

DRUE LIFE

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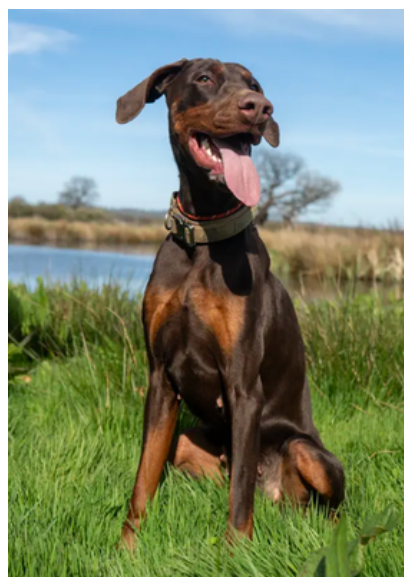
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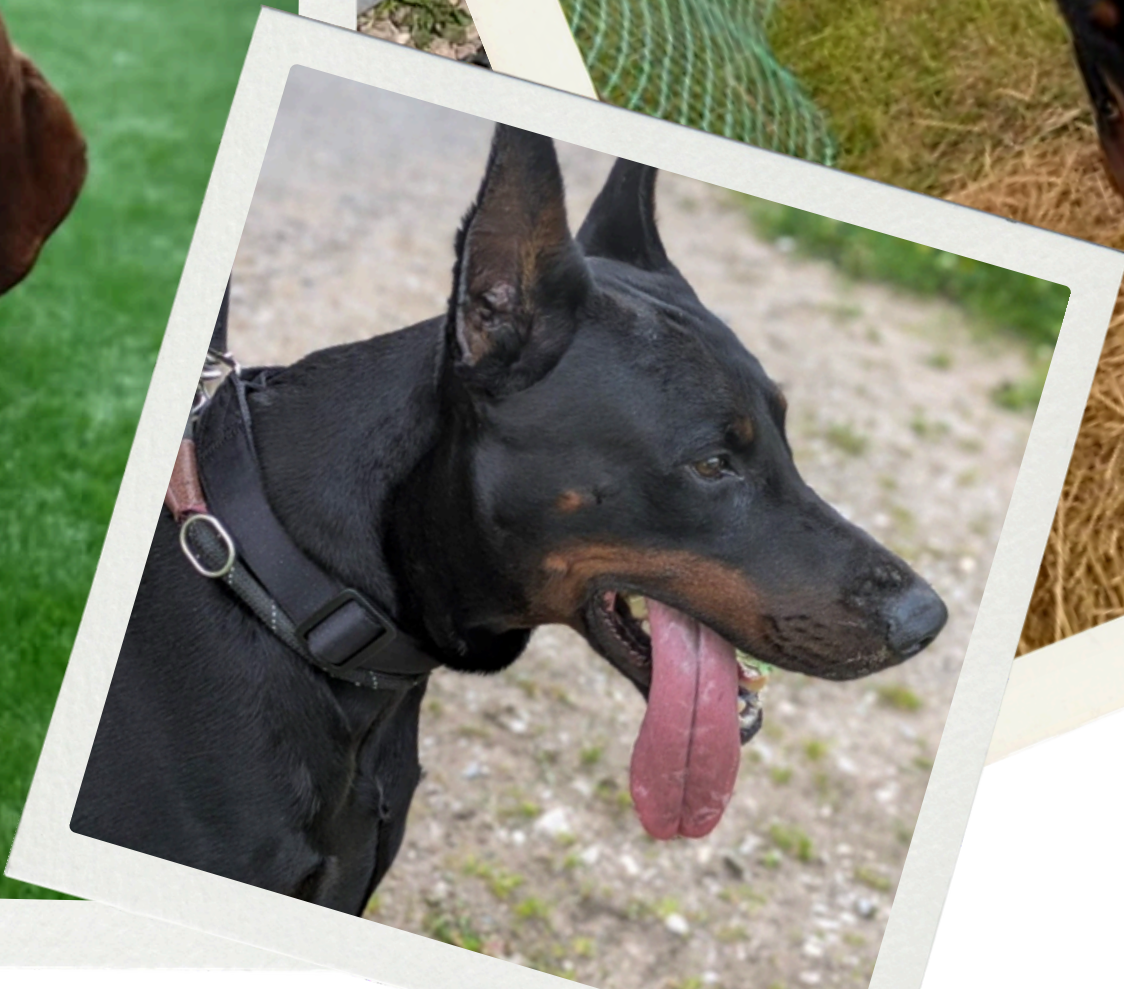
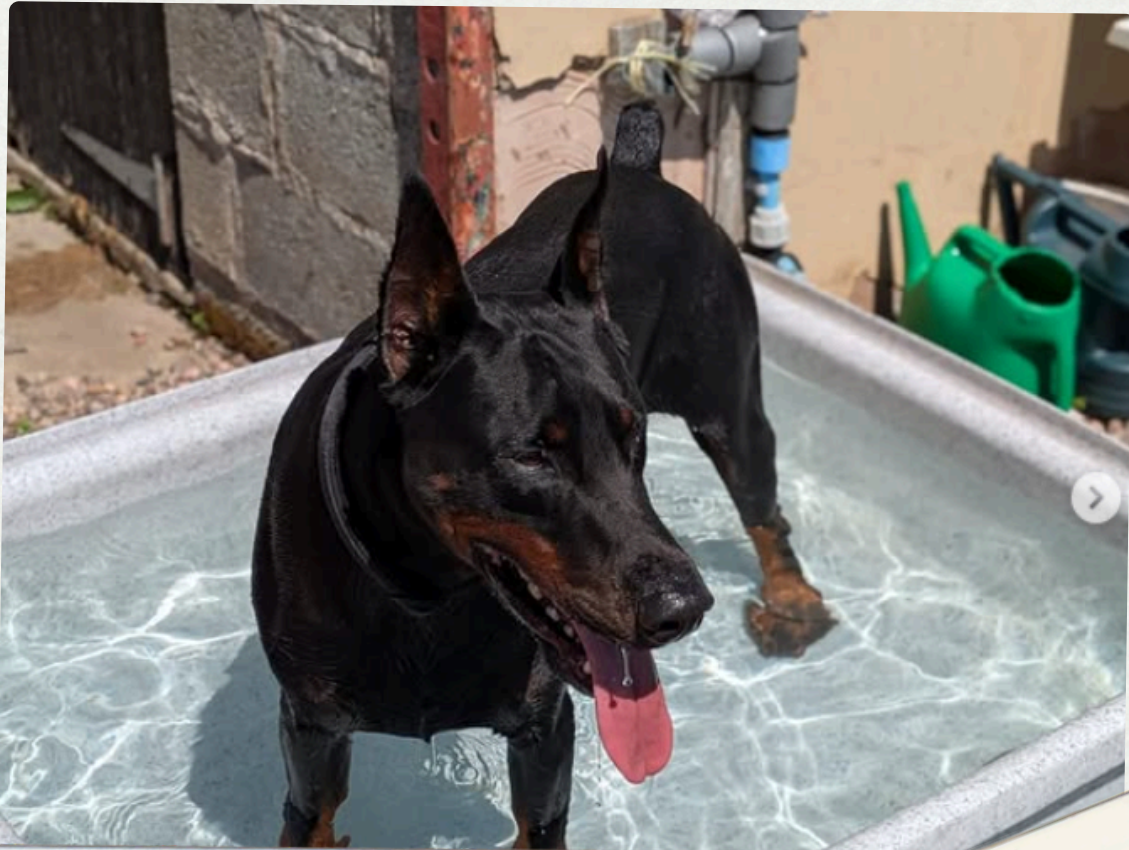


