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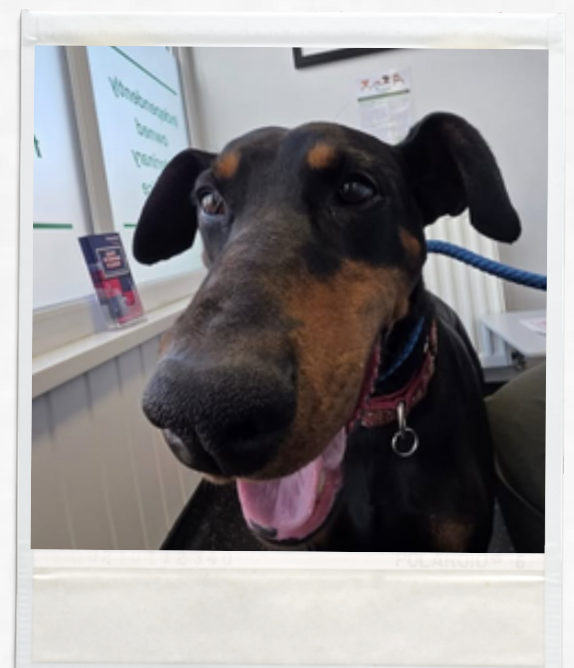
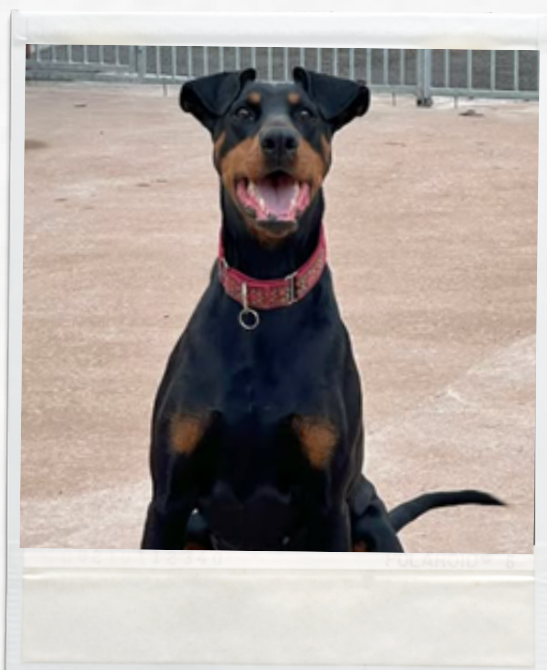
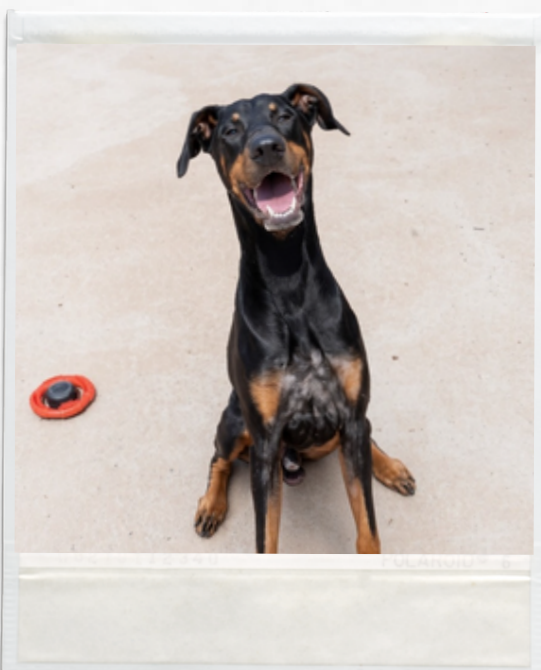
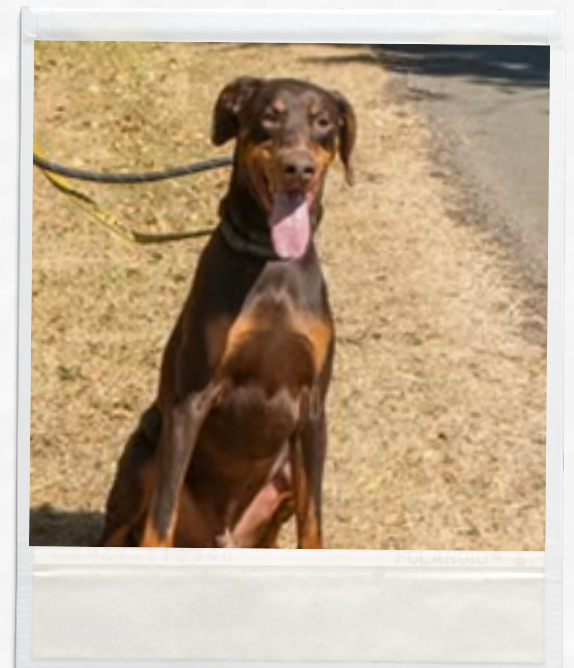
