



Dobermanmann Rescue UK and Europe (DRUE) Presents

DRUE LIFE



Meet gorgeous Enya, our June cover star.

This pup is so well loved by our team. She's one of the current favourite girls (alongside gorgeous Greta).

Enya is a super dog, so pretty and she's very loving with the team, they adore her.

She is vocal and often has a lot to say, especially when passing other dogs, but our team have worked with her since she's been with us, they have become adept at getting her to focus when passing other dogs and reduce her conversations!

She needs a home with someone prepared to help her settle in (as we probably all know, it's stressful moving home), and to commit to continue working with her and then they will get the most amazing, loving and intelligent dobie who will reward them tenfold.



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Welcome from the editor

Summer is here (more or less), and we're excited to bring you the latest from our pack! Mark your calendars for our fantastic Pawfest Dog Show and Open Day on Saturday, 6th September, packed with fun, activities, and plenty of tail wagging excitement.



Inside this issue, discover what our dogs and dedicated team have been up to this past month.

Thinking of a holiday with your furry companion? Don't miss our feature on one of our key team members, who shares her adventures traveling overseas to France with her family and their two Dobermanns.

Plus, a special treat for our supporters! Hannah from

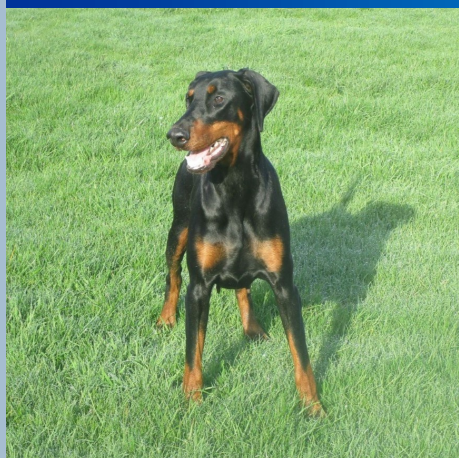
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mailto:Willowsdelights@outlook.com to grab your bargain. Dive in and enjoy!



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Dogs who found their new forever home

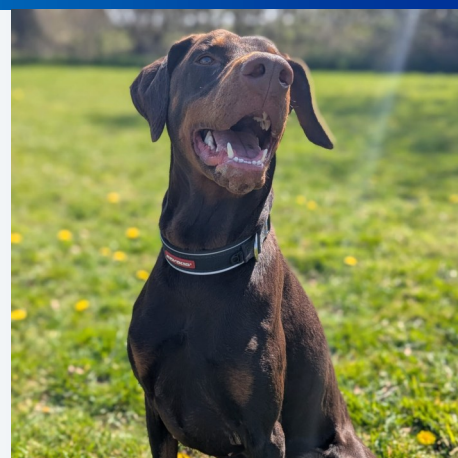


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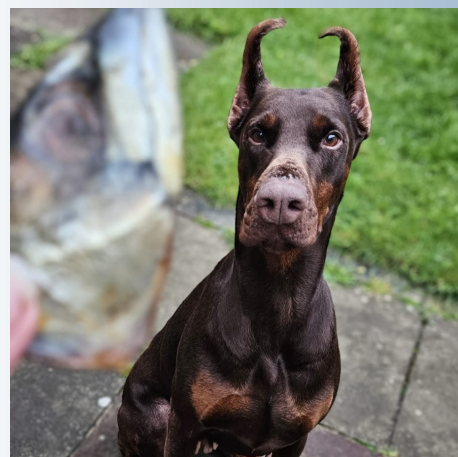
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Bella



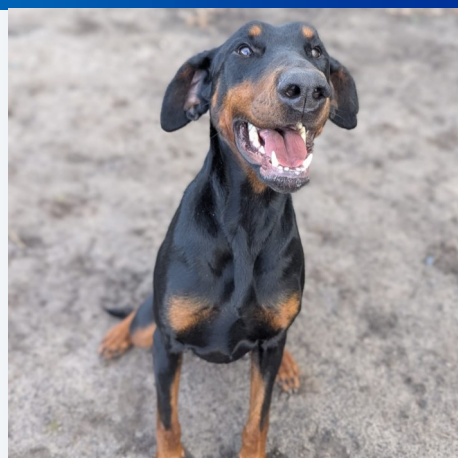
Lulu

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 !