NANCY

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!



We Celebrated

NATIONAL RESCUE DOG DAY

On 20th May, we were delighted to join rescue organisations and dog lovers across the country in celebrating National Rescue Dog Day, a special occasion dedicated to recognising the incredible dogs who have been given a second chance through rescue.

Every rescue dog has a story. Some arrive with confidence and wagging tails, while others need time, patience and understanding to learn that the world can be a safe and loving place. What they all have in common is their remarkable resilience and their ability to bring joy, companionship and unconditional love to the people who welcome them into their lives.

National Rescue Dog Day is also an opportunity to celebrate the people who make rescue possible. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our volunteers, foster carers, adopters, supporters and donors. Your dedication enables us to continue helping dogs in need, providing them with veterinary care, rehabilitation and the chance to find their forever homes.

Over the past year, we have seen countless transformations as dogs who arrived frightened, neglected or unwanted have gone on to thrive with their new families. These success stories remind us why rescue matters and why every dog deserves the opportunity to live a happy and fulfilling life.

As we celebrate National Rescue Dog Day, we encourage everyone to consider the many wonderful dogs waiting in rescue centres across the country. Whether through adoption, fostering, volunteering or donating, every contribution helps change a dog's future.

Thank you for being part of our rescue community and for helping us give deserving dogs the second chance they deserve.

Rescue Work and Dobermanns

One of the most rewarding aspects of rescue is watching a Dobermann's true personality emerge over time.

When a dog first arrives in rescue, we rarely know their full story. Some come to us from loving homes whose circumstances have changed, while others may have experienced neglect, inconsistency or a lack of understanding of their needs. Understandably, many are unsure of themselves when they first arrive. They may appear quiet, withdrawn, overly energetic, anxious or even aloof. But as they begin to feel safe, something wonderful happens: their real character starts to shine through.

Dobermanns are often misunderstood by those who have never shared their lives with one. While they are known for their intelligence, loyalty and protective nature, anyone involved with the breed knows there is much more to them than that. Beneath the sleek exterior is often a dog with an enormous sense of humour, an unwavering desire to be close to their people and a collection of wonderfully individual quirks.

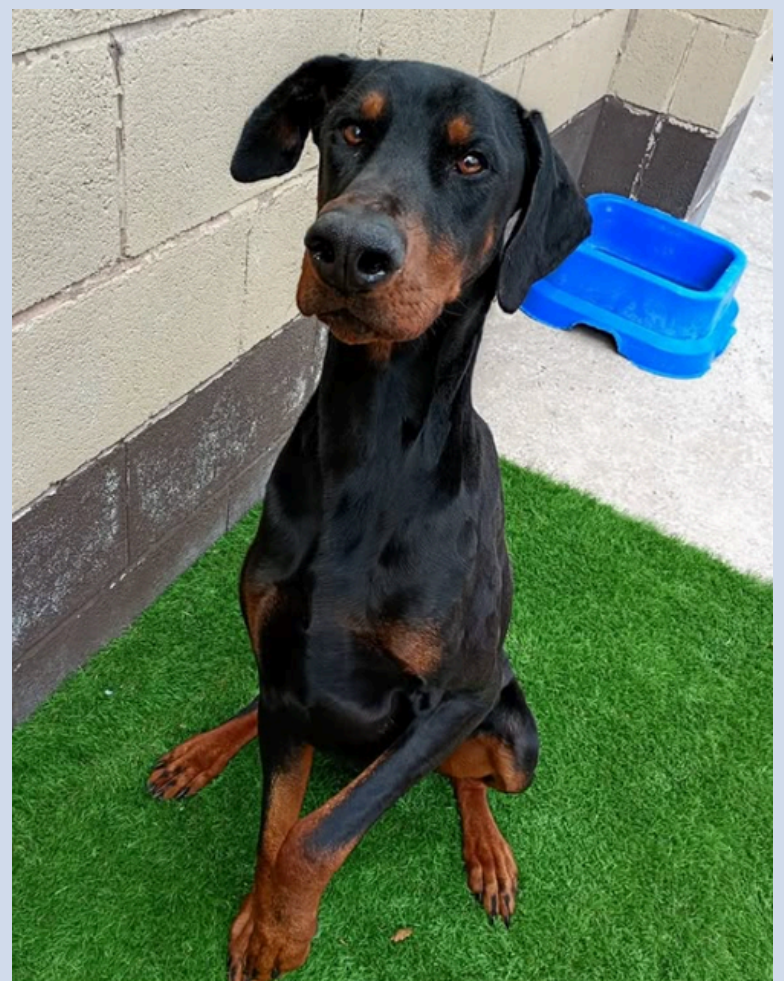


Some Dobermanns discover a passion for carrying toys everywhere they go. Others become expert blanket burrowers, convinced that no duvet is complete without a Dobermann hidden underneath it. Many develop strong opinions about where they should sit, usually wherever their favourite person happens to be sitting at the time. Despite their size, a surprising number remain convinced they are lap dogs.