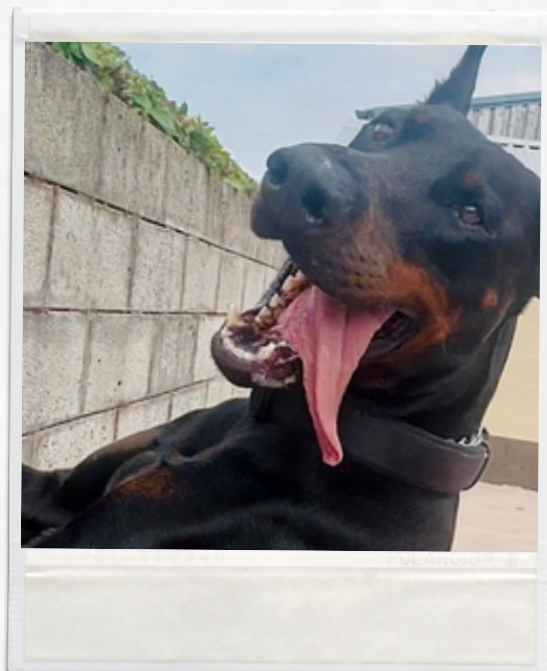
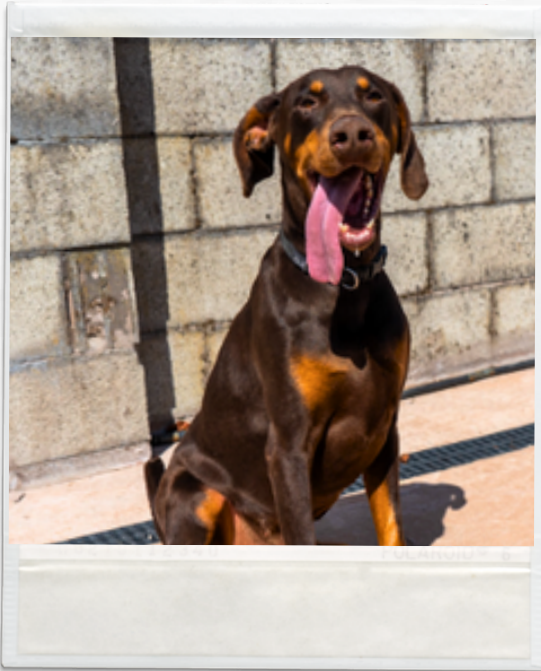
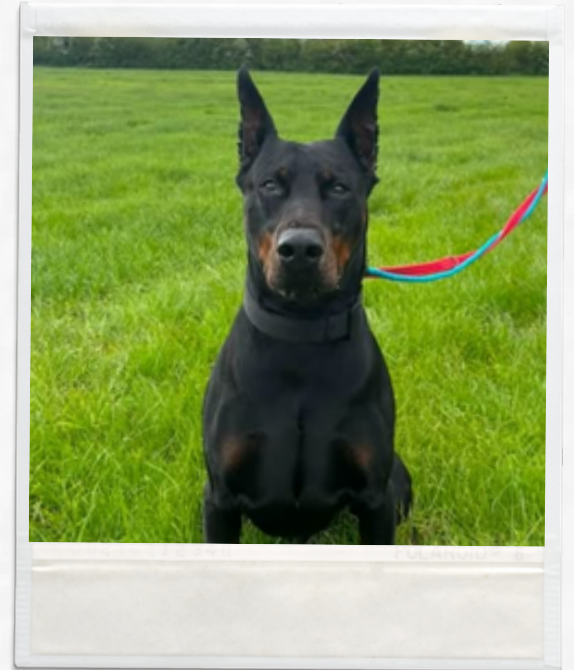
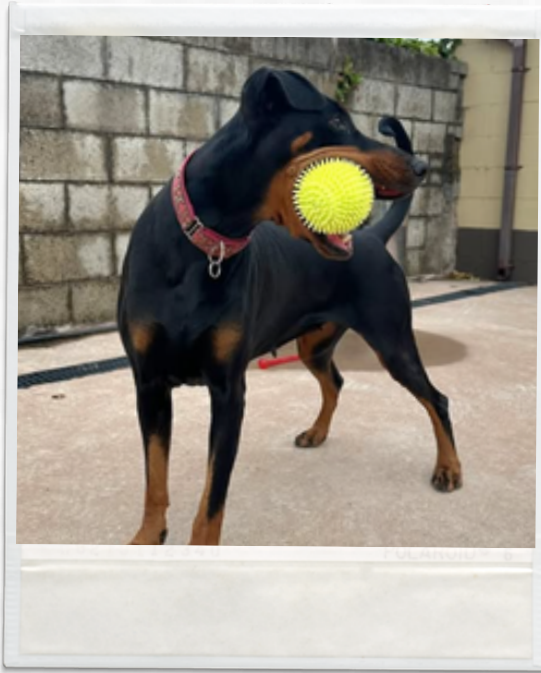
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PAWS FOR THE CAMERA

