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**Spring
Hazards**

**We
Celebrated
National
Puppy Day!**



Brando

FOREVER HOMES NEEDED



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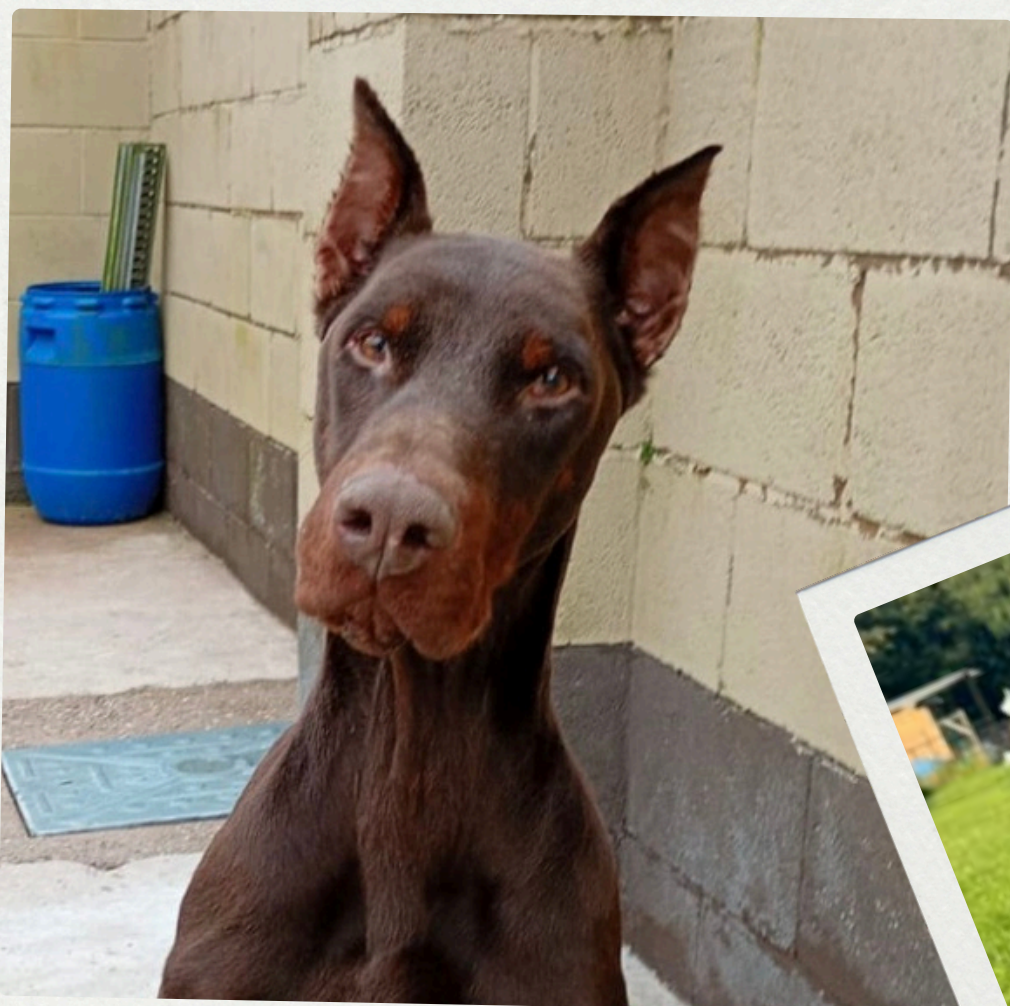
