



DRUE LIFE

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Saturday 12th September saw us come together for one of our favourite dates in the calendar...**DRUE Day!**

It was a wonderful day filled with dogs, familiar faces, new friends and, most importantly, plenty of fun while raising much-needed funds for the Dobermanns in our care.

Our dog show was once again a big part of the day, with a dedicated Dobermann ring as well as classes for all other breeds, giving everyone the chance to get involved. A huge congratulations to all of our winners and to every dog who entered, we think they were all stars!

One class that attracted particular attention was our



fancy dress class, which brought plenty of smiles and some brilliant outfits. We've included a few photos, because they really do deserve to be seen!

Away from the show ring, there was plenty more going on, with stalls to browse, games to play, raffle prizes to be won and, of course, coffee and cake to keep everyone going throughout the day. For us, DRUE Day is

about much more than fundraising. It's a chance to catch up with old friends, meet new supporters and hear all about your dogs.



We absolutely love seeing familiar Dobermanns return year after year and hearing how they are getting on,

as well as meeting new members of the DRUE community for the first time.

Every ticket bought, raffle entered, cake enjoyed and class entered helps us continue supporting Dobermanns who need us, so we are incredibly grateful to everyone who came along and helped make the day a great one.

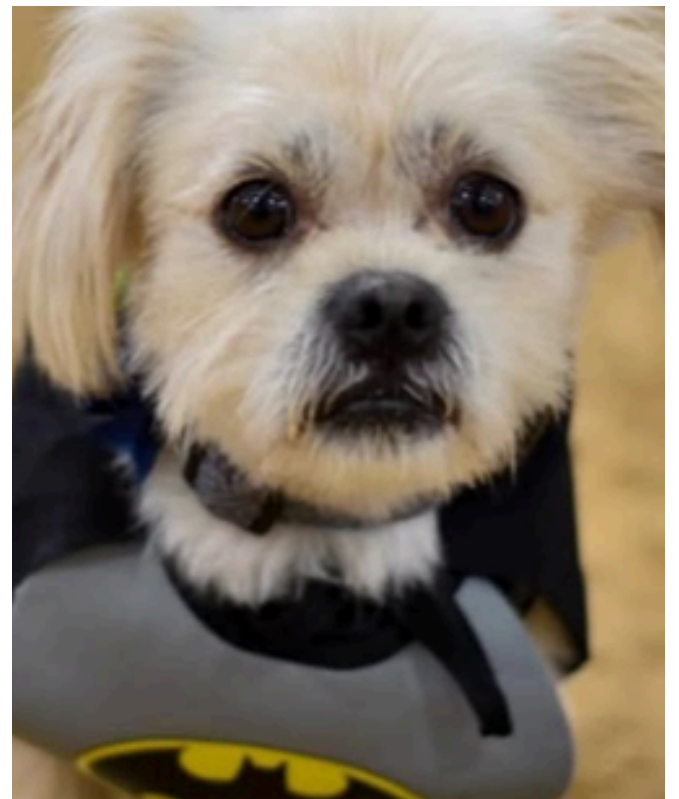
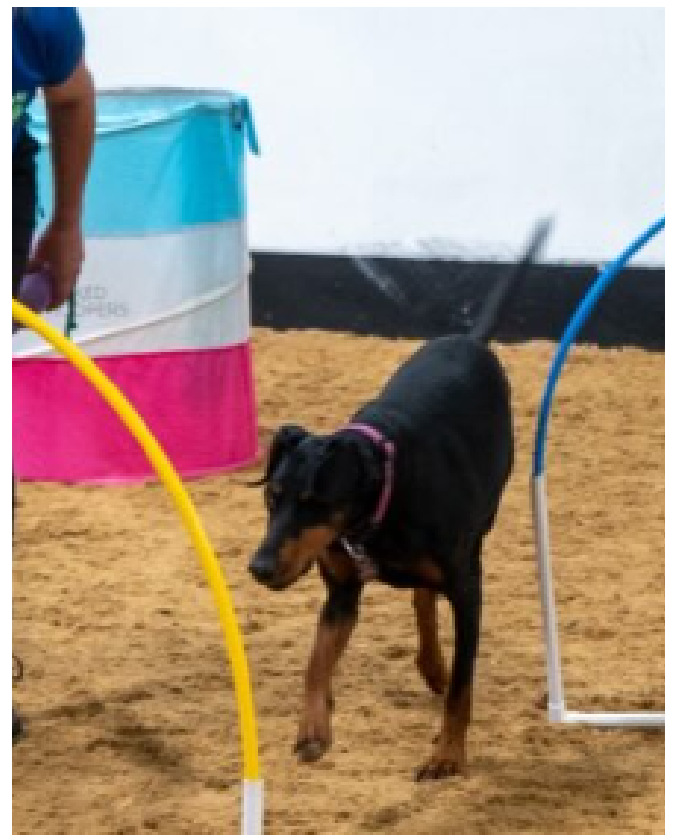
Thank you to everyone who joined us and made the day such a lovely one. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!