Rescue also allows us to uncover each dog's unique preferences. Some enjoy the company of every dog they meet, while others prefer a smaller circle of trusted friends. Some become enthusiastic training partners, eager to learn new skills, while others reveal talents for scent work, agility or simply being expert companions.

For our foster carers, one of the greatest pleasures is witnessing these discoveries firsthand. A nervous newcomer who initially avoids attention may gradually become a devoted shadow, following their foster family from room to room. A dog who seemed reserved may reveal a playful streak that delights everyone around them. These moments remind us that every Dobermann is an individual, and that patience, understanding and kindness can unlock qualities that may have been hidden for years.

Perhaps this is one of the most beautiful things about rescue. We are not simply finding homes for dogs; we are helping them become the dogs they were always meant to be. By giving them security, routine and love, we allow their true personalities to emerge, quirks and all. And if there is one thing we have learned over the years, it is that no two Dobermanns are ever quite the same, but every one of them has something special to offer.





BRANDO

UPDATE

We are delighted to share some wonderful news about Brando. Many of you will remember Brando's journey with us. When he arrived, he was struggling with significant dog reactivity and anxiety, particularly when on lead following a traumatic experience earlier in life. Through careful assessment, structured training, and plenty of patience,

Brando worked incredibly hard to build confidence and learn new ways of coping with situations he previously found overwhelming.

Over the months, we saw tremendous progress. Brando showed us just how capable he was when given the right support, developing better social skills around other dogs, learning to trust his handlers, and proving that beneath his challenges was a loving, intelligent, and affectionate young dog.

We are thrilled to announce that Brando has now found a home with an experienced handler who has been involved in his journey since he left rehabilitation. This relationship has given Brando the best possible start to his new life, and we couldn't be happier for him. He is now enjoying life in a rural setting, exactly the kind of environment we always felt would allow him to thrive.

While he is still finding his feet and occasionally testing boundaries, as many young dogs do, he is already showing what a confident, loving, and happy young man he can be.

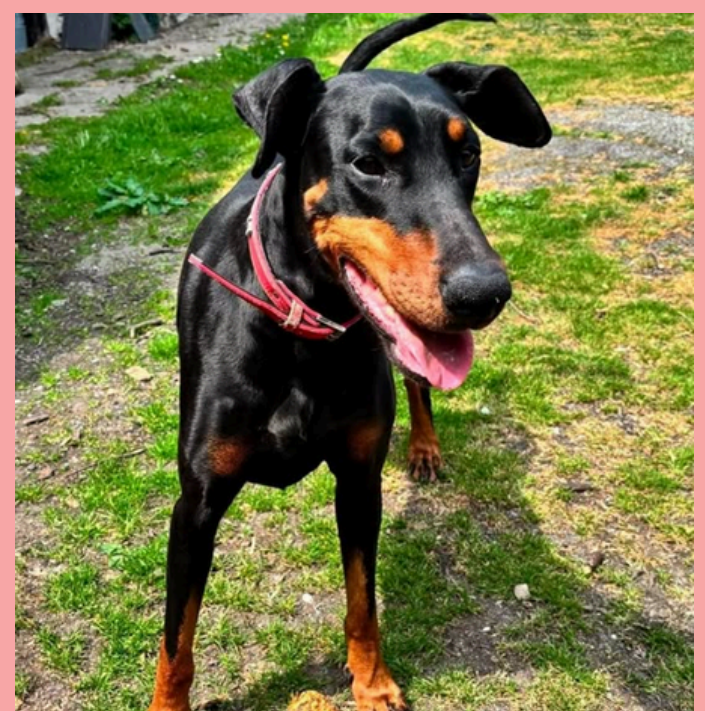
Brando's story is a wonderful reminder that progress is not always quick or straightforward. Sometimes it takes patience, consistency, understanding, and people willing to see the dog behind the behaviour. We are incredibly proud of how far he has come and grateful to everyone who played a part in helping him reach this point.

Thank you, Brando, for everything you taught us. You reminded us that with the right support, even the most challenging journeys can have a happy ending.

The Importance of Funding in Rescue

At DRUE, every dog deserves the chance to feel safe, loved, and valued. Second chances take time, dedication, and resources, which is why funding plays such an important role in everything we do.