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





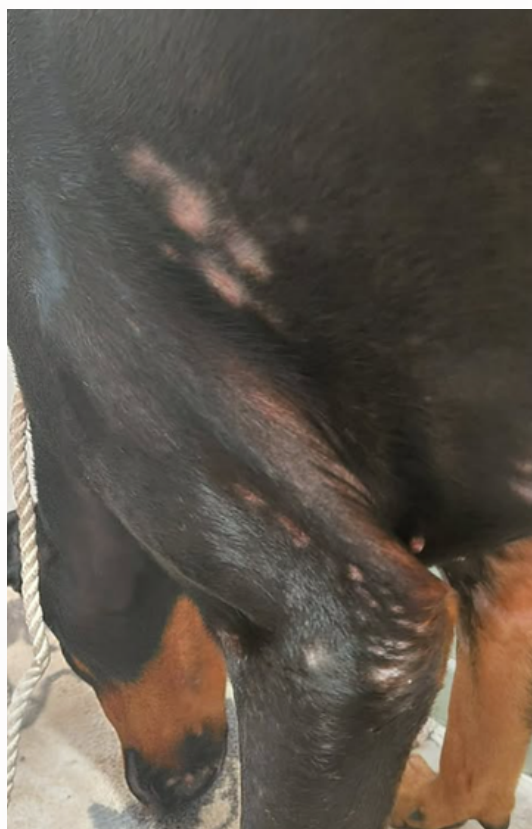
MEET DENNIS

This sweet boy was found as a stray in a really poor state. His body was covered in small patches of hair loss and scabby, red skin, and he was crawling with fleas when he arrived.

We've started the careful process of treating his skin and getting him comfortable again.

