! She said we're heading to sunny Stoke for an adventure. Adventure? Count me in! But then—plot twist—she sneaks in that I'm gonna work at Hayley's Easter fun day. Work? Me? I thought we were chasin' squirrels, not punchin' a clock!



Slipped into my snazzy uniform (lookin' pawsitively dapper, if I do say so), and off we zoom! Let's see what this "job" is all about... sniff sniff smells like fun to me.



First up, I had to draw in the customers. So, I cranked up the charm—big puppy eyes, a few fancy tail twirls, and maybe a playful paw shake or two. Humans can't resist! They were flocking in like I was giving out free biscuits.



Then I helped Debbie out on the Tombola



Next, it was merchandise time. Me, a salesdog? You bet! "Buy this squeaky bone!" I barked (okay,

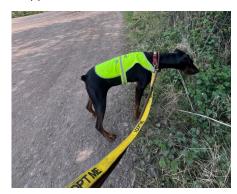
maybe I just thought it). Still, those shelves were looking emptier by the minute.



Then, the big moment—I helped Di sell a calendar to Milo, a super cool DRUE dog! I gave him my best "you know you want this" head tilt, and boom, deal closed! Thanks to yours truly.



Above—Milo choosing before I stepped in and closed the deal.



Phew, after all that hustlin', I was pooped! Time for a well-earned lunch break and a good sniff of that fresh Stoke air. So, I trotted down the lane with my other Aunt, Aunty Jan, nose to the ground, tail on high alert. And who do I meet? Mr. Horsey! We had a quick chat—well, I woofed, he neighed, same diff. Nice guy, but I had places to sniff!







## Bella's big day out -Her own story in pictures



Off I went to the Garden Centre, and oh my dog, what a place! Flowers ticklin' my nose, weird statues to investigate, and—hold on—is that a squirrel?!



There's so much to see and do here, I might need a whole week! Wonder what's next... sniff sniff smells like more adventure!



So many plant pots—tall ones, short ones, ones that smelled like dirt and dreams!



Then, whoa, a mirror! I stopped and stared. "Well, hello, handsome!" I thought, giving my reflection a quick wink



Kept sniffin' around and—hold up—is this the outside doggy toilet? Sniff sniff... Oh yes it is, haha! Did my business like a pro and strutted on.



Now, my tummy was growling. What are my lunch options around here?

I wandered into this spot that screamed "food!"—so many smells, so little time!





Treats, kibble, chews... hmmm, too many options! I paced, I sniffed, I drooled a bit (don't judge). Finally, I made my choice: Salmon no-hide. Fancy, right?



Picked it up in my mouth—gently, like a true lady—and trotted off to pay.

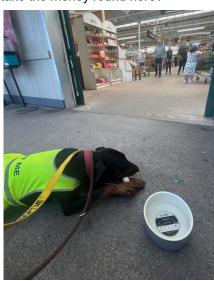




## Bella's big day out -Her own story in pictures



"Hi, Sharon!" I woofed (or y'know, gave her the big eyes). "Do you take the money round here?"



Sharon's the best—she sorted me out, and soon I was chomping on my Salmon no-hide with a complimentary bowl of water on the side. Living' the high life!

But then... Aunty Jan appeared with that 'come on we've got to get back' look!

Oh no, do I have to go back to work now? My tail froze mid-wag as I pictured more prancing and selling. I'm a dog, not a machine! So, I sneaked a peek at Sharon's sign, hoping for a miracle—and get this—it says words that mean I don't!" No more work for this pup! SCORE!



I was ready to nap right there in the sunshine, but Aunty Jan had other plans. She rounded me up, and took me back to Aunty Kat.

Truth be told, the afternoon shift was a total breeze—basically just me showing off my natural dazzle, which, let's be real, is like breathing for a star like me!



After a bit more work (ugh, fine), Aunty Kat took me home for a muchdeserved rest.



Then it was time for dinner, don't get why I have such a strange shaped bowl, I have to work harder to get at my food, but it always tastes good so I'm not complaining.



I brought back some naughty but nice special treats from Hayley's event for my four kennel buddies.