Nico

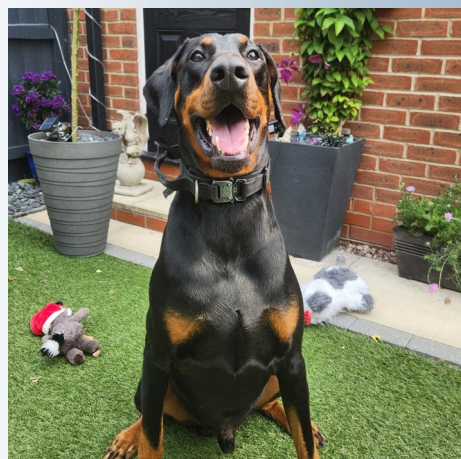


Greta



Enya

Slinky
arrival imminent



Kobe

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



Rest in peace precious Xena losing you has broken our hearts

We recently welcomed a stunning Dobie girl, Xena, to DRUE whose beauty and gentle spirit captured our hearts in an instant. On arrival she wasn't feeling her best, so we whisked her to the vet for a thorough check-up. With medication and plenty of love, we hoped to see her sparkle return.

From the moment she stepped out of her kennel, this sweet girl melted into our arms. Despite her frail condition, her gentle and loving nature shone through, earning her a special place in the hearts of our entire team. She seemed so small, so precious, yet her warmth filled every corner of our rescue. We all fell head over heels for her, enchanted by her quiet grace, soulful eyes and unwavering trust.

As the days passed, we noticed her health declining, and we rushed her back to the vet for a scan. The news was devastating, a foreign object was found that had apparently been inside her for a very long time, her condition worsened rapidly.

Emergency surgery was her only chance, but tragically, the vets discovered a situation inside her that was too severe to overcome. Our beautiful girl slipped away, leaving an ache in our hearts that words can scarcely capture.

She didn't die alone, our loving kennel manager Danielle was with her all the way until she passed. She had love right through to the end.

The loss of our precious Dobie sent a wave of grief through our team. Many tears were shed, and our hearts were heavy as we reflected on the all-too-brief time we had with her.

Yet, in her short stay, she reminded us why we do what we do—her love, her trust, and her gentle spirit will live on in our memories.

Rest in peace, sweet girl. You were loved beyond measure, and we'll carry you in our hearts forever.





DRUE LIFE



DRUE open day



SAVE THE DATE
SAT 6TH



SEPTEMBER
PAWFEST

REFRESHMENTS
CAKES
FUN AND
GAMES

FIR TREE FARM
MESSUAGE LANE
SWETTENHAM
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DRUE STALL
STALLS
TOMBOLA
FAMILY DAY OUT

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



Life after rescue — “Alice”

Finding Alice

My wife and I had recently moved to Somerset from South London, and after six years of being without a Doberman we decided we were ready to take the plunge.

We googled and the first hit was DRUE so we got in touch. After a successful home check we didn't have to wait long before Liz Price matched us up with a young lady from Cyprus called Thelma, who was due in at Manchester Airport that Wednesday, and to the kennel in Wakefield the next day.



We drove up on the following Saturday to meet her, planning to go home and pick her up the following weekend if we all got on, as we had to go back to London the next day for a family party. When Steve Holmes bought her out of the kennel we were instantly in love, she was so gorgeous.



After a walk around the local park we knew she was the one for us, and the plan to come back a week later went straight out of the window!



She jumped into the back of the car, laid down with her head on Karina's lap and slept the whole way home to Somerset, via a pit stop at Pets at Home to get a big bed and a few supplies. By the time we got home we decided she was more of an Alice than a Thelma, so Alice she was.

She wandered around the whole house and garden, sniffing everything.



After a good dose of sniffing she finally settled in her bed in the lounge.