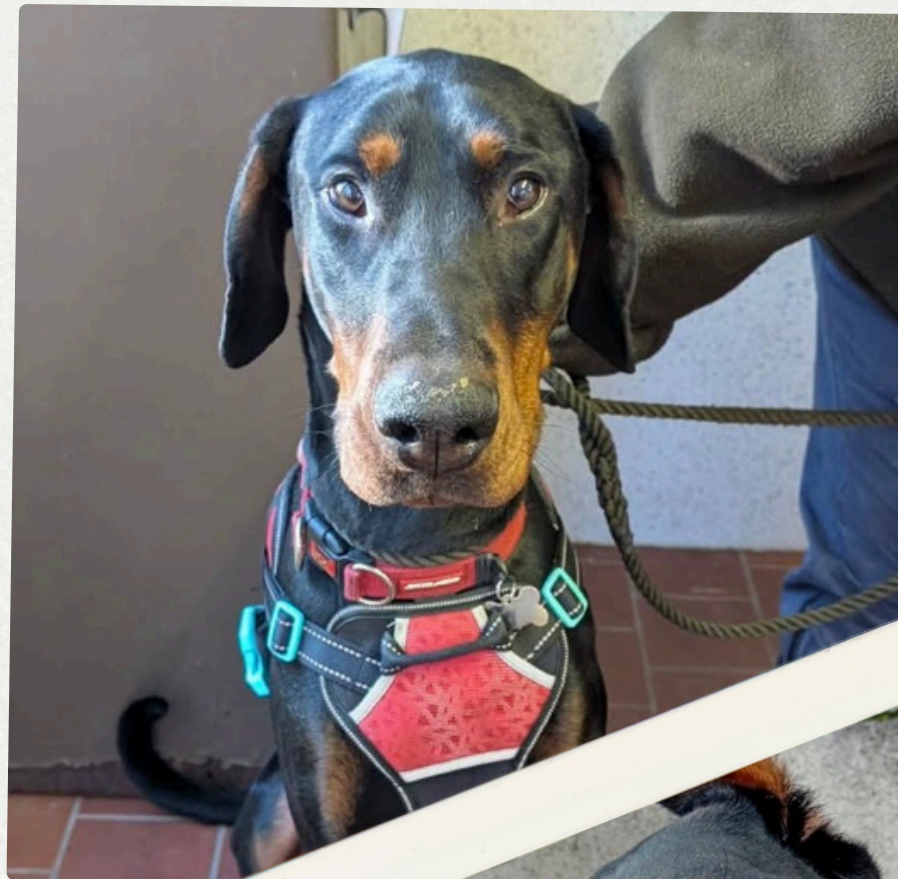
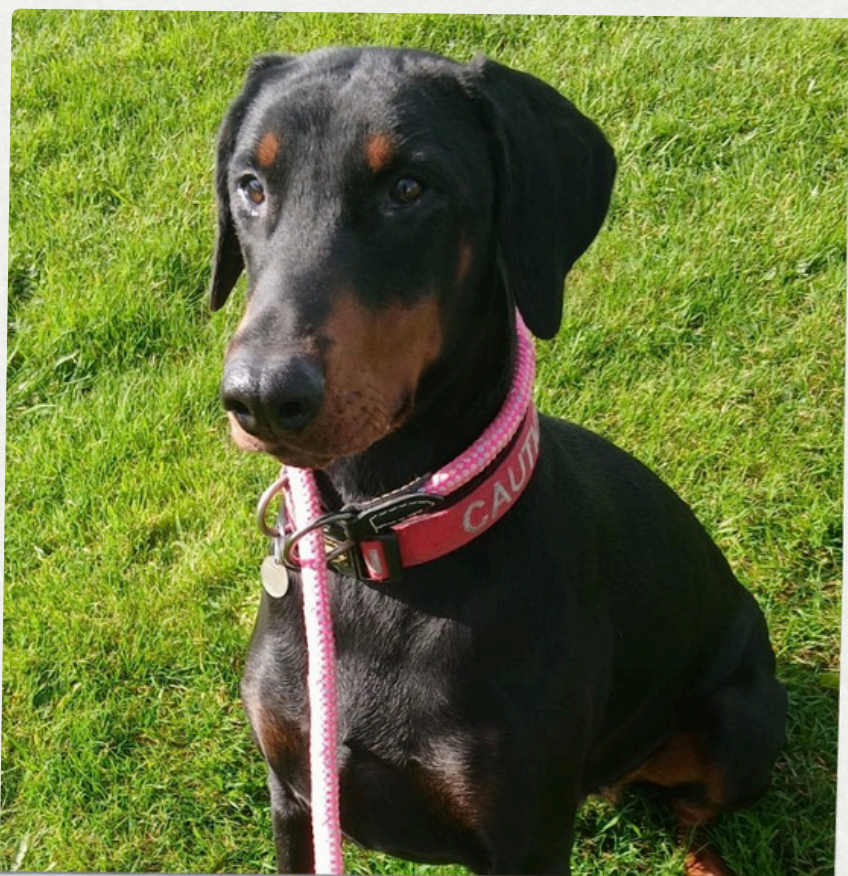


BRANDO

If you are interested in adopting or fostering a Doberman, please get in touch with us.

