

# DRUE LIFE

## ACE

Ace by name and ace by nature.

This wonderful 2yr old boy arrived with us due to circumstances beyond his control, having been a dearly cherished family pet.

He's shared a home with an 8 yr old child and is used to being around other dogs & cats.

He's strong on the lead and could benefit from some extra training, but he's a real joy to walk because he interacts so nicely with both dogs and people.



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## Welcome from the editor

We kicked off September with a successful Pawfest event, see our photos Pgs 7-10.

Lots of dogs in attendance, Dobies in the majority but plenty of other breeds too joining in the fun.



We want to say a massive thank you to ALL of our wonderful team members, sponsors and stall holders who supported the event and made a vital contribution to the success of the day.

Now as the leaves are turning golden and the air is growing crisp, our rescue residents are out and about with our volunteers venturing far and wide on village walks, adventure days out and running off lead in the secure fields. Our dogs really do have the best life we can give them while they are with us waiting for their forever home.

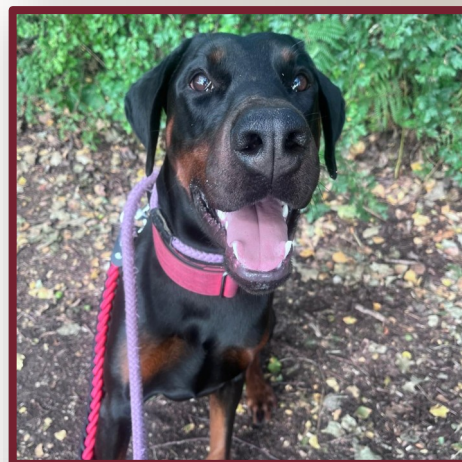




## **Dogs who found their forever home**



**Kensi**



**Ceasar**



**Kylo**



**Koda**



**Remi**

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](http://www.dobermannrescueuk.co.uk)

# Dogs looking for their forever home



**Ace**



**Enzo**



**Niya**



**Musket**



**Enya**  
(Foster)



**Greta**  
(Foster)



**Odin**  
(Foster)

Can you give one of our dogs a home?

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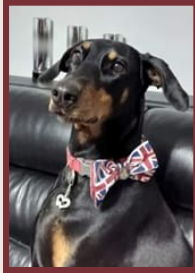


# Life after rescue

## Derryl & Dee Dee

### Eds note

A great many of our readers will know of Derryl, she has been an avid fundraiser and supporter of DRUE for many years. She has made celebratory bowties, crocheted poppies and dog fleeces all to raise funds for DRUE.



In addition to her creativity, she has taken on many challenges over the years to raise money for us, one of which was to run the Robin Hood half marathon with her Sister Lorraine in their DRUE vests

Derryl now picks up the story with her Doberman journey

### Hearing about DRUE

We first heard about DRUE from my sister and brother-in-law, Barry and Lorraine Oates, who had already adopted their beloved Doberman Zeus, and

later added Nelly and Missy to their family.

Their enthusiastic stories about the joys of Doberman ownership sparked our interest, leading us to explore adoption options and ultimately bringing DeeDee into our lives.

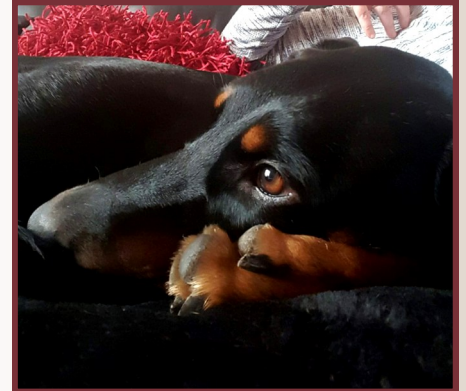


We adopted her at the age of three from DRUE (then at Washdyke Kennels in Leeds).

From the moment we met her during our initial meet-and-greet, it was love at first sight, her gentle eyes and curious demeanour captured our hearts instantly.



Just two days later, we brought her home, and we've never looked back. She's become an irreplaceable part of our family.



In her early days with us, she was very quiet and nervous, particularly around everyday household items like brushes and the vacuum cleaner, which seemed to startle her.



