

# DRUE LIFE

## Meet Musket

He is an absolute dream to walk on the lead, happy to walk with other dogs, and has calmly passed through fields full of sheep in very close proximity without a second glance.

He is a sensitive soul who feels anxious around new people, so he's looking for a calm, quiet adult household where he can relax and thrive without any hustle and bustle. It may take Musket a little while to settle into new surroundings, but a gentle, understanding approach will unlock his wonderful personality, he'll reward you with endless devotion.



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## Happy New Year (and a goodbye from your Ed)

Happy New Year to all our wonderful adopters, supporters, and the entire DRUE family.

As we step into 2026, I'm marking a personal milestone: after more than three rewarding years as Editor of DRUE Life (37 monthly issues), it's time for me to pass the baton to the talented Darcy Wilde. Darcy will take the helm of our newsletter, bringing fresh energy, new ideas, and her own unique spark to keep it thriving. I'm excited to step back, settle into my favourite sofa with a cuppa (or perhaps glass of wine!), and enjoy reading her forthcoming editions.



Putting together DRUE Life has been an absolute joy, hearing about our adopter's adventures with their new forever friends, highlighting the work that our amazing team members have done over the years and researching the information for the health articles.

The last 3 years have brought so many truly uplifting moments, but a few sad ones too, including the profound loss of our dear Dawn Wigglesworth. Dawn's exceptional commitment and kindness will always hold a special place in our hearts, her legacy lives on in the dogs she helped to save.

So as we welcome the new year in, we dedicate ourselves to the rescue and rehoming of many more beautiful Dobies, a breed so special to our hearts. Wishing you all health, happiness, and plenty of tail-wags in 2026!

With best wishes,  
Your now "former" Editor,  
Di Worby



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



**Blade**



**Marco**



**Enzo**

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



**Max**



**Musket**



**Dizzy**



**Theo**



**Roxy**



**Kyla**



**Enya** (Foster)



**Niya** (Foster)



**Greta** (Foster)

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# Kyla's Christmas at DRUE

## The festive period as told by Kyla



Hi, my name is Kyla, and I'm one of the lucky Dobermanns rescued by DRUE. I'm only young, just 2 yrs old

and life has been hard for me, I've had 2 previous homes and endured some hardships along the way, I've got some scars on my body but I'm beautiful inside and really I am the sweetest girl.

This Christmas was the best one I've ever known, full of smells, yummy Christmas dinners and lots of adventures, and that warm, happy feeling in my chest that comes from kind humans and full bellies.

It all started with the most amazing aromas drifting from the kitchen. The humans were busy preparing something special: chipolata sausages sizzling alongside piles of fresh vegetables, all placed on top of our meaty Christmas dinners.



I could hardly believe it, those generous supporters out there had made this possible, turning a regular day into pure magic for me and my fellow Dobies.

Soon, the finished plates arrived, beautiful masterpieces loaded with love.

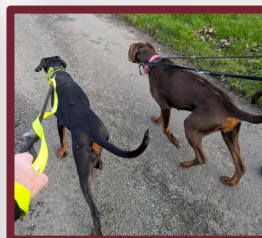


But Christmas isn't just about food. Oh no, there were surprises! Every one of us got a festive stocking stuffed with tasty treats. Big thanks to Hannah for that; my nose went wild sniffing all the goodies inside.

We also all had new Christmas toys, I had a soft Santa and an Octopus and took these to bed every night.



The real fun came outdoors over the festive days. Me and my kennel besties had so many adventures which included...



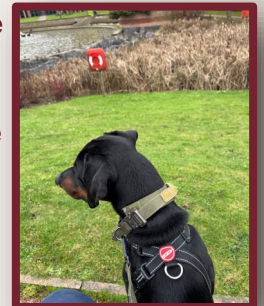
Long walks along quiet country lanes and across open farmland,

trips to the park with off-lead zoomies in secure areas where we could run like the wind and go on epic sniffaris. Then there were the peaceful canal walks, trotting along the towpath with ducks



quacking nearby and the water rippling gently.