PAWS FOR THE CAMERA

Some snapshots of DRUE dogs out and about. Thank you to the wonderful DRUE team for taking some great photos!



IMPORTANT NEWS!

NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR ADOPTERS

Adopters:

- Must have a sofa exclusively for the dog
- Must provide daily massages
- Must allow the dog to control the TV remote
- Must be partial to an April Fools joke

Although we're fairly certain every dog would vote these in immediately, we'll admit, this one's an April Fools joke!



BRANDO

Rehabilitation Diary Update

Brando has now been with us for around two to three months. He initially came in for assessment through his rescue, after struggling for a long time with significant dog reactivity. Historically, this has made things very difficult for him — being near other dogs, walking past other dogs, and even simply sharing space in their vicinity has been a major challenge for him. Brando came to us from a training centre who had taken him as far as they could, and the aim of his time with us has been to carefully assess what sits

underneath his reactivity, then build him back up with the right foundations: safety, predictability, and controlled exposure at a level he can cope with. During his assessment work, Brando has been working really hard alongside Digby (our stooge dog), and the improvement we've seen in his dog socials has been massive. He's showing far more ability to stay thinking, to take guidance, and to move through dog-related situations with much more steadiness than he would have previously. This doesn't mean he's suddenly an "easy" dog around other dogs — but it does mean he's learning, he's trying, and he's capable of real progress when the setup is correct and the handling is consistent. Looking ahead, Brando will need a very special home that understands what he's been through and continues the structure that has helped him succeed here. In a home environment, he is most likely going to need to be a sole dog, so he isn't living under constant social pressure. That said, it's also important to note that Brando does genuinely enjoy a kennel-type environment, and he can settle well in that style of setup — so the right placement for him is going to be about matching his needs, his coping style, and the day-

to-day management that keeps him feeling safe and regulated.

At two years old, Brando is looking for a specific kind of home—one that understands his history and can provide the peaceful environment he needs to feel safe. Inside the home, Brando is exceptionally loving and affectionate, thriving on cuddles, attention, and the occasional playful nudge for more treats. Brando is comfortable meeting strangers both inside and outside the house. Once he knows and trusts you, he is a delightful, steady presence. He is highly motivated by his beloved ball and tasty treats, which makes him a joy to engage with. When Brando was younger, he unfortunately suffered an attack while on a lead. This experience has left him with significant anxiety when encountering other dogs while restrained. In high-stress situations, Brando can become fixated on other dogs and may redirect his anxiety toward his handler. It is important to understand that Brando is not an aggressive dog; he is a sensitive one communicating his fear. He has been working hard on his anxieties! His off-lead work has shown excellent results—he demonstrates strong impulse control when a dog is behind a barrier, especially when focused on a treat or a ball. However, the lead remains a significant trigger for him.



The Ideal Home

Because Brando finds regular dog encounters highly stressful, he will not thrive in a busy town or a high-traffic suburb. He is looking for:

A Rural Sanctuary: A peaceful, dog-free environment where he can enjoy walks without the constant pressure of unavoidable triggers.

An Experienced Handler: Brando needs someone who can recognize his triggers and manage him with calm confidence.

A Pet-Free Household: Brando must be the only pet (no other dogs or cats).

On 23rd March, we celebrated

National Puppy Day!

National Puppy Day is the perfect time to celebrate the joy, energy, and undeniable charm that puppies bring into our lives, and here at DRUE, we've been lucky enough to experience that magic first-hand with Bruno.