And then it was time for me to go to bed, and that dear readers is the end of my adventurous day out. Sleep tight everyone. Zzz.....





## Join our volunteer team

## Are you ready to make a difference?

Do you have a passion for giving back and making an impact? If you've been fortunate in life and are looking for a way to contribute, this opportunity is calling your name:

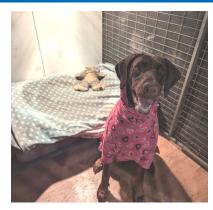
#### Volunteer with us

At DRUE, we are expanding our team of dedicated volunteers. Here's how you can help:

 Dog walking: We need confident helpers (over 21yrs old) with experience in handling large breeds. Your time and effort will ensure our Dobermanns get the exercise and companionship they deserve.



• Kennel assistance: If walking isn't for you, or if you're looking for variety in your volunteer work, assisting in the kennels or spending time with the dogs in our secure paddock can be equally rewarding. Help our staff with daily tasks to keep our operations smooth.

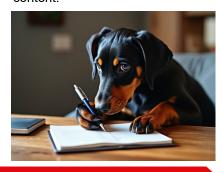


 Weekday availability: We especially value volunteers who can offer their time during the week when help is often most needed.

#### Can't make it to the kennels?

Distance shouldn't stop you from contributing! We have various opportunities that don't require you to be on-site:

- Event volunteering: Host our merchandise and fundraising stalls at various events.
- Creative contributions: If you have skills in design, writing, or marketing, we need your talent for developing promotional materials. Crafting engaging articles and content.



- Enhancing our marketing and PR efforts. Community outreach, press releases. Establishing partnerships with sponsors and suppliers. Sourcing and cultivating relationships with donors and supporters.
- Join our fundraising team:
   Become a key player in our efforts to raise the necessary funds to support our rescues. Ask us for more details!

As we strive to grow our charity and save more Dobermanns, your skills could be pivotal to our success in several ongoing projects.



Interested in volunteering or want to learn more?

Please reach out by email to info@dobermannrescueuk.co.uk

Your skills, time, and passion could be exactly what we need to make a bigger difference. Join us in this rewarding journey!

Join our Volunteer Team

Positions Available







## **DRUE** open day







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OUR ANNUAL OPEN DAY, ALL ARE WELCOME
FUN DOG SHOW RING ALL BREEDS

DOBERMANN RING
EGG AND SPOON RACE
ONE TO ONE TRAINING HELP
ONSITE FREE PARKING, TOILETS
FREE ADMISSION
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW





## Dobermanns; their use as war dogs

#### **Dobermanns - War dogs**

The 80th year Anniversary of VE day approaches on 8th May 2025, and as we honour the brave soldiers and remember the hardships, let us also spare a moment to reflect on the animals that bravely played a role and fought in Word War II, and in our case particularly, the Dobermanns!

I'm sure many of you are already aware that Dobermanns amongst other breeds served in both World War I and World War II for our own British Royal Army Veterinary Corps, but also the German Army and our Allied Forces in which they proved themselves to be a versatile and valuable asset being utilised in various roles.

#### **Duties**

They were renown for their INTELLIGENCE as easily trainable, their AGILITY allowing them to navigate various terrain undetected and their GUARDING ABILITY perfectly fulfilling the role of sentry duties.

More notable tasks performed by Dobermanns in the War efforts included:-

<u>Sentry and Guarding Duties</u> - They were trained to work with guards, providing warning for any potential threat, protecting important installations and personnel and safeguard <u>command posts</u>.

Messenger Roles - Trained for carrying messages between units, leveraging their speed and agility, they followed scent trails between their field handler to a handler at the headquarter destination and when released with a message the dog would return to the field handler by memory, successfully within a distance of up to eight miles.

<u>Scouting/Patrolling/Tracking</u> - They were used for reconnaissance and trained to detect enemy presence and alert handlers, taking advantage of their keen senses they were also trained to track enemy personnel.

#### **Training**

Dog training comprised of special six to eight week programmes for the simpler sentry dogs, but for those performing more specialised tasks and missions, the training could last up to 12 weeks.