A big favourite with my room mates were the trips to the local marina, watching the boats bob on the water.



Thanks to all you kind humans near and far, your donations and belief in DRUE make this life possible. Because of you, we Dobermanns had a Christmas filled with love, warmth, and adventures. Wishing you a peaceful New Year from me, and all the other DRUE rescues.

Love from Kyla





# Celebrating Mr Dobermann's birthday

## The visionary behind the breed

As we celebrate the birthday of Karl Friedrich Louis Dobermann, born on January 2, 1834, we at DRUE pause to reflect on the remarkable legacy of the man who gave the world the Dobermann Pinscher, a breed synonymous with loyalty, intelligence, and strength.

His vision not only shaped a breed but also created a lasting bond between Dobermanns and those who cherish them, including our team who rescue, care for and rehome these noble dogs.

Born in Apolda, Germany, Karl Dobermann was a man of many hats: a tax collector, night watchman, and dog catcher. These roles exposed him to the challenges of personal security in a time when danger was ever present.

Driven by a need for a reliable, protective companion, Dobermann set out to create a dog that combined courage, alertness, and unwavering loyalty. Little did he know that his efforts would birth one of the most iconic breeds in canine history.

In the late 19th century, Dobermann began selectively breeding dogs, likely drawing from breeds such

as the German Pinscher, Rottweiler, Weimaraner, and Manchester Terrier, alongside other influences. His goal was clear: a dog with a sleek, muscular build, sharp intelligence, and a protective instinct that could serve as both a guardian and a companion.

By the 1870s, the foundation of the Dobermann Pinscher was established, though the breed would continue to be refined after Dobermann's death in 1894.

What makes Dobermann's story so inspiring is his ingenuity and dedication. As a working-class man, he relied on his keen understanding of canine behaviour and his access to local dogs to craft a breed tailored to his needs.

His creation was not just a dog but a partner, one that could stand by its owner in the face of adversity. This legacy of loyalty is what drives our rescue efforts today. Every Dobermann we save carries the spirit of Karl

Dobermann's vision: a dog that deserves a loving home and a chance to shine.

The Dobermann Pinscher was officially recognised as a breed in Germany in 1900, six years after Dobermann's passing. Named in his honour, the breed quickly gained popularity for its versatility, excelling as a police dog, military dog, and family protector. Today, Dobermanns are celebrated not only for their guarding instincts but also for their affectionate, intelligent nature, a testament to Dobermann's foresight in balancing strength with sensitivity.

At DRUE, we see the impact of Karl Dobermann's work in every dog we rescue. From the sleek, regal Dobermann who greets us with a cautious wag to the playful pup learning to trust again, each carries the traits Dobermann sought to instill: loyalty, courage, and heart. Our mission to provide these dogs with forever

homes is, in many ways, a continuation of his legacy, ensuring that his breed thrives in environments where they are loved and valued.

Happy Birthday, Karl Friedrich Louis Dobermann. Your vision lives on in every Dobermann we save and every heart they touch.



In the market place in Apolda, Germany, the legacy of the Dobermann is celebrated through striking statues that honour the breed's origins.



# Life after rescue

## Jasper

This month we hear from Nicola and Andy who rescued their beautiful young pup Jasper.



### Finding out about DRUE

We first learned about DRUE on Facebook shortly after welcoming our first Doberman puppy into our home (not from a rescue).

That discovery sparked a passion that quickly grew: we dove into fundraising efforts to support the cause, visited the kennels a couple of times a year, and soon I was volunteering as a home checker for DRUE in our local area, ensuring every potential adopter was the perfect match.

Then we had the joy of fostering the charming Fonzie for a short time, watching him blossom before he bounded off to his forever home.

Scarlett, our first Doberman died in January 2022. Early March we were asked to foster Jasper as he was a 5 month old puppy and they didn't want a puppy going into kennels.