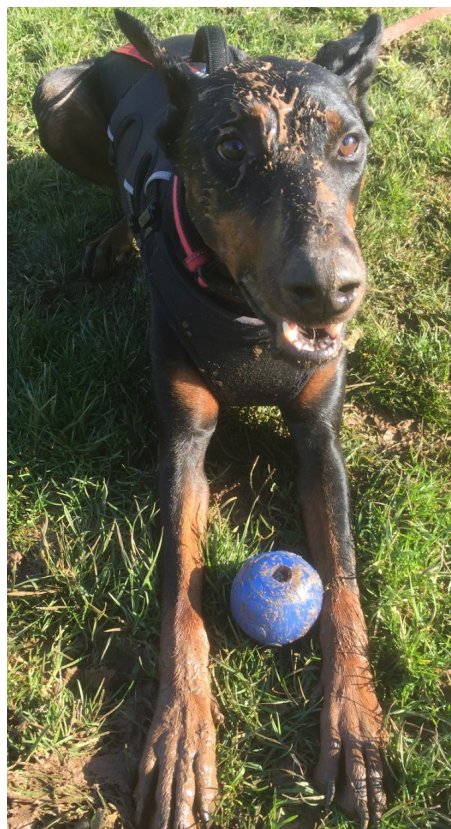


We had decided not to let her sleep in our bedroom, all our other doxies had slept downstairs at our old place. But we are in a bungalow now, so that idea lasted half a night, she whined until we let her on the bed and has been there ever since. Our local animal sanctuary got the new bed...!



It took a while for her to realise that going to the loo in the garden was allowed, so the first couple of weeks she would only go in the local park, which fortunately was only a minutes walk away (still pain at midnight tho) but after that she was great.

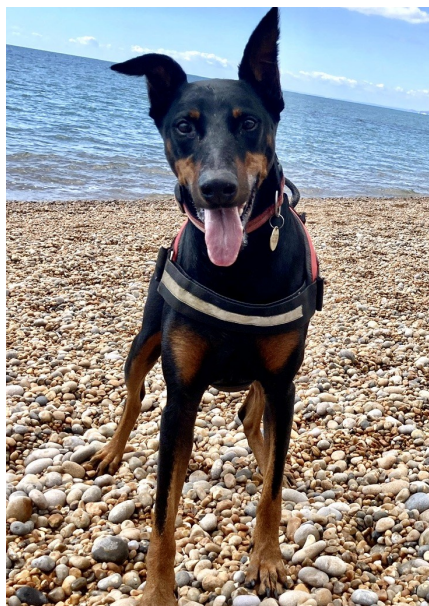
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We don't think she had previously had any toys as she was a bit unsure and stressed when we bought her some, but that soon passed and she is now ball obsessed.



She loves her walks and is very vocal while we are getting ready to go out.



She particularly loves the beach, and we are fortunate to be only half an hour away from the Devon & Dorset coasts.



She gets to the beach a couple of times a week when tides & weather allow.

She was very quiet when we first got her but soon found her voice and is now very gobby. She lets us know when she wants a wee, to go walkies, and especially when its dinner time. We are convinced she can tell the time. She's not a greedy girl but she loves her food and is very gentle when taking treats (unlike Dolpha & Biscuit, our previous dobies who nearly took our fingers off).



She's not a total Velcro girl, she loves affection & cuddles but on her terms, and is very aloof when we meet other people & dogs on walks, bit of a diva/princess but is such a character & we love her so much.



She loves sitting at the window watching the world go by, and seems to particularly dislike anyone in a fluorescent jacket! Also shouts at squirrels, cats, flies and bees.



Life after rescue — “Alice”



She's called Alice Band, Tinker Bell (cause she minces when she walks) Monkey Moo and Bubs Magoo. I have no idea why :)



Ed's note

I had the pleasure of meeting Alice a couple of years ago at the SWDC dog show where Alice was absolutely shining in both the rescue and veteran classes. She won 2 rosettes and rightly so!