We understand that times are difficult for many people and that not everyone is in a position to donate financially. We are grateful for every form of support, whether that's making a donation, purchasing merchandise, sharing our posts, recommending us to others, or simply following and encouraging our work. Every act of kindness helps us continue helping dogs in need.



A significant portion of funds we receive is used to cover veterinary costs, which can often be substantial. Many dogs arrive with medical conditions, injuries, or ongoing health needs that require treatment, medication, specialist care, or rehabilitation. Your support ensures that these dogs receive the care they need without compromise.

Funding also helps us provide for the day-to-day needs of every dog in our care. This includes nutritious food, comfortable bedding, enrichment toys, warm coats, kennel fees, and essential utilities such as heating and electricity. These everyday necessities create a safe, secure environment where dogs can recover, build confidence, and begin their journey towards a brighter future.

Beyond their basic care, donations allow us to invest in each dog's long-term wellbeing. Funding helps provide access to secure private fields where dogs can safely enjoy freedom, exercise, and enrichment, sometimes for the very first time. It also supports training, behavioural work, and confidence-building activities that prepare dogs for successful, lasting adoptions and happy lives in their forever homes. For those who would like to support us in other ways, we also offer charity merchandise, including mugs, coasters and greeting cards. Every purchase helps raise valuable funds while spreading awareness of our mission.

No matter how you choose to support us, your kindness makes a genuine difference. We could not continue our work without the compassion and generosity of our supporters. Together, we can give rescue dogs the care, safety, and second chances they deserve.

Resource Guarding

You may have seen signs reminding us not to leave valuables in our cars. We lock our homes, keep important possessions safe and take sensible precautions to protect the things that matter to us. So why are we often surprised when dogs do something similar?



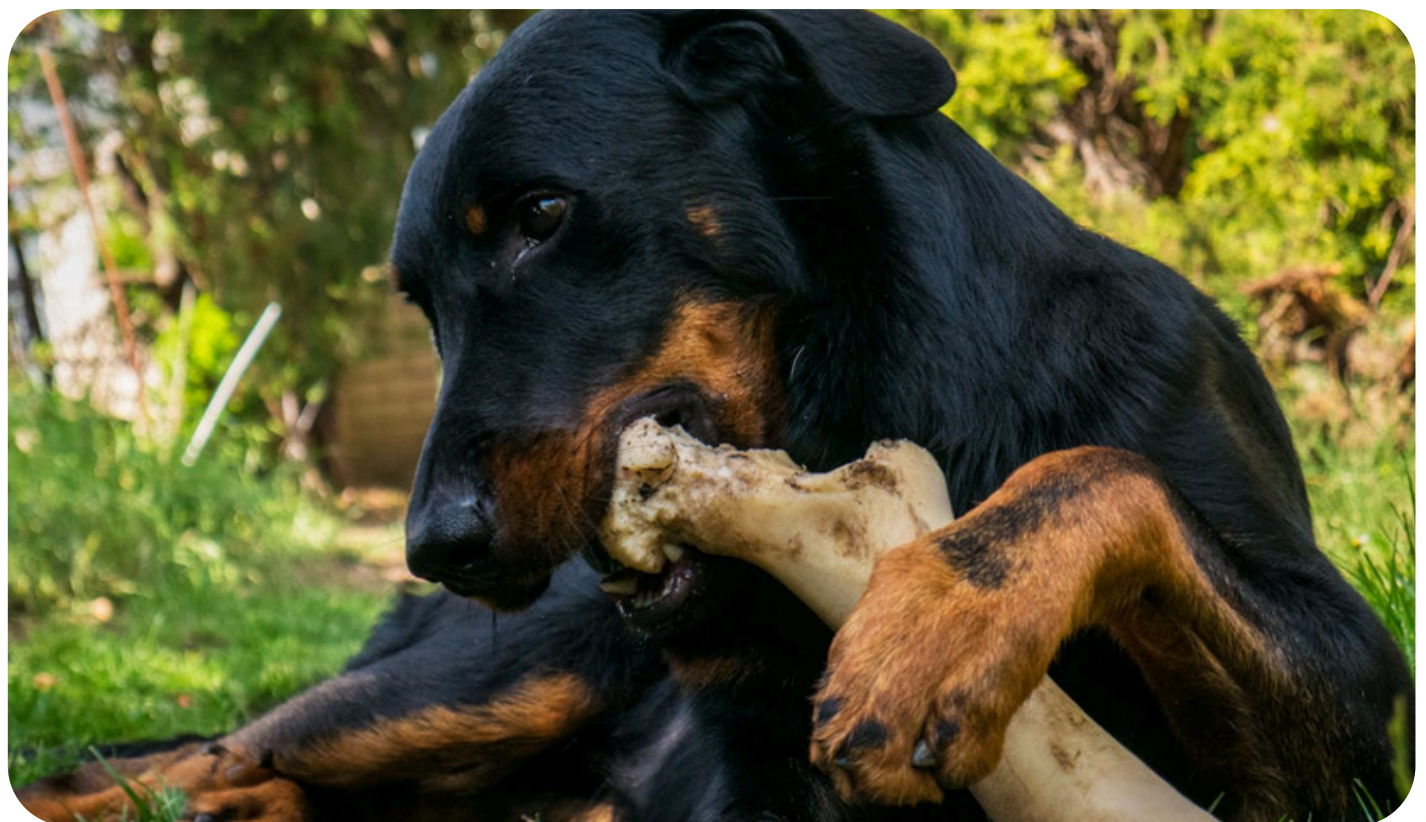
Resource guarding is one of the most misunderstood behaviours we see in dogs. When a dog growls over a bone, stands over a toy, or becomes tense when approached while eating, many people assume the dog is being "naughty", "dominant" or deliberately challenging them. In reality, resource guarding is a completely natural canine behaviour, although it's a behaviour that requires caution and attention.