At this point we hadn't planned on getting another so soon and hadn't decided if to get another puppy or a rescue. We were given a week to decide if we wanted to keep him, if not he would be advertised for



rehoming. We had agreed either way we would keep him until a home was found for him. 2 days in we decided to keep him. I think the only reason we wouldn't have kept him if there had been any sign of aggression. Jasper doesn't have an aggressive bone in his body.

We picked Jasper up from the kennels on 12th March 2022. We had covid so had to do a socially distanced collection. He had a play in the run then we took him home.

He was an absolute nightmare in the car, he had already had a 4.5 hour drive to the kennels so was clearly fed up and being a puppy had zero patience. He was very restless in the car and nipped me

continually and whined all the way home - 2.5 hours, only sleeping for around 30 mins. None of the nipping was vicious it was just puppy nipping and clearly he had not been told that was unacceptable behaviour.

We had very little information about Jasper – in fact he didn't even appear to have a name, so we named him Jasper. Our little book of baby names definitely comes in handy.



He was severely malnourished and underweight and had a horrendous skin condition and was balding in places. Jasper had clearly been very badly neglected. Lots of things scared him such as opening a certain drawer in the kitchen, loud noises, door bells.

The lady who surrendered him, who didn't own him, said he was 5 months old. Our vet agreed so we calculated his birthday as 5 months back from the day we got him. He turned 4 at the end of October.

The first time Jasper was playing in the field he stumbled and pulled a muscle, we were then on 5 min walks a day which as you can imagine with a puppy was not ideal.



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The vet said he thought that he had been locked up for 5 months as he was in such poor condition and had literally no muscle development which was why he got injured so easily.

He had also had his tail hacked off and he was chewing it constantly. The vet said it had been done very badly and in the wrong place so suggested that when he was castrated, he would do it properly. Anyway, by the time it came to castrating him he had stopped chewing it and the vet decided to leave it. We put his constant chewing down to anxiety as he was extremely anxious in the early days.



They say with rescues 3 days, 3 weeks and 3 months are the milestones and this was definitely true with Jasper.

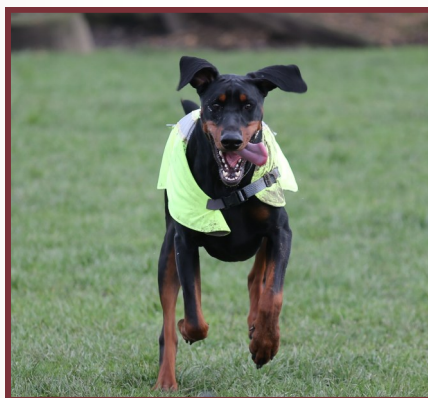
The first 48 hours were very difficult. We literally had to take him out for a wee every 40 mins, if we didn't he did it in the house. He was definitely not house trained. He quickly learnt to wee outside, so house training didn't take too long.

The first night he yowled for 20

minutes. This gradually reduced over the next few weeks so that it became intermittent and gradually stopped completely. Thankfully we live in a detached house and our neighbours couldn't hear him.

He started to settle a bit after the first couple of days. Though it took around 3 months before he felt settled enough to take himself to his bed, though he still watched my every move. If I moved too suddenly to reach for my cup of tea, he was up checking what I was doing and if I was leaving him.

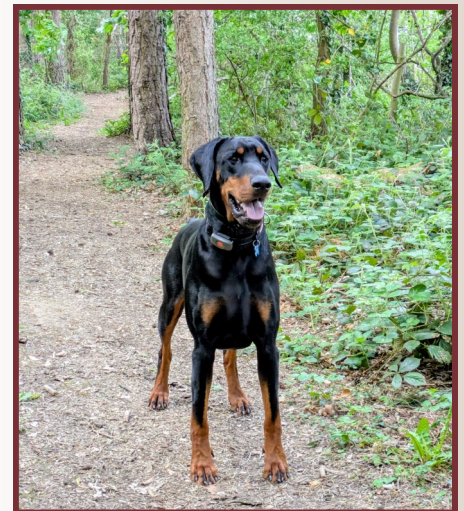
In the early days he followed us around like a shadow and wouldn't stay in a room on his own. Gradually this improved and we can now go the loo in peace LOL. It didn't look like he had been on a lead before or seen a car. The first time he saw a car he ran backwards and hid in the back of a hedge.