Quick fire interview — Alice

Q. How old is Alice? **A.** Not exactly sure, the Cypriot vet had put 4 on her pet passport, but Liz, (and our local vet) thought she was closer to 2, so she is either 10 or 12. We go with ten. To be honest she acts more like four or five and seems fit & healthy. She has a slight heart murmur which we get checked regularly and hasn't got any worse since diagnosed 2 years ago.

Q. How long has she been in your life? **A.** 8 years. her 8th gotcha day was 1st April.

Q. Favourite food? **A.** All to be honest, but her eyes go wide when there is chicken or sausage around.

Q. If she was a famous person who would she be likened to & why? **A.** Sarah Ferguson - Classy, bit ginger, bit crazy, but knows how to behave when in public :)

Q. What makes you laugh about her? **A.** Zoomies in the house or garden are so funny, bouncing off the sofa and chairs. Watching her run for the sheer happiness it brings her.

Q. Does she have a naughty side? **A.** Answering back all the time. If you stop stroking her she will give you the side eye & growl or whine until you start again (this can go on for a LONG time).

Q. Best memory/adventure so far? **A.** There are so many, but the first time we took her to a really huge beach (Seascape in Cumbria) her eyes popped out of her head and she ran & ran, and took us ages to catch her because she was having such a great time, recall went completely out of the window.

Taking our dogs on holiday to France

Editors note: Have you ever thought about taking your dogs on holiday? It's an excellent thing to do and enables you to make memories with those wagging tails. I took my previous Dobermanns away on a number of occasions but only for holidays in the UK. Now we hear from our Kennel Manager on what it's like to take your dogs on holiday overseas.



We started with the UK and then we got bold

We have always tried to take our two dogs with us on short breaks, they had been to a few places in the UK and we started to wonder whether we could plan our main family holiday to include them too.

Our children are 12 & 13 so we are quite tied to the school holidays and so everywhere is incredibly busy and we obviously can't guarantee to have any sunshine here in the UK!

We wondered if a holiday in France could be the answer. We said we'd give it a go and we're currently on our third trip, with a fourth booked for August.

The paperwork!

The most daunting part was all of the paperwork needed for the pups. They had to have a rabies jab at

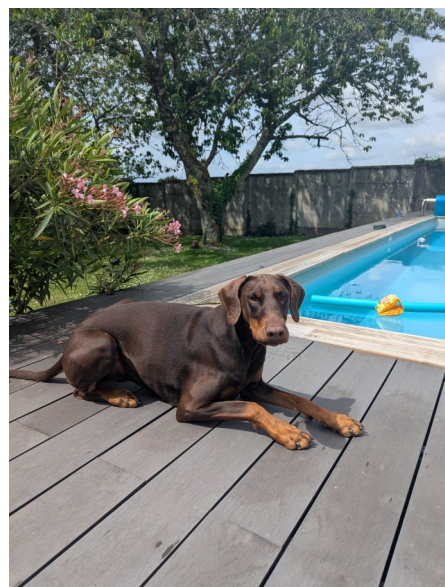
least 21 days before travelling, then an AHC certificate issued within 10 days of travel. It's certainly not possible to do anything very last minute and it does take some planning but the rabies vaccine lasts for 3 years so that's pretty handy.

On the way back, the dogs need a wormer before returning to the UK but luckily my husband has some French (and there is always Google!).

Just when we feel like we're pros at it, the government have recently decided that pet passports are going to make a comeback, but not to worry as this will hopefully make it much easier to travel.



So what do our French holidays look like? The first year we rented a converted barn with a pool and 12 acres of land, about 30 minutes from Limoges.



And the cost?

This sounds really extravagant but in terms of cost it was a bit cheaper than paying for an all inclusive break somewhere like Greece or Spain - and I didn't have to spend the time feeling guilty about leaving the dogs.

We were lucky that the owners lived next door and originally came from near to where we live in the UK, so it was a very gentle introduction to holidaying in France and they gave us lots of help and advice.



They had 3 beautiful dogs, one of which was a German Pointer named Otto who frequently hopped the fence to come and play. It seems Daisy has decided that he is her new boyfriend!