Bruno came into our care at around five months old, full of curiosity, mischief, and that classic Dobermann intelligence that keeps you on your toes. Like many puppies, he needed guidance, patience, and plenty of positive experiences to help him grow into a confident and well-balanced dog. Watching him learn, trust, and thrive has been a truly rewarding journey for everyone involved.

Bruno →

Dobermann puppies are a unique and wonderful handful. Known for their loyalty and sharp minds, they are incredibly quick learners—but that also means they need consistent training and mental stimulation from an early age. Without it, their intelligence can turn into creative mischief! They are also deeply people-oriented dogs, forming strong bonds with their families and often wanting to be involved in everything you do.





Another thing to expect with Dobermann puppies is their energy. These are not “sit back and relax” dogs—daily exercise, playtime, and enrichment are essential. But with that energy comes enthusiasm, affection, and a playful spirit that can brighten even the toughest days.

Positive exposure to different people, environments, and experiences helps them grow into the confident, well-mannered companions the breed is known for. With the right start, they become not only loving family members but also incredibly devoted companions.

And speaking of happy endings—we’re thrilled to share that Bruno has now found his forever home! Seeing him settle into a loving family is exactly what National Puppy Day is all about: celebrating new beginnings, second chances, and the incredible bond between dogs and their people. Happy National Puppy Day from all of us—and from Bruno.



The Doberman Intelligence: A blessing and a challenge

Dobermanns are renowned for their intelligence—and anyone who has lived with one will tell you, it's both a gift and a test!

Their ability to learn quickly makes training incredibly rewarding. Dobermanns often pick up new commands with ease and thrive when given clear guidance, consistency, and positive reinforcement. This intelligence is what makes them excel in everything from basic obedience to more advanced training and dog sports.

However, that same sharp mind also means they can become bored just as quickly. A Doberman without enough mental stimulation will often find their own “entertainment”—which might look like redecorating your home, testing boundaries, or inventing games you didn't approve of! That's why enrichment is just as important as physical exercise.

Incorporating puzzle toys, scent work, training sessions, and interactive play into their daily routine helps keep their minds engaged and prevents frustration. Even short bursts of training throughout the day can make a big difference.

Living with a Doberman means embracing their need to think, learn, and be involved. When their intelligence is nurtured in the right way, it becomes one of their most wonderful traits—creating a loyal, responsive, and deeply connected companion. When it's overlooked, it can quickly become a challenge.



Spring Dangers to Be Aware Of



Spring is a beautiful time of year, longer days, warmer weather, and more opportunities to get out and about with your dog. But it also brings a few seasonal hazards that are important to keep in mind.

As countryside walks become more popular, it's important to be mindful of livestock, especially during lambing season. Even well-behaved dogs can cause distress to sheep and their young, so always keep your dog on a lead around fields with livestock and follow local signage.

Ticks are another common springtime concern. These tiny parasites thrive in grassy and wooded areas and can carry diseases, so regular preventative treatment and checking your dog after walks is essential.

Near rivers, estuaries, or beaches, be cautious of sinking mud or soft sand, which can be dangerous for both dogs and owners. Similarly, along the coast, jellyfish can wash up on shore—even when no longer alive, they can still sting curious noses.



Spring also brings certain toxic plants into bloom. Flowers such as daffodils, tulips, and bluebells can be harmful if ingested, so it's best to discourage any nibbling while out on walks or in the garden. Warmer weather can also lead to the growth of blue-green algae in still water, which is highly toxic to dogs. Rotting seaweed along beaches can produce harmful toxins as well, so it's safest to keep dogs from investigating or consuming it.

A little awareness goes a long way in keeping your dog safe this season. With the right precautions, you and your dog can enjoy everything spring has to offer, safely and happily.

Spring Reminder: Parasite Protection Check

As the weather warms up and we spend more time outdoors, it's the perfect moment to ask yourself "when was the last time you gave your dog a worming or tick treatment?"

Spring brings a rise in parasites like fleas, ticks, and worms, all of which can pose serious health risks if left untreated. Regular preventative care is one of the simplest ways to keep your dog happy and healthy. Treatments don't just protect your dog, they also help prevent parasites from being brought into your home.