Lead training took some time as he had no manners and pulled like a train. Now he walks beautifully on a loose lead and has lovely manners. We get so many comments when out walking on how people wish their dogs would walk like him.

We gradually started leaving Jasper – we started literally walking to the end of street and back and building up from there. We can now leave him for a reasonable length of time.

As he had a 7 hour car journey when we collected him we didn't want him thinking car journeys were not a pleasant experience so we started taking him on short drives that resulted in a nice walk.



He now loves the car and loves going places. He is perfectly well behaved in pubs and cafes and has been camping and stayed in lodges and takes it all in his stride. Wherever we go we get positive comments on how well behaved he is and what a lovely temperament he has.

Jasper is very well known locally and has definitely done wonders for the breed. He has a fan club with the local children who he meets most mornings when they are on their way to school. After the school holidays one little girl ran up and threw her arms around him stating she needed a Jasper hug as she was moving



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up a year at school and was nervous about it.



Jasper's favourite food is sprats. If you give him a normal treat he takes it very gently from you, but produce a sprat and he turns into a velociraptor and nearly takes your finger off. If you say the words fishy treat he gets very excited.

Jasper loves playing tug of war or with a squeaky toy. He loves playing with other dogs but can be a bit rough with smaller dogs.

We go on a monthly Doberman walk at Temple Newsham which he loves as he gets to play with other Dobermanns who also like to play rough, plus we get to see other DRUE rehomed dogs there as well. Jasper loves going to the beach and loves to paddle in



the sea.

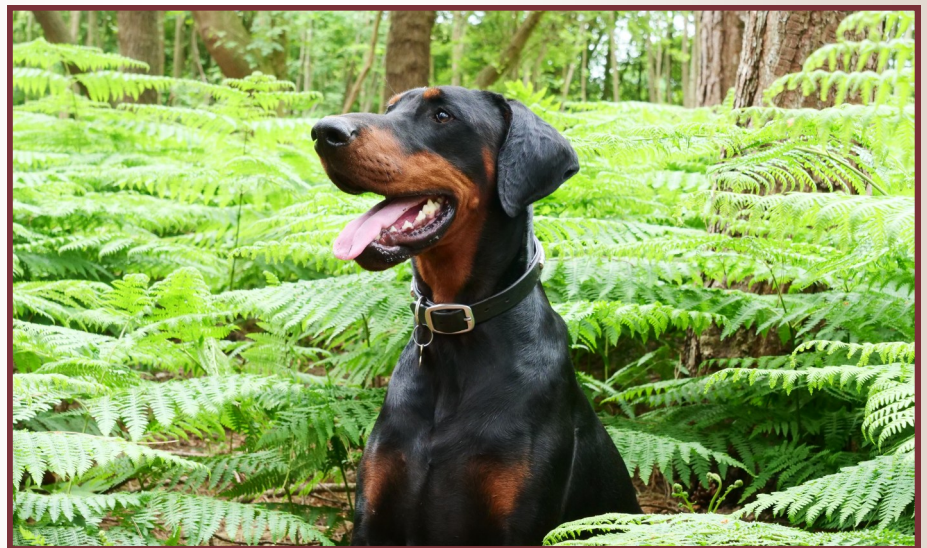
Jasper has a naughty side, he loves to chew anything fluffy and tissues. We recently went to a friends house and we all suddenly said he's very quiet and looked round and he was taking tissues out of a tissue dispenser box one at a time and shredding them. He also loves taking socks off the radiator.

If Jasper was a famous person he would be Goofy as he is such a goofball.

Jasper loves visiting the in-laws who have a Patterdale who he loves to play with but also has a huge toy box which Jasper empties all over the floor so he can pick which toy to play with. He often runs gleefully around with 2 or 3 in his mouth

Jasper has gone from being an underweight, ill mannered very anxious dog to one who is a pleasure to own.