The second time we went we wanted to explore a different area so settled on a house, again with a pool for the kids, in the Dordogne.

Taking our dogs on holiday to France

This had a couple of acres which was great for the dogs to roam, and very quiet so would have suited a family that has reactive or anxious dogs, as there were no neighbours or passers by.



The roads tend to be much quieter in France so each morning we could walk them before it got too hot. They then spent the rest of the day sunbathing or pottering around the land, with them trying to eat the fruit from the trees!



On cooler days we could take them with us into the beautiful villages nearby and they could paddle in the river.

This time around we have come to beautiful Cognac. The house we are staying in was once a stable and it has been beautifully converted.

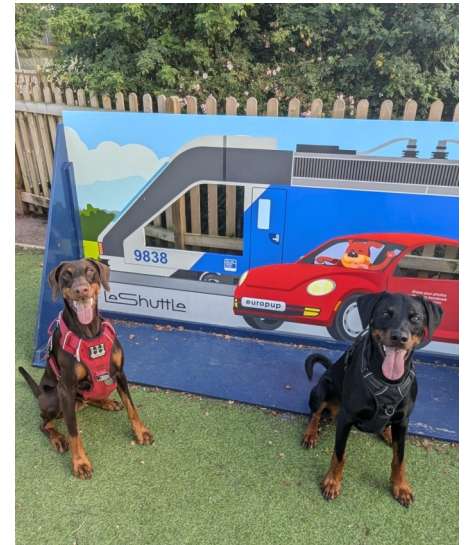


Once the big white gates open we are straight into the vineyards where the dogs can burn off some energy.

We've not found too many places where dogs aren't allowed, they came with us one day to watch the kids swinging through the trees at a treetop adventure venue.



The journey is a long one, and in all honesty it's the drive down to Folkestone to hop on the tunnel that is the worst bit. There is a lovely little area where the dogs can stretch their legs though once we arrive.



We have found a beautiful little house in Erin, about an hour from Calais that we stay in for one night before continuing on which has worked really well for us. It has some lovely walks from the doorstep so we can make sure the pups are tired and happy.

We've also found French service areas pretty fantastic, one even had an enclosed field for dogs so they could have a good run.



We love our adventures to France and certainly recommend it.

Best wishes for happy holidays to you all.

Celebrating our volunteers on National volunteers' week 01-07 June



What is volunteers week?

It is an annual event in the UK that celebrates and recognises the contributions of volunteers.

Launched in 1984, this initiative has been running for over 40 years, providing organisations and communities a platform to thank current and past volunteers for their invaluable efforts.



Honouring DRUE volunteers

This National Volunteers' Week we celebrate the kind-hearted individuals who dedicate their time and passion to DRUE, transforming the lives of Dobermanns in need.

These amazing heroes put so much love and care into making sure our rescue Dobies have the best life while they are with us before they go on to find their forever homes.



Volunteers are the heart of DRUE

Volunteers are the backbone of our mission to rescue, rehabilitate, and rehome Dobermanns. From fostering dogs in their homes to organising fundraising events, transporting dogs to vet appointments, or providing training and socialisation, our volunteers pour their hearts into ensuring every Dobermann gets a second chance. Their compassion and commitment turn stories of neglect or abandonment into tales of love, belonging and forever homes.



Here's a fact...

Volunteers are a cornerstone of UK society, contributing immense social and economic value. According to the UK Civil Society Almanac 2023, approximately 12 million people in England (27% of adults over 16) volunteered formally at least once in 2021/22, with an estimated 7 million doing so monthly.

The value of volunteers

At DRUE, the value of our volunteers is immeasurable. Beyond the economic impact, they provide emotional and practical support that no budget could fully quantify.



Their work (in all weathers) ensures that every Dobermann receives individual care, from tailored exercise routines to the love and attention that rebuilds trust in humans.



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How our rescue dogs benefit

For Dobermanns, a breed known for its loyalty and intelligence but sometimes misunderstood, our volunteers are life-changers.