Dennis is only around 12–18 months old, you can still see that youthful sparkle in his eyes and those lovely white teeth. At just 26 kg he's underweight and needs to put on a few pounds, but he's already showing what a soft, friendly soul he is. He's a little nervous around

other dogs (he quietly tries to move away when they bark), yet with people he's an absolute sweetheart. After a short while he was happy to lean in for fuss and a gentle back scratch. He's polite on the lead, no trouble in the kennels, and loves pottering about sniffing everything; a proper curious, gentle boy who's been through far more than any young dog should. We're determined to get Dennis healthy, treat his skin problems, build up his weight and confidence, and find him the loving forever home he deserves. However



veterinary care, flea treatment, skin medication, good food and everything else he needs all cost money, and as a small rescue we rely entirely on kind people like you. If Dennis' story has touched you, please consider donating whatever you can. Just visit our website [DRUE Dobermann Rescue](#) and click Donate. Every single pound helps us give this lovely boy the second chance he needs. Thank you so much for caring about Dennis. Let's show him the world isn't all bad.



Sarah Hursthouse - Dogskool Lessons from My Rescue Dog

People often assume that because I'm a Canine Behaviourist, my own dogs must be perfectly behaved. The reality is very different.

Mia has been part of our family for nine years. She is a rescue dog who spent much of her early life neglected and confined to a cage, 24 hours a day. Those experiences shaped the dog she became. She is anxious, highly strung, barks far more than I'd like, and still thinks chasing our other dogs is a perfectly reasonable pastime. Some days she drives us completely mad. When Mia first came to us, I wanted to help her overcome everything she had been through. Like many owners, I hoped that with enough knowledge, patience and training, I could fix all of her problems. Over time, she taught me one of the biggest lessons of my career. Not every dog can be "fixed".



That doesn't mean we give up. It doesn't mean training doesn't work. It doesn't mean behaviour can't improve. It means we have to accept that some dogs carry the scars of their past for the rest of their lives. Our job is not to erase who they are. Our job is to help them feel as safe as possible, reduce the behaviours that affect their quality of life, and give them the best life we can. Mia has improved enormously over the years. She is happier, more confident and knows she is loved. But she is still Mia. She still worries too much. She still barks at things I'd rather she ignored. She still has moments when her emotions get the better of her.

She has reminded me that success isn't always

about creating the “perfect” dog. Sometimes success is giving a damaged dog a life where they feel safe, understood and accepted, even with all their quirks and challenges.

As behaviourists, trainers and owners, I think that’s an important lesson to remember. **Compassion should always come before perfection.**