He has really good recall, no prey drive whatsoever, friendly with whoever he meets. He settled in well and in the early days



benefited from having a routine.

We took Jasper to Pawfest this year where he won the fancy dress.

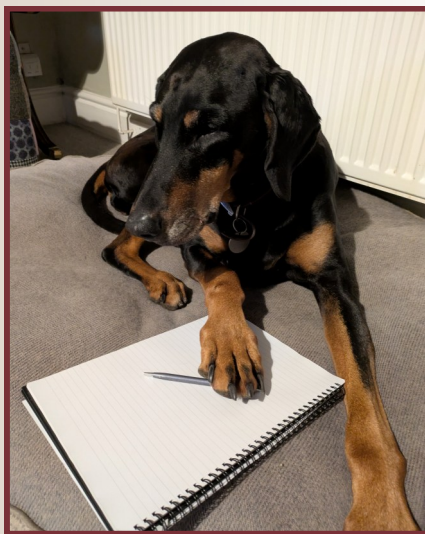
When we left the Pawfest dog show we took Jasper for a walk around a lake nearby - still in his skeleton face paint. A lady approached us and asked us about his unusual markings as she had never seen a dog like that before. She did feel a fool when I told her it was face paint and he had been in a fancy dress competition. We all had a good laugh.



# Out of interest, is your dog right or left-handed?

## Left-handedness and right-handedness in dogs

Research into left-handedness and right-handedness in dogs, often referred to as "paw preference" or "laterality," has revealed fascinating insights into canine behaviour, cognition, and even emotional well-being. Unlike humans, where approximately 90% of the population is right-handed, dogs exhibit a more balanced distribution of paw preference, with no strong population-level bias toward one side. Below is a summary of key findings from various studies on this topic.



## Prevalence of paw preference

Studies consistently show that most dogs exhibit a preference for using one paw over the other, though the distribution between left-pawed, right-pawed, and ambilateral (no clear preference) dogs is relatively even. For instance, in a large-scale study involving over 17,000 dogs, approximately 58% were found to be right-pawed, 42% left-pawed. This contrasts sharply with humans, where left-

handedness is much rarer, highlighting that dogs do not exhibit the same population-level right-side bias as humans.

## Sex and age influences

Sex differences play a significant role in canine paw preference. Female dogs are more likely to be right-pawed, with around 60% showing this preference, while male dogs are more inclined to be left-pawed, with about 40% favouring their left paw.

This mirrors patterns observed in humans, where males are more likely to be left-handed. Additionally, age influences paw preference, particularly in male dogs, with younger dogs more likely to be left-pawed and older dogs tending toward right-pawedness. This age-related shift suggests developmental or experiential factors may influence laterality over time.

## Methods of Assessment

Researchers use various tasks to determine paw preference in dogs, with results sometimes varying depending on the complexity of the task. Common methods include:

**Kong Ball Test:** Dogs stabilise a toy filled with treats, and researchers observe which paw is used most frequently. This test often shows a roughly equal split between left, right, and ambilateral dogs.

**Food Retrieval Task:** Dogs reach into a tube to retrieve a treat, with owners noting which paw is used. This method, used in large surveys, has shown a slight right-paw bias at the population level.

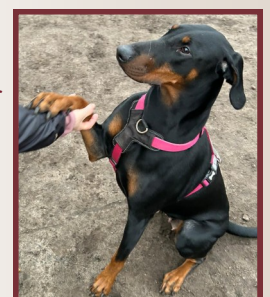
**First Stepping Test:** Observing which paw a dog uses to take the first step down stairs or from a standing position. This test often yields a higher proportion of right-pawed responses compared to the Kong test.

**Giving a Paw Task:** A trained behaviour where dogs offer a paw, often resulting in fewer ambilateral responses due to the influence of training.

Importantly, paw preference can be task-dependent, with some dogs showing different preferences based on the nature of the activity, suggesting that laterality in dogs is not as fixed as handedness in humans.