Dogs arriving at DRUE may come from challenging backgrounds; abandoned, neglected, or surrendered due to a whole number of issues. Volunteers step in to address these challenges head-on, they provide:

Physical care: Feeding good quality food and ensuring a nutritious diet that is right for the individual dog, grooming, and ensuring medical needs are met, from vaccinations to surgeries.



Emotional healing: Building trust through consistent care, helping dogs overcome fear or anxiety.



Socialisation: While the dogs are with us our team try to get them out and about in as many environments as possible socialising them and preparing them for family life.



Forever homes: Matching dogs with adopters, ensuring the right fit for both dog and family.



The result? Dobermanns who once cowered in the corner of their kennel on arrival now bound happily into new homes, with their tails wagging, ready to be lifelong family companions.

Thank you DRUE volunteers

This National Volunteers' Week, we salute our DRUE volunteers who make these transformations possible.

In addition to spending their time with interacting with the dogs, they do so much work behind the scenes as well.



Cleaning, sorting donations, and attending fund raising events, to raise awareness and funds to help our Dobies live in the best physical and mental state possible.



So, to our volunteers: thank you. Your dedication lights up the lives of our Dobies and inspires us all. Here's to celebrating you this week and every week, as we continue to build a brighter future for these incredible dogs, together.

Like to join our volunteer team?

Whether you can foster, help with kennel duties, walk the dogs, or simply spread the word, every small contribution helps. contact us on info@dobermanmannrescueuk.co.uk

A song for our beautiful rescue Who left Greta at the side of the road?

"Who Left Greta at the Side of the Road?"

Composed by one of our dedicated volunteers as he was walking our beautiful rescue Greta, he hummed a tune and added some words as he thought about her past. She had been abandoned and picked up as a stray and passed to DRUE.

Verse 1

In the twilight glow, where the shadows play,
A lonely little figure, just a heartbeat away.
With her eyes full of questions, and a heart full of hope,
Greta sat by the pavement, learning how to cope.

Chorus

Who left Greta at the side of the road?
A soul so gentle, carrying a heavy load.
With a past full of silence, and a future unknown,
Who left Greta at the side of the road?

Verse 2

She watched the cars passing, with a flick of her tail,
Dreaming of a family, a love that wouldn't fail.
But the world kept on moving, as she waited alone,
Wondering if kindness would ever be shown.

Chorus

Who left Greta at the side of the road?
A soul so gentle, carrying a heavy load.
With a past full of silence, and a future unknown,
Who left Greta at the side of the road?

Verse 3

But then came a hero, with a heart open wide,
Scooped her up in their arms, and took her inside.
Now she runs through the fields, with a smile on her face,
No more questions of why, she's found her true place.

Chorus

Who left Greta at the side of the road?
A soul so gentle, carrying a heavy load.

With a past full of silence, and a future unknown,
Who left Greta at the side of the road?

Outro

So here's to the journey, and the love that we share,
To the rescue Dobermann, who taught us to care.
No more wondering why, she's finally home,
Greta's found her family, no longer alone.



A scent-sational day out for our Dobermann rescues!



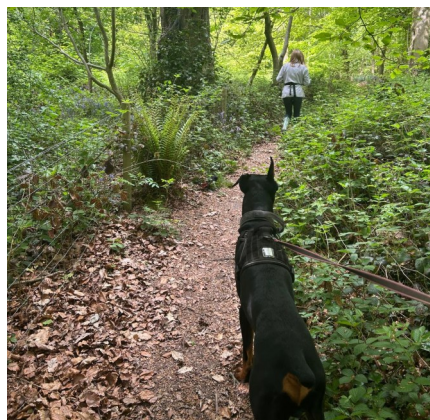
A team doggy day out

Our rescue dogs recently swapped their kennels for a thrilling day of man-trailing, thanks to Ryan at Constellation Dog Training: www.constellationdogtraining.co.uk



Man-trailing

This is an engaging scent-based activity where dogs harness their remarkable sense of smell to track a particular person's path.



It's driven by the dog, provides good mental stimulation and enrichment, and the dogs (and humans) find it deeply fulfilling.