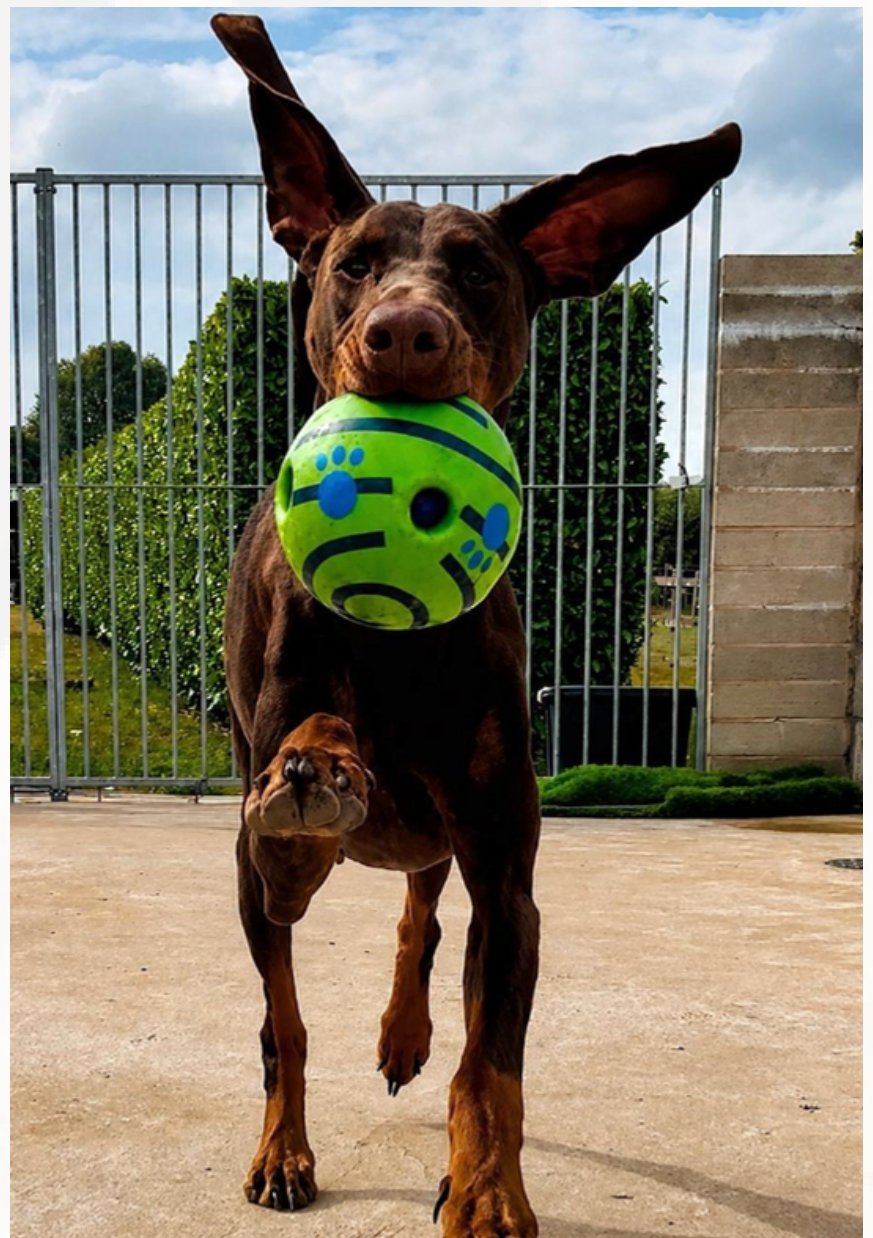
Mia may never be an easy dog, but she’s taught me more about empathy, acceptance and resilience than any textbook ever could. And for that, I’ll always be grateful.

Thank you, Sarah for sharing such a beautiful insight into lessons you have learned from Mia.

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RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP

Responsible dog ownership is about far more than providing food, walks and a comfortable bed. It is about understanding that every dog is an individual, with their own personality, needs, history and way of seeing the world.

For those welcoming a new dog into the family – particularly a rescue dog – one of the greatest gifts you can offer is time.

A new home can be overwhelming. Even the most confident-looking dog may need months to truly settle. New people, new routines, unfamiliar sounds, different expectations and a completely new environment can be a lot to take in. A dog who seems quiet at first may become more playful as they relax; another may test boundaries once

they begin to feel secure. Neither means the dog is “bad” or that something has gone wrong. They are simply adjusting.



TRY NOT TO EXPECT TOO MUCH TOO SOON

Keep those early days calm and predictable. Establish a routine, give your dog somewhere quiet to rest, and allow them to approach new experiences at a pace they can manage. Building trust is not a race. Small steps count.