Research on left-handedness and right-handedness in dogs reveals a complex picture of laterality that differs from humans in its distribution and implications. While paw preference is a measurable trait with potential links to behaviour and training outcomes, it is influenced by a variety of factors, including sex, age, task type, and human interaction. These findings not only enhance our understanding of canine cognition but also have practical applications in improving the welfare and performance of working dogs.

Research paper findings from the studies are far more detailed. This was just an "out of interest" taster. .





# Why ‘perfect at home’ dogs misbehave on walks

## Eds note

Once again we tap into Sarah Hursthouse for her training tips and this month she looks at why ‘perfect at home’ dogs misbehave on walks, but most importantly, how we can resolve it.

So over to Sarah who says...

## Why “Perfect-at-Home” Dogs Misbehave on Walks

One of the most common concerns I hear from clients is this:

“My dog is an angel at home... but the second we go for a walk, it’s like they turn into a different dog!”

If this feels familiar, you’re far from alone. Many dogs who seem calm, obedient, and relaxed in the house struggle the moment they step outside.

Pulling on the lead, barking at other dogs, zig-zagging, lunging, or disappearing the second the lead comes off - these are all behaviours that can leave owners feeling frustrated or embarrassed.



The good news? There are clear reasons this happens, and even better, clear ways to improve it.

## Why Dogs Behave Differently Outdoors

1. The environment is completely different:

Inside the home, your dog knows the layout, the smells, the sounds. It’s predictable and safe. Outside, meanwhile, is a sensory explosion - dogs, people, wildlife, scents, traffic, and movement everywhere. For many dogs, this is overstimulating or overwhelming, and they simply can’t concentrate.



2. Adrenaline and excitement kick in:

The front door opens and boom - your dog’s arousal levels skyrocket. High arousal reduces impulse control, which means behaviours like pulling or barking are more likely. This isn’t disobedience; it’s biology.

3. Skills aren’t generalised yet: Just because a dog can “sit” beautifully in the kitchen doesn’t mean they can sit when a labrador is bounding towards

them. Dogs don’t automatically transfer behaviours to new or distracting environments. They need help learning how.

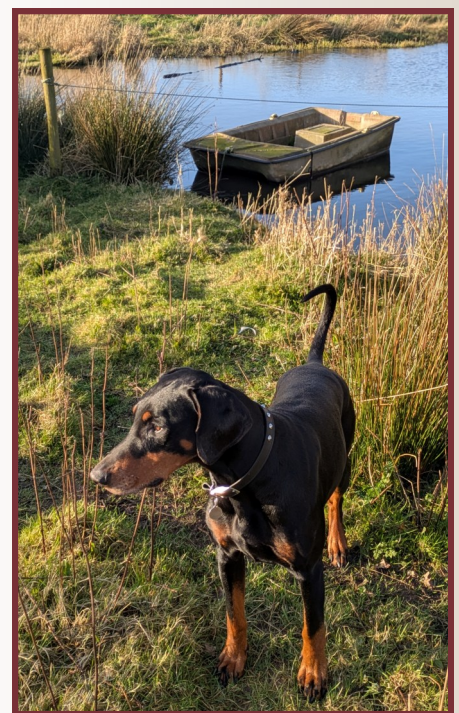
4. Walks are often the only source of stimulation: If a dog spends most of the day resting and then suddenly experiences the excitement of a walk, they may explode with pent-up energy and emotion. This can show up as “naughty” behaviour.

## How to Help Your Dog Be Better Behaved Outside

Here are the strategies I teach clients when we’re working on outdoor behaviour:

1. Lower arousal before you even leave:

Try short training breaks, scent games, or calm enrichment before walks. A dog who starts the walk at a 3/10 is far more manageable than one starting at 10/10.



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2. Build outdoor training gradually:

Don't jump straight into the busiest park. Start in quiet locations and practise basics with low distractions. Slowly increase the difficulty as your dog progresses.

3. Reinforce what you want, not just what you don't:

Reward your dog for looking at you, for checking in, for walking by your side - even for simply not reacting. What you reward, you get more of.