Dogs began testing from six months old and many thousands of families offered up their family dogs to be trained by the military for the war effort.

On early examination and training, the weeding out process began - It required the dog recruit to follow his handler day and/or night across various terrain, to behave properly climbing stairs and entering darkened rooms, crossing ditches and streams and hearing gunfire and more. Timid dogs were instantly eliminated from the programme.

The dog handlers were also specially selected and their prerequisite following satisfactory basic military training were to be friendly and sympathetic to dogs; as they sensed

handlers who were not, and their willingness to perform greatly diminished.

Whilst different dog breeds excelled in different roles in the war effort, and Dobermanns were used extensively in World War I, the British Royal Army and German Army slowly began to sway their favour towards Alsatian/German Shepherds in World War II, but the Dobermann Pinscher, nicknamed Devil Dogs following on from World War I still appeared to be the hands-down favourite of the United States Marine Corps.

#### Summary

Dobermanns proved time and time again that they were courageous, dominant, confident and a fearless dog breed and as such became one of the most respected breeds for military work at that time.

So as we honour our WWII veterans, with so few of them remaining now, on this auspicious day marking the 80th Anniversary for Victory in Europe, please take a moment to remember our four-legged friends whose ancestors fought gallantly alongside these brave soldiers becoming heroes without medals in their own rights and helping to save countless human lives.

Thanks to L. Maddick for this article







## National Rescue Dog Day—20th May

#### National rescue dog day

On May 20th, we are celebrating National Rescue Dog Day, a special occasion dedicated to the incredible dogs who have found their way into our hearts and homes through rescue.

## Why national rescue dog day matters

National Rescue Dog Day is more than just a date on the calendar it's a chance to raise awareness about the importance of adopting rescue dogs and to honour the transformative power of second chances.

For Dobermanns, a breed known for their intelligence, strength, and unwavering devotion, rescue often means overcoming challenging pasts to become cherished family members. This day reminds us of the happiness these dogs bring and the critical role rescue organisations play in their journeys.

#### **DRUE** rescues

We see firsthand how these dogs thrive when given love, patience, and a stable home.

This National Rescue Dog Day, we're celebrating dogs like Atlas, a 19 month old Dobie who arrived at our rescue as a very worried and under-socialised boy, totally lacking in confidence. The difference we have seen in this lovely boy over the last couple of weeks has been phenomenal – he's a completely different dog and we know that in the right home he will flourish.

We're grateful for every supporter who helps us with the transition from 'just rescued' to 'rehomed' and makes these happy endings possible.

## How you can join the celebration

There are so many ways to honour National Rescue Dog Day and support our Dobermanns at DRUE:

- Adopt or Foster: Open your home to a Dobermann in need.
- Volunteer: From walking dogs to helping at events.
- Donate: Help us provide medical care, food, comfort and enrichment for our rescues.
- Spread the word: Share our mission on your social media.

#### A special thank you

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our adopters, fosters, volunteers, donors, and supporters. Your compassion and dedication give Dobermanns the second chances they deserve.

#### Want to get involved?

To learn more about how you can make a difference this National Rescue Dog Day, email us at: info@dobermannrescueuk.co.uk

Or visit our website: www.dobermannrescueuk.co.uk







## Pup Pop Quiz No.3

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. "Bad To The Bone" by George Thorogood & The Destroyers was a released in what year?
- 2. "Brown Eyed Girl" was a song by which Northern Irish singer and songwriter recorded in 1967?
- 3. "Hopelessly devoted to you" as sung by Olivia Newton John appeared in what Movie?
- 4. Finish the song title by Chase and the Barons song 2019 "I will follow you into the ......."?
- 5. The 1981 song "Get down on it" was a hit for which American band "...... and the gang"?
- 6. George Formby and his ukulele sang about "Leaning on a ......." what?
- 7. "Lay your hands on me" was a song by which American rock band that was released on their album New Jersey 1988
- 8. Which Elvis sang "Stuck on you"?
- 9. "Walking on Sunshine" was a song by British rock band Katrina and the Waves in what year?
- 10. Who sang "Never gonna give you up" in 1987?
- 11. What is the missing word in the song by Alannah Myles that reached number 2 in UK singles charts "....... Velvet"?
- 12. "I'll Be Doggone" was a 1965 song recorded by which American soul singer?
- 13. "Dog 'n' Bone" was a 2013 EP by which English male artist?
- 15. Which English all Girl band sang "Let love lead the way" in 2000?