This is especially important with rescue dogs, whose previous experiences may not always be known. Some arrive with wonderful foundations; others may have had little training, inconsistent care or



experiences that have left them worried about certain situations. Patience, kindness and consistency can make an enormous difference. Responsible ownership also means learning to recognise what your dog is communicating. Dogs tell us a great deal through their body language. Turning away, lip licking, yawning, freezing, trying to move away or becoming unusually still can all be signs that a dog is uncomfortable. Listening to those quieter signals can prevent situations from escalating.



example of why understanding the individual dog matters. They are often highly intelligent, sensitive and very people-focused. Many thrive on companionship, mental stimulation and clear, kind guidance. Their size and strength mean training and good manners are important, but underneath that impressive exterior there is very often a dog who feels things deeply and wants to be close to their people. Of course, every breed – and every crossbreed – has individual tendencies, and every dog within that breed is different. Responsible ownership also means thinking ahead. How do we meet our dog's needs when life becomes busy? Do we have suitable arrangements for holidays, illness or emergencies? Are our dog's identification details up to date? These practical things may not be the exciting side of dog ownership, but they are part of the commitment we make when we bring a dog into our lives. Perhaps

Training should help a dog understand what we would like them to do, rather than simply punishing them for getting it wrong. Clear boundaries and consistency help build confidence and strengthen the relationship between dog and owner. If you are struggling, asking for help from a suitably qualified, positive trainer or behaviour professional is a responsible step – not a failure.

Physical needs matter too.

Regular exercise, appropriate mental stimulation, health care, good nutrition, grooming and maintaining a healthy weight all contribute to a dog's wellbeing. But “more exercise” is not always the answer. Dogs also need rest, opportunities to sniff and explore, enrichment, and time simply to relax. Dobermanns are a good

most importantly responsible dog ownership means accepting that dogs are not perfectly behaved robots. They may chew something they shouldn't, bark at an inconvenient moment, struggle with recall, dislike certain dogs, become frightened by something unexpected or need more support than we anticipated. Progress is rarely a straight line. There will be good days and difficult ones. What matters is that we keep trying to understand the dog in front of us. Be patient and willing to learn. Ask for help when you need it. Celebrate the small victories. Because responsible ownership isn't about having the perfectly behaved dog. It's about giving the dog who shares your life the care, understanding, security and commitment they deserve.

Remember Me Thursday 24/09/2026

On Thursday 24th September, we will join animal lovers and rescue organisations around the world in marking Remember Me Thursday® – a day to shine a light on rescue animals waiting for homes, and to remember those who sadly never found theirs. For us, that means remembering the Dobermanns. The ones who came through our doors frightened, confused or unwanted. The ones whose lives changed forever when somebody decided they could no longer care for them. The older Dobies who were overlooked, the nervous ones who needed more time, and those whose medical or behavioural needs made finding the right home that little bit harder. We remember the ones we were lucky enough to help find their happy ending, the Dobermanns who left rescue behind for warm beds, long walks and families who adored them. But on Remember Me Thursday, we also think especially of those who never got that chance. Every Dobermann deserves to know what it feels like to be



safe. To be wanted. To have someone who understands their quirks, earns their trust and loves them for the individual dog they are. Rescue gives us the privilege of seeing beyond first impressions. Behind the imposing appearance and the reputation of the breed, we see the sensitive souls, the comedians, the cuddle monsters, the worriers, the clever ones, the stubborn ones and the dogs who simply want somebody to call their own. And every time someone chooses to adopt a rescue dog, shares a dog's story, volunteers, fosters, donates or tells somebody else about rescue, another dog has a better chance of being seen. So this Remember Me Thursday, we ask you to shine a light for the Dobermanns still waiting. Share a photograph. Tell the story of your own rescue Dobie. Talk about adoption. Share one of our dogs who is looking for a home. And take a moment to remember those beautiful souls who left this world without ever finding the forever family they deserved. For the Dobies we saved. For the Dobies still waiting. And for the Dobies we will never forget.

Remember Me Thursday For the Dobermanns We Carry With Us

Remember me Thursday, for the souls we hold so dear,
for the ones who found their families, and the ones still waiting here.

Remember the proud Dobermann, once watchful, brave and tall,
who waited by a kennel door, instead of in the hall.

The nervous ones who trembled, the old ones passed unseen,
the youngsters full of mischief, the souls caught in between.