We'd also like to give a very special shoutout to **2Posh2Pull** for sponsoring DRUE Day. Your support means a great deal to us and helps make events like this possible.



And, of course, a huge thank you goes to everyone who helped behind the scenes; our volunteers, judges, stallholders, bakers, donors and all those who gave their time, prizes or support. Events like DRUE Day simply couldn't happen without you.

**Stay
tuned
for
more
details
of our
events
in
2027!**





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!

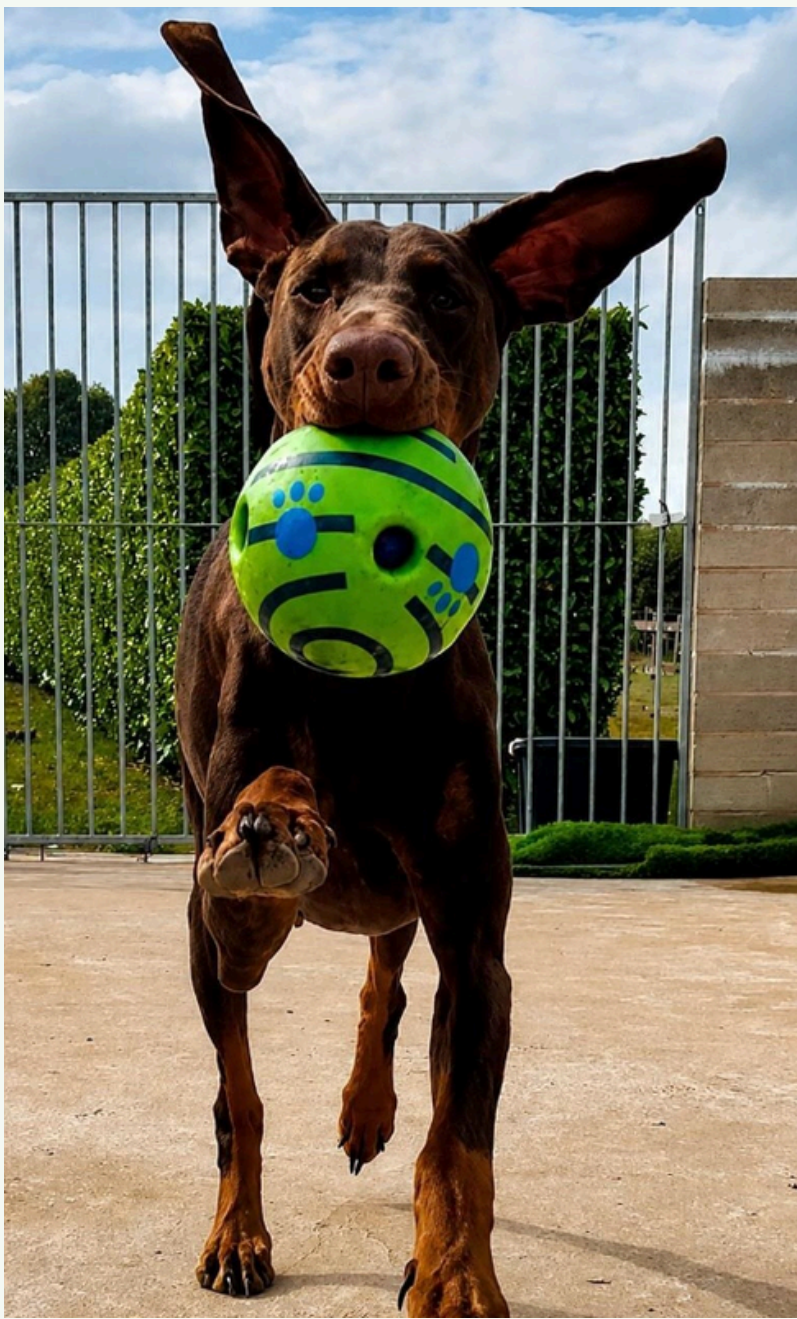
It gently stops even the strongest of pullers, without rubbing, riding up into the eyes, or twisting the neck/spine to one side.