4. Use the right equipment:

A comfortable harness, a suitable lead, and sometimes a longer line can make a world of difference to communication and safety. No tool fixes behaviour - but the right one supports training.



5. Meet your dog's needs outside of walks:

If walks are their only outlet, every second outside will feel like Disneyland.

Add enrichment, sniffing opportunities, decompression time, problem-solving games, and breed-specific activities at home.

6. Work on confidence and relaxation:

Many “naughty” behaviours stem from stress or uncertainty rather than stubbornness. Teaching your dog to breathe, pause, and decompress outdoors is just as valuable as teaching them a heel.

7. Seek tailored behaviour guidance:

No two dogs are the same. If your dog is barking, lunging, overly excited, or struggling with recall, personalised support can save you months of frustration and misunderstanding.

## The takeaway

A dog who behaves beautifully at home but struggles outside isn't being difficult - they're telling you they need support, guidance, and skill-building in a more distracting, emotional environment. With patience and the right approach, they can become calmer, more focused, and more enjoyable to walk.



If you'd like targeted help with any of the behaviours mentioned above, I'm here to support you and your dog every step of the way.

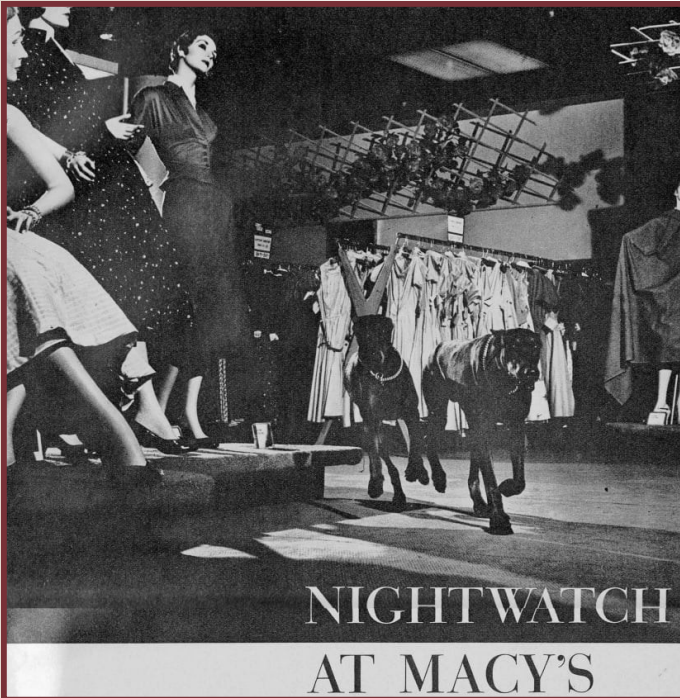
Article by Sarah Hursthouse, Canine behaviourist, Trainer and Expert Witness.

If you would like any advice regarding the issues raised here, please contact Sarah at [sarah@dogskool.co.uk](mailto:sarah@dogskool.co.uk).





# Protecting Macy's in the 1920s



## Shoplifting and security concerns

In the late 1920s, Macy's flagship department store in New York City faced rising shoplifting and security concerns amid the bustling crowds of Manhattan.

To address this, the store's management implemented an innovative solution: deploying Dobermanns as guard dogs.

Known for their sleek appearance, sharp intelligence, and unwavering loyalty, Dobermanns were gaining a reputation as formidable protectors, thanks to their origins as a breed developed by German tax collector Karl Friedrich Louis Dobermann for personal security.

## Hiring the big guns

Macy's hired a team of trained Dobermanns, handled by professional security personnel,

to patrol the store's sprawling floors, particularly during peak shopping seasons like the holidays.

The dogs, with their alert posture and keen senses, were tasked with deterring theft and ensuring the safety of both merchandise and customers.

Their presence was both practical and a publicity draw—Macy's capitalised on the novelty, featuring the Dobermanns in advertisements and even staging photo opportunities during the iconic Thanksgiving Day Parade preparations.