Remember first-time tail wags, soft noses in a hand,
the moment frightened eyes begin to finally understand:

I'm safe here, there's nothing to fear.
Perhaps the person I've been waiting for has finally appeared.

And for the ones we couldn't save, whose time ran out too soon,
we'll hold their names within our hearts, beneath September's moon.

Because rescue is remembering. It's refusing to forget
that somewhere there's a Dobermann who hasn't found home yet.

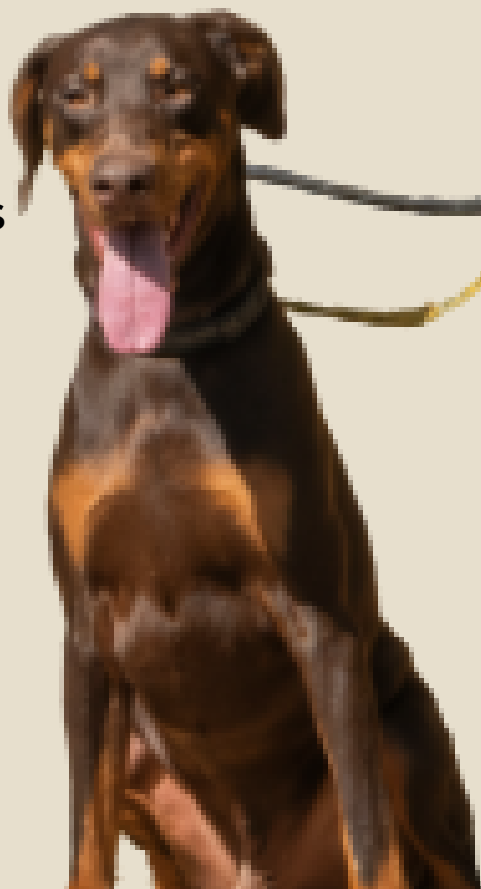
So Remember them on Thursday. Let us all declare:
For every dog who waits unseen, there's someone who still cares.

For those now sleeping safely, for those we couldn't mend,
for those still watching kennel doors,
We remember you, our friend.

DRUE VOLUNTEERS

Behind every dog we help is a team of incredible people giving their time, energy, patience and heart; our volunteers. We simply couldn't do what we do without them. Volunteering is about so much more than lending a hand. It's taking the time to get to know each dog as an individual, learning their personality, their likes and dislikes, what makes them happy, what worries them, and what helps them feel safe. It's noticing the little things, celebrating every bit of progress and giving each dog the time and space they need to be themselves. Our volunteers bring dedication, compassion and endless patience. They walk, play, comfort, organise, transport, fundraise and pitch in wherever they're needed. They turn up on the busy days and the rainy days to be there for the DRUE dogs. Just as importantly, they provide friendship and consistency. For a dog whose life may have been turned upside down, seeing a familiar face and being greeted by someone they know and trust can mean the world. There are successes to celebrate, of course, but rescue isn't always easy. Our volunteers share the worries, the challenges and sometimes the heartbreak too. Yet they continue to give every dog the same care, enthusiasm and chance to shine. Every walk taken, every nervous dog patiently reassured, every game played, every event supported and every hour freely given makes a difference.

So, to every single one of DRUE's volunteers: thank you. Thank you for your time, energy, patience, and kindness. And, above all, thank you for caring about the DRUE dogs as the unique individuals they are. We truly couldn't do it without you.





Does Your Dog Pull?
Are you tired of your dog taking YOU for a walk?
Do you struggle to keep control of a boisterous dog?
Are you unable to walk your dog due to their strength?
Would you like to be able to relax and enjoy your walks?
If you answered yes to one, or all of the above, don't worry - you have just found the answer to your problems!



The Story Behind It

"After trying just about every anti-pull headcollar and harness on the market, I still couldn't find a product that stopped my dog from pulling, without causing them discomfort.