Dogs, like many animals, have evolved to protect things that are valuable to them. Food, chews, toys, sleeping areas and even favourite people can all be considered resources worth guarding. In the wild, an animal that was unable to protect important resources would be at a disadvantage. While our domestic dogs are not wild dogs, the instinct itself is therefore entirely normal.

However, while the behaviour is natural, the degree to which a dog guards can vary enormously. Some dogs may simply eat a little faster when someone approaches their bowl. Others may stiffen, stare, growl, snap or even bite. Genetics, early life experiences, previous competition for resources, hunger, stress, insecurity and past deprivation can all influence how strongly a dog feels the need to protect what it has.

It is also important to understand that many cases of resource guarding are closely linked to fear and insecurity. While the behaviour is centred around protecting a valued resource, the emotional motivation behind it is often anxiety about losing that resource. A confident dog may simply prefer not to share a prized bone, whereas an insecure dog may genuinely worry that the bone will be taken away and feel compelled to defend it more intensely.

This is particularly relevant in rescue dogs. Many have experienced uncertainty in their past, and some may have learned that valuable items can disappear without warning. For these dogs, guarding is often rooted in anxiety and a desire to prevent loss rather than any wish to challenge their owners. In many cases, the dog is not saying, "This is mine." Instead, they may be saying, "I'm worried you're going to take this away."



Recognising that resource guarding is a natural behaviour does not mean it should be ignored. While the instinct to protect valuable items is normal, behaviours such as growling, snapping, lunging or biting can pose a genuine safety risk to people and other animals. Responsible ownership means acknowledging both realities: understanding why the behaviour occurs whilst taking sensible steps to manage it. This may include avoiding situations that trigger guarding, supervising interactions around high-value items, teaching positive exchange games and seeking professional behavioural support where necessary. The goal is not to punish a dog for communicating discomfort, but to help them feel secure enough that they no longer believe they need to defend their resources. Natural does not mean acceptable, and understandable does not mean safe

A dog that is willing to bite in order to keep possession of a resource presents a genuine safety concern. The key is to recognise resource guarding for what it is: communication. A growl is a dog's way of saying, "I am uncomfortable with this situation." Rather than punishing the warning, which can suppress communication and increase risk, owners should focus on management, prevention and positive training techniques. Trading for high-value rewards, avoiding unnecessary confrontations and seeking professional guidance where needed can all help dogs feel more secure around their possessions.