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 Spotlight is on **Kiki**



Female



**5 years
old**



**Has been
Neutered**



**Likes
running**



**Dislikes
Nail trimming**

Kiki is a loving, affectionate girl who thrives being close to her people. At home she is calm, house-trained, and completely comfortable with everyday noises such as the vacuum and hairdryer. She has never shown aggression towards her current owner or anyone she knows, her food can be taken away without any issue, and she can be

left alone without causing damage (though she has a mischievous tendency to steal anything she thinks might be edible!).

Outdoors is a different story. Kiki can become anxious and overstimulated, especially around other dogs and wildlife. When she spots another dog she may bark, lunge and appear frantic, this seems rooted in anxiety rather than true aggression, as she usually settles if given the chance to meet them. On lead runs with other dogs she often starts by barking but typically calms after about 20 minutes and may then want to interact. She has a strong prey drive and will chase birds or other animals, and once outside she is often far more focused on her surroundings than on toys or treats.

Kiki appears to have been under-socialised as a lockdown puppy and arrived with no training, which likely contributes to her struggles in busy environments. She knows a good range of cues – sit, lie down, catch, find it, yes, wait, bed, look at me, lick, no and leave it, but her recall is inconsistent. She will return when there are no distractions, yet often hesitates or switches off when something interesting appears. A long line will be essential while her recall is strengthened.



She is not particularly play-driven, especially outside, though she sometimes enjoys a brief game of tug or a squeaky ball. What she truly loves is running. She has canicross equipment and once even won a local running race (not a canicross event!). She is happy to travel by car, she jumps in eagerly and doesn't get travel sick, though she may whine a little in the boot. She has stayed in local kennels and coped well, albeit pulling hard on the lead and losing a little weight.

Kiki's nails wear unevenly on forest tracks, so the tips can grow long and split; she strongly dislikes nail trimming and will try to escape it.

Kiki needs a quiet home, calm walks,

and a strong, steady handler who understands anxiety-based reactivity and can help her feel safe when the world gets overwhelming. In the right hands she is a loyal, affectionate companion who just needs patience, structure and understanding.

If you think you could give this special girl the calm, consistent life she deserves, please get in touch.