I started noticing other dogs wearing headcollars and I hated seeing them being constantly twisted to one side and squinting from the straps riding up into their eyes.

That's when I set about designing the soft, durable, comfortable and highly effective 2Posh2Pull™.

The 2Posh2Pull™ will transform your walks!

It gently stops even the strongest of pullers, without rubbing, riding up into the eyes, or twisting the neck/spine to one side.

Your furry friend will also really stand out from the crowd, as there are a fantastic selection of fleece colours and fabric patterns to customise your product!

The 2Posh2Pull™ is handmade in the UK by a small, highly trained team and I personally quality check every single item before posting.

We only use the highest quality webbing, thread and hardware, to ensure that your product will be strong and durable and most importantly, keep your dog safe. Our headcollars, collars and leads are all lined with a double layer of super soft fleece, so that they are comfortable and gentle against your dog's skin.

We are so confident that you'll love our products, we offer a 14 day money back guarantee."

THE COUNTDOWN HAS BEGUN

The countdown to DRUE Day is well and truly on! While the big day itself is all about fun, dogs, new friends, and familiar faces, there is a huge amount happening behind the scenes to make it all come together. In the weeks beforehand, our team is busy planning, organising, checking, re-checking and making lots of lists – and then usually making a few more! There are stalls to arrange, raffle prizes to gather, cakes and snacks to organise, and all the practical bits and pieces that are easy to take for granted on the day. Plates, cups, cutlery, tables, signage, bins, paperwork – the list seems to grow every time we look at it.



Then there is the layout of the day itself. Where will everything go? Where should stalls be positioned? How do we keep things running smoothly and make the site welcoming and easy for visitors to navigate? Safety is a big part of the preparation too. We make sure first aid arrangements are in place, volunteers know what they are doing, and everyone has the information they need before the gates open. And, of course, there are plenty of conversations along the way that begin with, “Have we remembered...?” What visitors see on DRUE Day is just the finished result. Behind it are lots of hours of planning, phone calls, messages, shopping trips, collecting, sorting, moving things around and people quietly taking responsibility for all the little jobs that help make the day possible. It really is a team effort. There will no doubt be a few last-minute changes, forgotten items and moments of organised chaos before the day arrives – there always are – but that is part of the fun of bringing an event like this together. For now, we are busy behind the scenes getting everything ready and counting down to what we hope will be another fantastic DRUE Day. We can't wait to welcome you – and, of course, all the dogs – for the big day.

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DRUE DAY: A fantastic day of fun, friendship and fundraising!

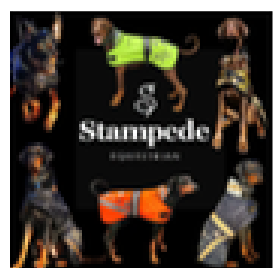
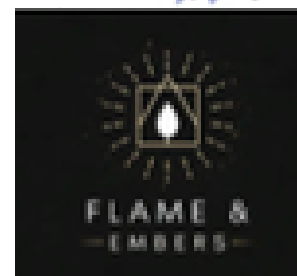
Bring the whole family including your four-legged friends, and join us for a packed day featuring fun dog shows, raffles, games, stalls, delicious food and refreshments, fantastic prizes and, of course, plenty of furry friends. There will be something for visitors of all ages to enjoy. Whether you're entering one of the dog shows, browsing the stalls, trying your luck in the raffles or simply coming along to soak up the atmosphere, we would love to see you there.

Most importantly, every penny raised will support DRUE Dobermann Rescue, helping us provide rescued Dobermanns with the care, rehabilitation and support they need before finding their loving forever homes.



We still have a limited number of spaces available, but places are filling up quickly.

To enquire about one of the remaining stall spaces, please get in touch with us.



WANT TO FEATURE IN DRUE LIFE?



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

Whether it's a heart-warming rescue journey, a funny Dobie habit, a special achievement, a memorable adventure, or simply why your Doberman 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!



Thank you,
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