She was hesitant to venture upstairs at first, preferring to stay close to us on the ground floor. But as she gradually settled in and built her confidence, she adapted remarkably well to her new environment.

Before long, she was bounding up the stairs with ease and even claiming her spot on the bed upstairs—much to our amusement!



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## Derryl & DeeDee

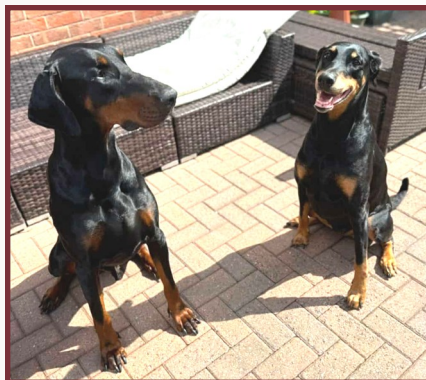


*Clockwise from back left:  
DeeDee, Nelly, Missy, Zeus*

She absolutely adores her "cousin" Dobies (Zeus, Nelly, and Missy) and greets them with happiness and mad game sessions whenever they visit. In return, she's always warmly welcomed into their home.



Over the years, we've shared countless adventures together as a pack, including holidays to various seaside destinations, explored coastal paths, and enjoyed long walks side by side. These outings have created some of our most cherished memories, strengthening the bond between all the dogs and our extended family.



She has another new family friend now, Lorraine and Barry's new rescue 'Rocco'. She loves playing with him too and puts him in his place, as all beautiful Diva's do.



When it comes to food, she is a true gourmet at heart. Her absolute favourite is chicken, followed closely by sardines for that savoury, fishy delight.

As for treats, she goes wild for rabbit ears and chicken feet, savouring them with enthusiastic crunches, and of course on a hot summers day, then nothing beats an ice cream.

Of course, like any spirited Dobermann, DeeDee has her naughty side. Her favourite mischief involves sneaking out the back door, determined to chase the squirrels that boldly taunt her from the trees.



Her personality is what truly sets her apart—she's incredibly attuned to us, listening intently and "talking back" to Alan and I with a series of expressive whines, barks, and head tilts, as if she's part human engaging in a real conversation.

If we're engrossed in watching TV and not paying her enough attention, she'll grab one of her toys and playfully toss it right at us, demanding a response.



Among her big collection of toys, her all-time favourite is her trusty yellow duck. This plush companion has been with her through thick and thin, accompanying her on car rides, walks, and naps.



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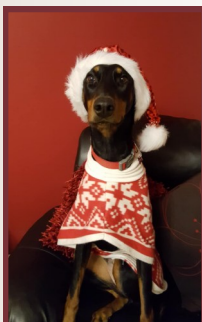
## Derryl & DeeDee

It's a well-loved duck and bears the marks of countless adventures, but she treasures it above all else.



One of our biggest and most unforgettable memories with her was her first trip to Hunstanton beach. As soon as her paws hit the sand, she erupted into a frenzy of zoomies, racing in circles around us in total exhilaration. Then, without hesitation, she dashed straight into the sea for a swim, paddling out confidently before turning back to shore, only to plunge in again and again. It was a perfect snapshot of her adventurous spirit.

If DeeDee was a famous person, she'd undoubtedly be Audrey Hepburn; elegant, graceful, and utterly ladylike in her mannerisms. She poses for the camera with such poise and meaningful expressions, tilting her head just so or



gazing thoughtfully into the lens (she doesn't mind headwear either).



In her younger days, DeeDee was our enthusiastic running partner, joining us for Saturday park-runs and keeping pace with ease.

However, as she's aged, a little arthritis in her front elbows has slowed her down, so we've shifted to shorter, gentler walks to keep her comfortable. That said, if it were up to her, she'd happily trek for miles without complaint, she's still got that zest for exploration deep inside!

DeeDee has just celebrated her 12th birthday, a milestone that fills us with gratitude for the nine wonderful years we've shared together.

We cherish every moment with her, adapting our routines to ensure she stays happy, healthy, and loved in her golden years.