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







# Pup Pop Quiz No.3

#### Answers to the previous page pup pop quiz

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

#### **Answers**

1.1982

2.Van Morrison

3.Grease

4.Park

5.Kool

6.Lamp post

7.Bon Jovi

8.Presley

9.1983

10.Rick Astley

11.Black

12.Marvin Gaye

13.Rag'n' Bone Man

14.Ring

15. The Spice Girls







# Hayley's Easter fun dog show: In memory of Phoenix

On a bright spring mid-April day, Hayley Clowes Easter Fun Dog Show brought together dog lovers for a wonderful event in support of DRUE, in which all proceeds from the day were dedicated to our charity. However, beneath the laughter and celebration lay a poignant sadness, as the event was held just days after the passing of Hayley and Gary's beloved dog,

Phoenix. Despite their profound loss, Hayley and Gary bravely carried on with the show, transforming their grief into a beautiful tribute to their extraordinary girl. Phoenix, a rescue who had endured unimaginable cruelty, arriving emaciated with her ears cruelly cut off at the root, became a testament to the transformative power of love and care under Hayley and Gary's devotion.

Her remarkable journey from suffering to strength touched countless hearts, and the event became a celebration of her enduring spirit, honouring the memory of a truly special soul.

The following pages capture some of the day's activities, stall holders, people and of course dogs, including our DRUE mascot for the day 'Bella'.







## Hayley's Easter fun dog show; The stalls & the people



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# Hayley's Easter fun dog show; The stalls & the people



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# Hayley's Easter fun dog show; The dogs



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# Join the "Donate for the Dobies" pledge today!

#### Join the "Donate for the Dobies" pledge today!

DRUE needs YOU to make a difference. With your support, we can rescue, rehabilitate, and find loving homes for Dobermanns in need.

Imagine: if all of our DRUE LIFE readers and Facebook followers pledged only £2 a month—less than a cup of take-away coffee—we could transform countless lives, the impact would be phenomenal.

#### Why your £2 matters

- Rescue: Contributions enable the charity to transport dogs from dangerous or neglectful situations to safety, covering costs like fuel, crates, and assessments
- Care: Covers essential medical care: Donations help to cover costs associated to veterinary expenses, spaying/neutering, emergency surgeries, and treatments for injuries or illnesses, ensuring rescued dogs regain their health.
- Rehabilitation: Supports physical and emotional recovery to rebuild trust.
- Food and Shelter: Regular donations ensure dogs have nutritious food, safe kennels, and supplies like blankets and toys while awaiting their forever homes.
- Facilitates Adoption and Follow-Up: Funds support the process of matching dogs with loving families, including home checks, adoption events, and postadoption support, ensuring long-term success for each dog.

Our charity relies on supporters like you. Your small, consistent donation empowers us to keep our mission alive.

#### Be their hero today

Join the "Donate for the Dobies" pledge by setting up a monthly Direct Debit of £2 (or more if you're able). It's quick, secure, and makes a lasting difference. Every penny counts, and your small act of kindness creates a ripple effect of hope.

#### Direct debit details:

Account: Dobermann Rescue UK & Europe

Account No.: 61927168 Sort Code: 30-84-26

#### Together, we're unstoppable

Think of our many Dobies who have arrived in our care, malnourished, ill, injured and/scared. Thanks to supporters like you, they receive medical care, love, and rehoming Today, so many are thriving with their new families with their tails wagging. Your pledge could write the next rescue Dobie's story.

#### Act now—make your first pledge today!

Share this call with friends, family, and fellow dog lovers to amplify our impact. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, our Website to see the dogs you're helping and their heartwarming transformations.

Thank you for standing with us. Together, let's make every Dobermann's story a happy one.







# 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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