A little favour, a BIG difference

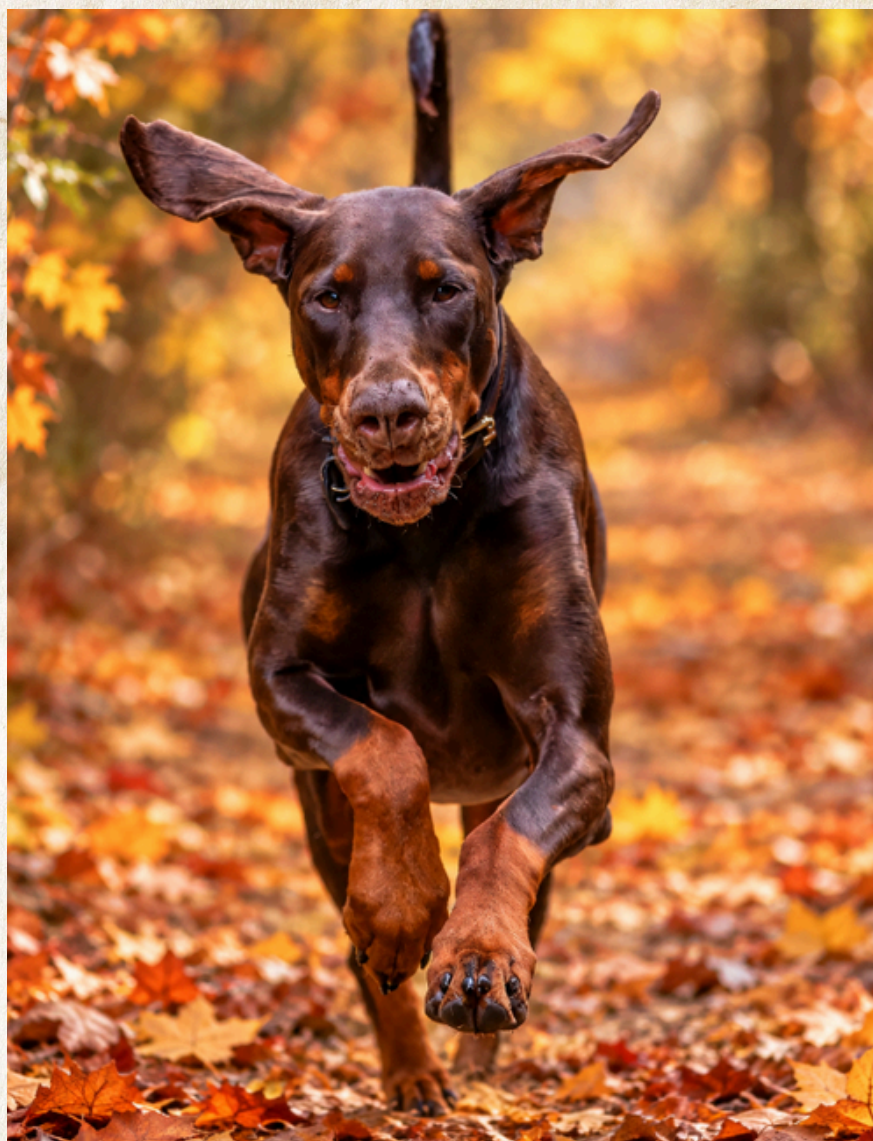
If you see one of our posts online, please give it a share. It might feel like a tiny thing, but every share helps our dogs reach more people, and that could mean reaching the person who offers a foster home, a forever home, or much-needed support. The dogs in our care are relying on us to get them seen. The more people who see them, the better their chances.

So if one of our posts pops up on your feed, please hit share. It costs nothing, and genuinely helps DRUE. More shares = more eyes on our dogs = more chances of finding their people.

HELLO *autumn*

Autumn can be a lovely time of year for walks with our Dobermanns, with cooler temperatures, changing leaves and plenty of new smells to investigate. But the wetter weather, darker evenings and changes in routine can also mean a few extra things to think about.

Wet and muddy walks often mean paws need a little more attention. Giving feet a quick wipe when you get home can help remove mud, grit and anything else picked up along the way. It's also worth checking between the toes and around the pads for small cuts, soreness or anything that may have become lodged there. Keeping a towel by the door can make post-walk clean-ups a little easier – especially for those dogs who somehow manage to bring half the park home with them! As the evenings draw in, visibility becomes increasingly important. Reflective collars, leads, harnesses or clip-on lights can help make your dog easier to see when walking near roads or in poorly lit areas. It's also a good idea for



owners to wear something bright or reflective too, particularly on early morning or evening walks.