# DRUE Pawfest 2025

## the prep beforehand





# DRUE Pawfest 2025

## The event unfolds...





# DRUE Pawfest 2025





# Thank you to our Pawfest sponsors

## MAIN EVENT SPONSORS



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### DOBERMANN RING

**Veteran >7 yrs:**

**Puppy < 12 months:**

**Best Rescue:**

**Best Male:**

**Best Female:**

**Best Mover:**

**Best Brace:**

**Dawn Wigglesworth Memorial:**

**EMMA CLOUSTON**

**JO TREGO**

**DENA PEACOCK**

**SI NEAL**

**NATASHA BASILE-GRACEY**

**JENNY TAYLOR**

**TRACEY AXFORD**

**LAUREN WIGGLESWORTH**

### FUN DOG SHOW RING

**Handsome Male:**

**Prettiest Bitch:**

**Best 6 Legs:**

**Scruffiest Dog:**

**Best Rescue:**

**Best Fancy Dress:**

**Best Mixed Brace:**

**Best Condition:**

**Dog the Judge Most Likes to Take Home:**

**CHRIS CHURCH**

**SHARON ROGERS**

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**LAUREN WIGGLESWORTH**

**TRACEY AXFORD**

**KEITH SLATER**

**MILLIE & HUGO**



# Advice from Sarah

## Keeping your dog calm

### Sarah's advice

DRUE's professional canine behaviourist and independent dog assessor, Sarah Hursthouse (from Dogskool) gives us some advice on keeping your dog calm.

### Want a calmer dog?

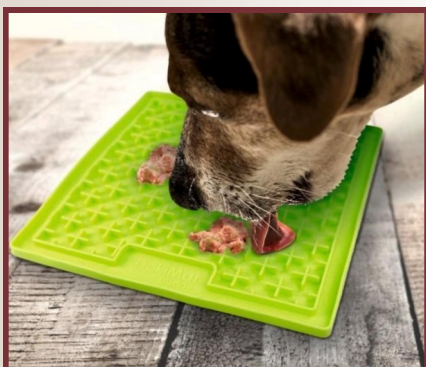
A tired dog is a happy dog—but physical exercise alone isn't enough. Just like people, dogs need mental stimulation to stay balanced, prevent boredom, and reduce unwanted behaviours like chewing, barking, or digging. Enrichment activities provide opportunities for dogs to engage their senses, practice natural instincts, and work their brains as well as their bodies.

Below are some practical and fun enrichment ideas you can try at home to keep your dog busy and mentally satisfied.

### 1. Food Enrichment

Dogs are natural problem-solvers when it comes to finding food. Turning mealtime into a challenge can help them slow down, focus, and engage their senses.

- **Puzzle Feeders & Snuffle Mats:** These encourage dogs to sniff, paw, and nudge to get their kibble.



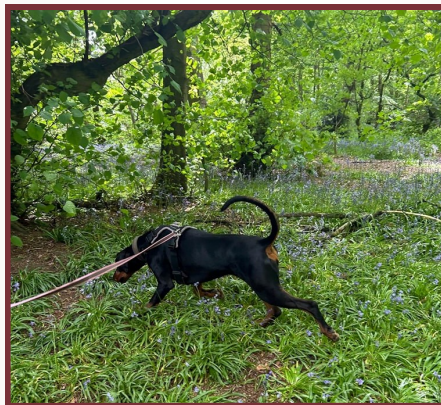
- **DIY Food Games:** Hide treats in rolled-up towels, cardboard boxes, or muffin tins covered with tennis balls.

- **Frozen Treats:** Stuff a Kong or similar toy with wet food, cream cheese, pate, baby food, peanut butter (xylitol-free), or yogurt and freeze it. It takes longer to eat and provides soothing comfort.

### 2. Scent Work & Nose Games

A dog's sense of smell is incredibly powerful—engaging it provides deep mental satisfaction.

- **Hide-and-Seek:** Hide treats around the house or yard and let your dog sniff them out.
- **Scent Trails:** Drag a treat or toy along the floor, leaving a trail for your dog to follow.



- **Scent Work Kits:** Some trainers sell kits with specific scents (like birch or clove) to teach formal nose work.

### 3. Interactive Play

Playtime isn't just for exercise—it's a bonding experience and a mental challenge.