If you're unsure when your dog was last treated, now is a great time to check your records or speak with your vet. Staying on top of a regular schedule ensures your dog can enjoy the season safely, whether that's countryside walks, garden playtime, or relaxing in the sunshine with you.



Feline-friendly?

Dobermann's & Cats

One question we're often asked is "Can Dobermanns live with cats?" The answer is: sometimes!

Like all dogs, every Dobermann is an individual. Some of the dogs we care for are able to live alongside cats, while others may find it too tempting to chase. Much of this comes down to their personality, past experiences, and prey drive.



Dobermanns are intelligent and responsive, which means with the right introductions and management, many can learn to coexist happily with feline companions. Slow, controlled introductions, safe spaces for the cat, and ongoing supervision are key to setting everyone up for success.

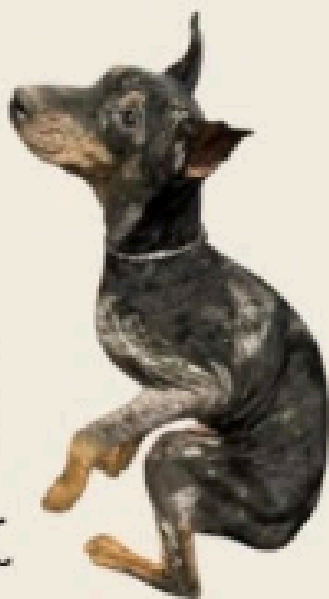
However, not every dog will be suited to a home with cats—and that's okay.

Our priority is always the safety and wellbeing of both our dogs and any existing pets in the home. That's why we carefully assess each Dobermann in our care and clearly advise whether they could be rehomed with cats.

If you already have a cat and are considering adoption, we're always happy to guide you toward dogs who are more likely to be a good match. Finding the right fit means a happier home for everyone—two-legged and four-legged alike.



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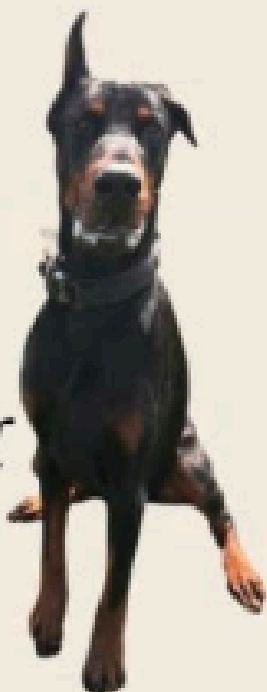
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receiving treatment
for demodex*

*BRANDO
learning how to
feel safe again
with professional
rehabilitation*



*RUBY
rescued from
breeding kennels.
Needs further
investigation
for an irregularity
on her spleen*

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dobermannrescueuk.co.uk*

Mental Health Awareness Week

12-18 May 2026

Mental Health Awareness is an important reminder that looking after our emotional wellbeing matters just as much as our physical health—and for many of us, our dogs play a huge role in that.

Dogs offer companionship in its purest form. They don't judge, they don't hold grudges, and they have an incredible ability to sense when we need comfort. Whether it's a quiet presence on a difficult day or an enthusiastic welcome at the door, they bring consistency, routine, and connection into our lives.

For many people, having a dog encourages daily structure—getting outside for walks, sticking to routines, and staying active. These small, regular habits can have a powerful impact on mental wellbeing. Even a short walk or a few minutes of play can help lift mood and reduce stress.

At the same time, it's important to recognise that owning a dog is also a responsibility. There will be challenging days, and it's okay to acknowledge that. Reaching out for support—whether from friends, family, or professionals—is just as important as caring for our dogs. At the rescue, we see every day how powerful the bond between humans and dogs can be. Dogs come into our care needing support, patience, and understanding—and in many ways, they give that same support right back to us.

Mental health matters. And sometimes, a wagging tail, a nudge of a nose, or simply not being alone can make all the difference.

NEW NAME... SAME AMAZING EVENT!

Formerly

PAWFEST!

12 SEPTEMBER 2026

DRUE DAY!



Same Fun Event... NEW NAME!

Supporting Dobermann Rescue Uk & Europe!



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