The change of season can affect more than just our walking conditions. Many Dobermanns are creatures of habit and can be very aware of changes to their usual routine. Shorter days, different walk times and changes to household schedules can sometimes leave them a little unsettled. Keeping mealtimes, walks, rest periods and bedtime routines reasonably consistent can help provide reassurance while they adjust.

Cooler weather can also mean dogs spend a little more time indoors, so it's worth thinking about ways to keep them mentally occupied. Short training sessions, scent games, puzzle toys or simply practising a few familiar cues can be a great way to provide stimulation when the weather makes long walks less appealing.

And while Dobermanns may look tough, their short coats don't offer the same protection from cold and wet weather as some breeds. Older dogs, very young dogs and those who feel the cold may appreciate a well-fitting coat on particularly chilly or wet days. A little extra preparation can go a long way towards keeping our Dobermanns comfortable, safe and settled as we head into autumn, leaving more time to enjoy those crisp seasonal walks together.



QUICK AUTUMN REMINDERS

- 🍁 Check paws after muddy walks for grit, soreness or small cuts.
- 🍁 Stay visible on darker evenings with reflective gear or lights.
- 🍁 Keep routines steady where possible to help your dog feel settled.
- 🍁 Add indoor enrichment with training, scent games or puzzle toys.
- 🍁 Keep a towel by the door for quick post-walk clean-ups.
- 🍁 Think about warmth, dogs feel the cold too.

Enjoy the season!