- **Fetch with a Twist:** Ask for a command (sit, down, or spin) before throwing the ball.

- **Tug-of-War:** Great for releasing energy, but practice rules like "drop it" for safety.



- **Training Games:** Combine play with obedience training to sharpen focus.

### 4. Training & Trick Learning

Learning keeps your dog's brain active and strengthens your bond.

- **Basic Obedience Refresh:** Practicing "stay," "come," or "heel" is always useful.
- **Trick Training:** Teach fun skills like "shake," "roll over," or "spin."
- **Agility or Obstacle Courses:** Set up jumps, tunnels, or balance beams using items from around the house.





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### 5. Chewing & Licking Outlets

Dogs have a natural urge to chew and lick—it relieves stress and occupies their minds.

- Safe Chew Toys: Rotating between nylon bones, rubber toys, or natural chews (like bully sticks) prevents boredom.
- Lick Mats: Spread soft food on a textured mat; licking helps calm anxious pups.

### 6. Outdoor Enrichment



Fresh air provides a wealth of mental stimulation.

- “Sniff Walks”: Instead of a brisk pace, let your dog take their time to sniff. It’s like reading the neighbourhood news.



- New Environments: Take walks in different areas for novel sights and smells.

- Dog Sports: Try flyball, agility, dock diving, or tracking for a structured challenge.

### 7. Independent Play

Dogs also benefit from self-directed activities that keep them busy when you can’t engage directly.

- Rotating Toys: Keep only a few out at a time and rotate weekly to make old toys feel new.
- Stuffed Toys: Hide small treats inside plush toys or puzzle balls.
- Doggy Playdates or Daycare: Social interaction provides enrichment beyond toys.



### Final Thoughts

Enrichment is about giving dogs opportunities to think, explore, and express natural behaviours. Even a few minutes of sniffing, problem-solving, or learning something new can tire them out more than a long walk alone.

A mentally stimulated dog is often calmer, happier, and more connected to their family. By weaving these activities into daily life, you can create a routine that nurtures both your dog’s body and mind, helping them thrive as the curious, intelligent companions they were born to be.

Do you do any of these with your dog?



### Sarah Hursthouse—Dogskool

Sarah has over 25 years of hands-on experience working with dogs of all breeds and sizes. She’s a firm believer in positive reinforcement training, rewarding dogs for desired behaviours rather than punishing them for mistakes.

As a Gold Standard Approved Instructor with the Academy of Dog Training and Behaviour, a member of the Pet Professional Guild, and a Kennel Club examiner for the Good Citizen Dog Scheme, Sarah is passionate about helping our DRUE Dobermanns thrive in loving homes.

<https://dogskool.co.uk>



# 2026 calendars

## Beat the rush buy yours now



Discover our 2026 Dobermann Rescue Calendar, an A4 masterpiece printed on premium silk art paper. Showcasing heartwarming images of some of the dogs we have rescued and rehomed this year. All proceeds go directly to Dobermann Rescue, making each calendar a gift of hope for more Dobermanns in need.





# 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.
- **Enhancing our marketing and PR efforts.** Do you have experience of community outreach, press releases, establishing partnerships with sponsors, suppliers and supporters. If so we could use your skills.



- **Creative contributions:** If you have skills in design, writing, or marketing, we need your talent for developing promotional materials. Crafting engaging articles and content.
- **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](mailto:info@dobermannrescueuk.co.uk)

Your skills, time, and passion could be exactly what we need to make a bigger difference.

*Join our Volunteer Team*

*Positions Available*



# Settling your adopted Dobie

## 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. They're figuring out their environment and getting into the routine that you have set. Now they may start showing their real personality. Behavioural issues may start showing, this is your time to ensure boundaries are in place and you 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



# Support and follow us

## Reasons to support us

1. We are 100% invested in the dogs wellbeing.
2. We ensure the dogs are stimulated everyday with time out of their kennels to walk, run, and play.
3. We have a highly motivated team including professionals and experienced Dobermann owners/handlers
4. 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

Bank details: Account name: Dobermann Rescue UK & Europe,  
Sort code: 30-84-26, Account Number: 6192 7168

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