Shoppers were intrigued, and the dogs became a minor sensation, embodying the store's commitment to safety and sophistication.

## An elite team of Dobies

The Dobermanns were trained to respond to specific commands and detect suspicious behaviour, such as individuals lingering too long in high-value departments like jewellery or furs. Handlers ensured the dogs remained

disciplined, never aggressive toward customers, but their imposing presence alone was enough to discourage would-be thieves.

Reports from the era noted a measurable drop in shoplifting incidents during the period the dogs were employed, though exact figures are scarce.

By the mid-1930s, Macy's phased out the Dobermann patrols, likely due to the costs of maintaining a canine unit and the advent of more advanced security technologies, like improved surveillance and alarm systems.

The experiment, however, left a lasting mark on the store's history, with occasional references to the "Macy's Guard Dogs" appearing in nostalgic articles about the department store's golden age.

This brief chapter in Macy's history highlights the Dobermann's versatility and the creative measures retailers once took to protect their assets, blending practicality with a touch of spectacle in the heart of New York City.

*Photo Credits, the late Bob Lerner*





# Betty's Pawtraits

My name is Betty, and since October 2024 I've been painting vibrant, expressionist-style pet portraits under the name Betty's Pawtraits.

It all began in the most profound way. A colleague was grieving the devastating loss, due to extremely sad circumstances, of her beloved dog. I wanted to do something to help ease her pain, so I picked up my brushes and poured my emotions onto the canvas.

The portrait that emerged felt like a small hug in paint form. When another colleague saw it, they asked if I'd paint their dog too. Then came a birthday gift for a friend, then another friend request... and suddenly people were asking, "How much do you charge?" Before I knew it, I had a growing portfolio, a market stall displaying my creations, and invitations to exhibit as a featured artist in local art businesses.

I've loved art since I was a little girl, and have dabbled in all kinds of art styles over the years yet nothing really came of it other than personal projects like a mosaic of a Moomin! I would always enjoy painting-by-numbers sets I would get for birthdays and Christmas, and I've loved animals my entire life... it took me until I was 50

years old to realise I could combine those two lifelong passions—and I haven't looked back since! So this goes to show, it's never too late to try something new!

worlds away from the pig pens in muddy fields he once knew. Now, at ten years old, he only runs for pleasure and only as far as his arthritic hips will let him!

I found out about Doberman Rescue UK & Europe (DRUE) via my friend Lynsday when she visited a Makers in the Valley artisan market event at Bidlea Dairy.

She insisted I had to attend DRUE's annual Pawfest show in Cheshire, and I'm so glad she did. I heard the story of Enya (a very special girl indeed), and knew immediately I wanted to help.

So, I prepared a painting of her which is now part of one of DRUE's Raffles. I also have mugs, keyrings and prints of Enya available, and my last two portraits this year will be DRUE hounds!

I've pledged a portion of every

commissioned sale to DRUE so that the fabulous Doberman rescue community can honour their own hounds with portraits, this donation will continue for DRUE, so if you'd like a portrait, please do get in touch!

I look forward to painting more special dogs in 2026!



Like so many of you, I have a rescue hound of my own—Bluey. He's a "retired" racer we adopted just before he turned three, after a terrible hock injury ended his racing days.

Introducing him to pet life has been quite the journey; he hasn't always found it easy, but he does love his soft beds and his ever-growing mountain of blankets,





## The real BIG “£2 pledge”

We seek your valuable support; will you join us in taking the "donate for the Dobies" pledge on the first day of each month?

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 27,000 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!

By standing by us, you empower us to rescue, provide care, rehabilitate, and secure loving homes for these extraordinary Doberman 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 1<sup>st</sup> of every month. See below for bank details.



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*Please support us by setting up a scheduled payment via your bank or mobile/online app for the 1st of each month for a £2 contribution, hopefully you won't miss it but the Dobies will benefit greatly.*

**Account: Dobermann Rescue UK & Europe**  
**Account No. 61927168**  
**Sort code 30-84-26**



# 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

PayPal druecharity@gmail.com - tick friends and family

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