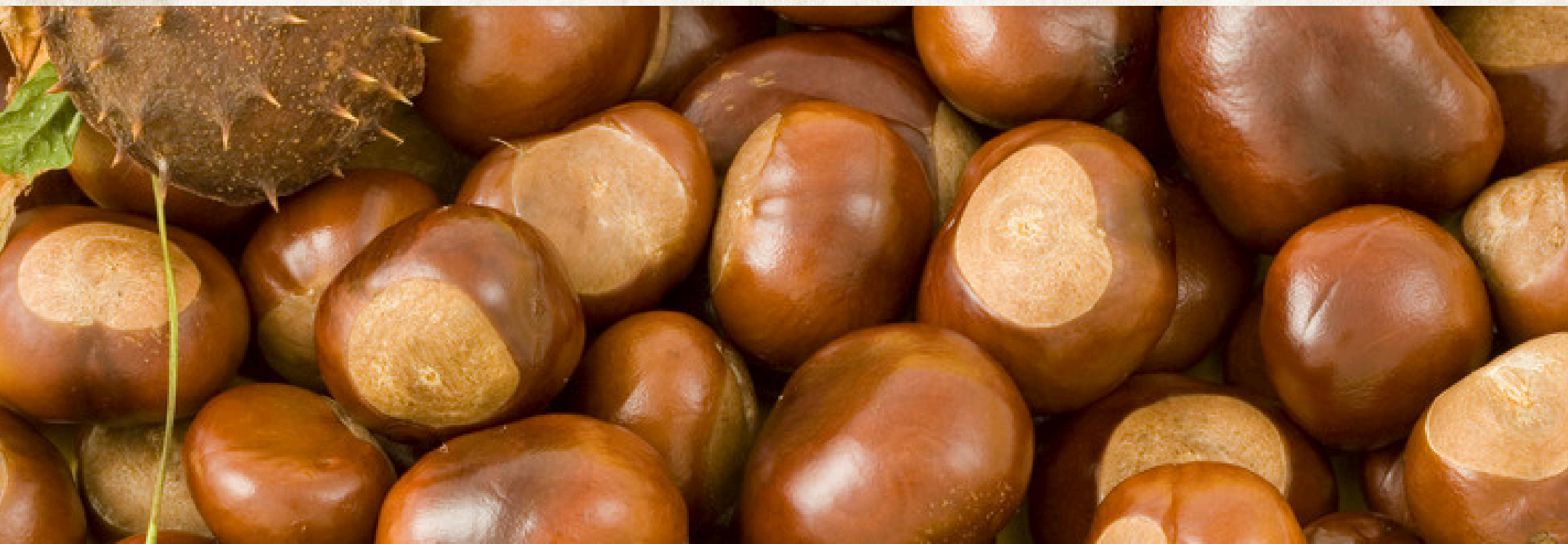
AUTUMN HAZARD ALERT



ACORNS & CONKERS

**DUE TO SIZE AND SHAPE CAN
GET LODGED IN A DOG'S
STOMACH OR INTESTINES,
CHOKING, AND RARELY
TOXICITY**

**ACCIDENTS CAN HAPPEN VERY
QUICKLY.
IF YOUR DOG SWALLOWS ONE,
SEEK URGENT MEDICAL
ATTENTION.**



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS



Halloween can be great fun for us, but all the unusual sights, sounds and tempting treats can make it a tricky evening for our dogs. A little preparation can help keep everyone safe and happy.

Keep the treats out of reach - Chocolate can be toxic to dogs, and some sweets and chewing gums may contain xylitol, which is also dangerous. Raisins and foods containing them should be kept well away from dogs too. Don't forget about wrappers either, an enthusiastic dog can make short work of a bowl of sweets, packaging and all!

Watch the front door - With trick-or-treaters arriving throughout the evening, doors may be opening far more often than usual. Even a normally sensible dog can become excited or frightened and make a dash outside. Consider keeping your dog behind a baby gate, in another room, or somewhere quiet and secure while visitors are coming and going.

Give nervous dogs somewhere peaceful - Costumes, masks, excited children, knocking at the door and repeated ringing of the doorbell can all be unsettling. Give your dog access to a comfortable, quiet area away away from the activity, with their bed, water and perhaps a favourite toy. Never force them to greet visitors if they would rather keep their distance.

Be careful with costumes - Dog costumes might look fantastic, but not every dog enjoys wearing them. If yours is dressing up, make sure the costume is comfortable, doesn't restrict movement, breathing, hearing or vision, and doesn't have small pieces that could be chewed or swallowed. If your dog seems uncomfortable, a Halloween-themed collar can be a much simpler option!

Keep decorations dog-safe - Candles and excited wagging tails are not a good combination. Keep lit pumpkins and candles somewhere dogs cannot knock them over or investigate them.



Electrical cables, batteries, small decorations and anything easily swallowed should also be kept safely out of reach.

Think about your walk - If your dog is likely to be worried by people in costumes, groups of excited children or unexpected noises, consider taking walks before trick-or-treating gets underway. If you are out after dark, reflective or light-up accessories can also help you and your dog stay visible.

Make sure their details are up to date - Halloween is a good reminder to check that your dog's microchip details and ID tag information are current, just in case they manage to slip through an open door or gate.

And **remember**, accidents and mistakes can happen to even the most careful dog owners. If you've already had a chocolate raid, a door-dashing scare or another Halloween mishap, don't beat yourself up about it, the important thing is responding appropriately, learning from it and putting a few extra precautions in place for next time.

Most importantly, you know your dog best. Some will happily snooze through Halloween while others may find the whole evening overwhelming. Planning around what makes your dog feel safest is the best way to ensure Halloween is enjoyable for everyone.



Is it a bird?
Is it a plane?
No, it's Obi!

An impressive action
shot of Obi during
playtime at DRUE. He
has now been adopted.

WORLD ANIMAL DAY

OCTOBER 4TH

Although we're a breed-specific rescue dedicated to Dobermanns, World Animal Day is a chance to celebrate and appreciate animals of every kind.

Our Dobies will always be at the heart of what we do, but our love and respect for animals reaches far beyond one breed.

From dogs and cats to birds, farm animals, wildlife and the many other creatures we share our world with, World Animal Day is a lovely reminder of the important role animals play in our lives. It's also an opportunity to recognise the people, rescues and organisations working every day to protect them, care for them and give them a voice.

So, while we'll no doubt be giving our Dobermanns an extra cuddle, we'll also be celebrating all animals and the joy, companionship and wonder they bring to our world.



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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