As rescue owners, the goal is not to judge dogs for behaving like dogs. Instead, we aim to understand why a behaviour occurs, manage it safely and help dogs learn that they do not need to worry about losing the things they value. With patience, consistency and appropriate support, many dogs can make significant progress and become far more relaxed and trusting around their resources.

Children and Dogs

For children, sharing their home with a canine companion can be a wonderful experience. Dogs can teach youngsters valuable lessons about kindness, empathy, patience and responsibility. However, it's important to remember that not every dog is comfortable around children, and not every rescue dog will be suitable for a family home.

At DRUE, matching the right dog to the right home is always our priority. Some Dobermanns thrive in family environments, while others may prefer quieter households with older children or adults only. Understanding a dog's individual needs helps set both the dog and the family up for success.

When a rescue dog is placed in a home with children, it presents a fantastic opportunity to teach young people how to interact with dogs safely and respectfully.

One of the most important lessons is learning that dogs have feelings and boundaries. Children should be encouraged to recognise when a dog wants attention and when they would prefer some space. Dogs should never be disturbed while eating, sleeping or resting in their bed, and children should understand that a growl or other warning signal is a dog's way of





communicating discomfort.

Children can also become involved in age-appropriate aspects of caring for their canine companion. Simple tasks such as helping to fill water bowls, assisting with feeding under adult supervision, helping with grooming or joining family walks can help children develop a sense of responsibility while strengthening their bond with the dog.

For Dobermanns in particular, children can learn the importance of mental stimulation and training. This intelligent breed enjoys learning and engaging with their families. Older children may enjoy participating in basic training sessions, teaching tricks or helping with enrichment activities such as scent games and puzzle toys.

Perhaps the most valuable lesson of all is respect. Dogs are not toys, and successful relationships are built on mutual trust and understanding. By teaching children to treat dogs with kindness and consideration, we help create positive experiences for both. A well-matched rescue dog can become a cherished member of the family and an unforgettable part of a child's upbringing. With proper supervision, realistic expectations and a commitment to teaching responsible behaviour, children can learn skills that will stay with them for life—and our dogs can enjoy the loving, respectful homes they deserve.

As always, we encourage families considering adoption to be honest about their circumstances and to work closely with rescue organisations when finding the right dog. The perfect match benefits everyone.



DRUE DAY

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Fantastic Dogs!*

DOBERMANN RING

Judge: Miss Rebecca Barber

- BEST DOBERMANN PUPPY**
Sponsored by Betty & Ripley Whittle
- MOST HANDSOME MALE DOBERMANN**
In Memory of Kaiser Rennison
- PRETTIEST FEMALE DOBERMANN**
In Memory of Bracken Riches
- BEST DOBERMANN MOVER**
Sponsored by Genette Taylor
- BEST DOBERMANN FANCY DRESS**
Sponsored by Vicky & Dobby Wilby
- BEST DOBERMANN RESCUE**
Sponsored by Walkies Dog Walking Services
- BEST DOBERMANN CONDITION**
Sponsored by The Lighthouse Inn Talacre
- BEST DOBERMANN VETERAN**
In Memory of Bruno & Jackson Bailey
- DAWN WIGGLESWORTH MEMORIAL**
In Loving Memory Of Our Dawn



ALL OTHER BREEDS RING

Judge: Mrs Beverley Barber

- BEST PUPPY**
Sponsored by Edelweiss Hotel
- MOST HANDSOME MALE**
In Memory of Diesel Kavanagh
- PRETTIEST FEMALE**
In Memory of Boo Graham
- BEST MOVER**
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WANT TO FEATUURE IN DRUE LIFE?

We know that every Dobermann has a story to tell, and we'd love to hear yours!



Whether it's a heartwarming rescue journey, a funny Dobie habit, a special achievement, a memorable adventure, or simply why your Dobermann means so much to you, we'd love to consider it for a future edition of our newsletter.

Get in touch with us via social media or info@dobermannrescueuk.co.uk

Feel free to include photos, we always enjoy seeing the dogs behind the stories!

Please note: While we read and appreciate every submission, we cannot guarantee that all stories will be featured. We receive a variety of contributions and carefully plan each newsletter to ensure a balanced mix of topics and content. If your story isn't included straight away, it may still be considered for a future issue.

We look forward to hearing about your wonderful Dobermanns!

Thank you,

Darcy



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