This sport is ideal for boosting confidence and concentration, particularly in anxious or reactive dogs, and is suitable for all breeds, sizes, and ages—from lively puppies to calm seniors.

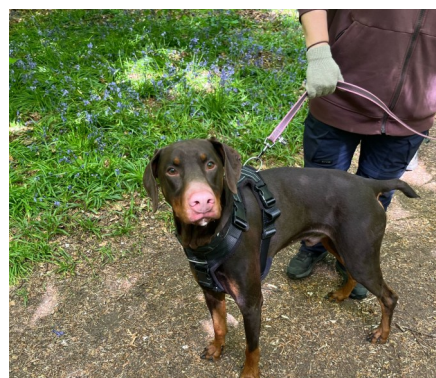


Being low-impact it's kind on the dogs body, it's always conducted on a lead, so it's perfect for dogs who need personal space or excel in focused, one-on-one tasks.

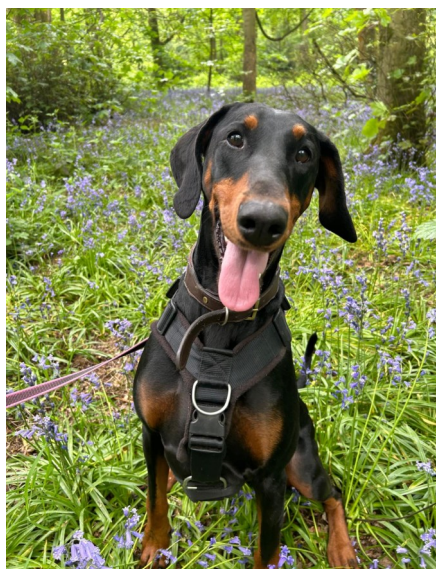


DRUE team on tour

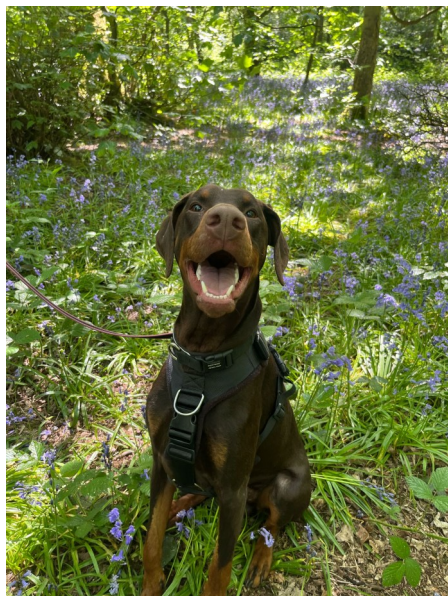
Our dedicated DRUE volunteers once again stepped up into the action. They took four of our rescue stars; Atlas, Brando, Enya, and Bella, for a day of nose-work in the great outdoors.



Each dog brought their unique personality to the session, making it a fun and memorable adventure!



A scent-sational day out for our Dobermann rescues!



The weather was kind and the scenery in the woods was lovely, the bluebells were in abundance and it was so pleasant for the dogs and their handlers to be outside enjoying the countryside in this way.



So after a good session sniffing the scent trails and finding those who thought they'd hidden so well, it was time to bring the exciting day to a close and check out the results of all that sniffing. So, which dogs really did have a nose for it...?

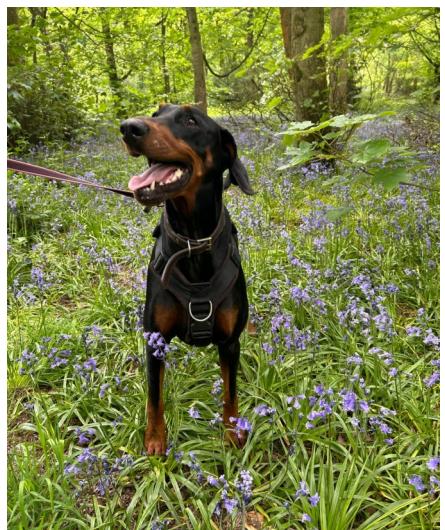
Results of the day

In 4th place, Atlas clearly thought the whole thing was a bit of a laugh. More interested in leaving his own scent trail than following others, he had a blast romping through the bluebells with his kennel buddies.



3rd place went to Brando, who was so mortified by his ranking that he refused to pose for photos (or maybe we just missed the shot—sorry, Brando!).

2nd place was claimed by Enthusiastic Enya, who threw her heart, soul, and vocal cords into the task, even drawing a curious crowd of locals with her spirited performance.



But the star of the day, taking 1st place and the coveted Flatty Squirrel Prize for Best Tracker, was Brilliant Bella! She tackled the trail like a pro, showing everyone how it's done with calm confidence and focus.



Huge thanks to Ryan from Constellation Dog Training for offering this amazing opportunity and providing expert tuition.

Our pups (and DRUE team) returned to the kennels buzzing with excitement, their noses thoroughly stimulated and their hearts happy.

After such a fun-filled day, they were ready for a well-deserved snooze. Here's to more adventures for our fabulous Dobermanns!





Pup Pop Quiz No.4

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. "Down Down" was their only No.1 hit on the UK singles chart in 1975 for which English rock band?
2. What female artist sang these lyrics in her song 'Come away with me' in 2002 "...And I wanna walk with you, On a cloudy day, In fields where the yellow grass grows knee-high....."
3. What year were The Kinks "Tired of Waiting"?
4. What are the missing words from the song title as featured in the Broadway Musical Guys and Dolls "..... You're Rockin' the Boat"?
5. What Year did Bryan Adams release the song "Run to you"?
6. Finish the title of the of the 1964 song by The Shagngri-Las "Leader of the?"
7. Who was the second half of the Duet that sang about the "Sound of Silence" in 1964, Simon and ?
8. In 2008 Duffy sang "You got me begging you for " what?
9. Which American Male Country singer sang "Lay Down Beside Me" in 1978?
10. "Chasing pavements" was a song recorded on her debut studio album in 2008 by which English singer-songwriter?
11. "Givin the dog a bone" was a song by ACDC in what year?
12. Finish the title of the song by British girl group Little Mix in 2015 "..... Magic"
13. What is the title of the 1975 song by Queen that contains the lyrics "In rain or shine, you've stood by me girl, I'm happy at home...."
14. Who was the featuring artist alongside Eminem in the hit 2010 sag "Love the way you Lie"?
15. What is the title of the 1983 song by The Police that contains the lyrics "every move you make, every step you take, I'll be watching you"?

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



Pup Pop Quiz No.4

Answers to the previous page pup pop quiz

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

Answers

1. Status Quo
2. Norah Jones
3. 1965
4. Sit down
5. 1984
6. Pack
7. Garfunkel
8. Mercy
9. Don Williams
10. Adele
11. 1980
12. Black
13. You're My Best Friend
14. Rhianna
15. Every breath you take



Intrepid DRUE team shines at Haslington VE day event



rescue.mission. The sun was shining, the crowds were out many with their canine family, including a visiting Dobie, the team got all excited about this visitor (as if they don't see Dobies every day!).

With their trademark enthusiasm, our team set up an eye-catching stall with our Dobermann-themed merchandise, and various games for both the adults and the children.

They shared inspiring stories of Dobies we've rescued, rehabilitated, and rehomed, highlighting the wonderful dobie traits and spirit while at the same time educating people about responsible ownership.



Dedicated team does it again!

Our dedicated DRUE team once again proved their commitment to our precious Dobies, bringing their passion and energy to the Haslington VE Day event.

This was a community celebration, marking the historic victory in Europe, it provided the perfect backdrop for our team to raise vital awareness and funds for our



Our teams' efforts not only boosted our funds but also spread the word about our mission to give every Dobermann a second chance. So, a huge thank you goes out to them and also to everyone who stopped by to support our cause.

**Want to get involved?
Visit our website to
volunteer, donate, or
learn more about
fostering a Dobie in need!**



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 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



Bank details
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