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HELLO 🙌

Welcome to the first edition of The Dobie Times. The aim of this newsletter is to provide guidance for adopting a Dobermann, helpful training tips, fun facts, Dobermanns available for adoption or that have been adopted in the previous month, and much more. For this edition I would like to highlight the history of Lincs Dobermann Rescue and the success of this year's Dobiefest, an annual event for Dobermann lovers and owners alike. And finally, you will be provided with contact information to the website and social media sites where you can follow the progress of the rescued Dobs, events, and fundraising efforts. There is also merchandise available to purchase on the Lincs Dobermann Rescue website, fun items for dogs and humans.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM EVERYONE AT LINCS DOBERMANN RESCUE 🎄

About Lincs Dobermann Rescue



Lincs Dobermann Rescue (LDR, UK Charity Registered 1172592) had a humble beginning as a Facebook group which was started to bring Dobie owners together and give them a place to chat. The creator of the Facebook group was Paula Devries and she soon started receiving requests to help rescue and rehome Dobies in need. Lincs Dobermann Rescue was registered as a charity in 2017 and there was no looking back. Although originally based in Lincolnshire, the charity helped Dobies throughout the UK. Lincs continues to have strong ties to Lincolnshire and many rehomed Dobies are based in the area. With the changes experienced over the years seeing a constant stream of Dobies in need, something that seems to be increasing, Lincs has remained agile and adaptable in order to continue serving the Dobermann community. Lincs Dobermann Rescue is an Animal Partner with Battersea Dogs & Cats Home and works with The Animal Team. Lincs is also a recognised Breed Rescue with The Kennel Club. Due to the Governing Document, Lincs can only assist in rescuing UK based dogs but can help dogs that have already been imported.

As with all charities, Lincs Dobermann Rescue relies on a team of dedicated volunteers to help keep the Charity running and members donations to help cover the associated costs such as rehabilitation, veterinary care, food, safe transport, insurance and the many costs associated with rescue. All the hard work of the volunteers and donations are aimed at providing the rescued Dobies with a stress free rehoming journey.

The trustees for Lincs Dobermann Rescue are Morag Moreton, Brad Black, Andrew Jackson, Julie Maddock, and Sheralee Grayson.

Introducing Trustee Morag Moreton

I'm the Treasurer of Lincs and have been now for almost 5.5 years. It never ceases to amaze me how much work there is in being a volunteer, which is why our amazing Team are so very special and truly valued.

My involvement and love of this most beautiful breed began in the mid 70's however, after I'd chosen my pup, my then husband had a meltdown about having a Dobie as our son was only a few months old. I ended up with a Springer Spaniel and an Irish Setter just to keep the peace!!! Fast forward to the mid 80's and following a friendly divorce, my life was blessed with my first Dobie (fair swap?). Carla had been thrown over the gate at the local Rescue, I fostered for them and I had asked if they had a dog friendly Dobie, would it be possible to consider me as an adopter. They said only if I continued to foster, of course I agreed and our furry family was complete. I lived on a small holding then so 4 dogs worked fine, I had plenty of space and bucket loads of love. Carla passed away in 2001 aged around 14. We were down to 2 JRTs and then my son found our next Dobie – beautiful Tasha. She was a “failed” show dog as she had a ridge of fur on her nose, completely unsocialised and terrified of the outside world. Her rehabilitation into a world of love and fun was quite a challenge but 2 years in we got there. She was a real character and so elegant, we had lots of fun with her until she passed at 11 years old with cancer, Tasha died on the 1st day of my retirement.

When I was ready, I contacted The Dobermann Trust and was blessed to be matched with Leia, she was the most amazing girl, was the best teacher that Trooper could ever have. She left us for the Rainbow Bridge on 13th June this year, she is missed every single day. Originally, Trooper only came to stay for a couple of nights in December 2019 at 10 weeks and in very poor condition. As a Tripaw, life can be challenging for him sometimes but his zest for life is a joy and he makes us laugh every day, he was 4 on August 13th.

Dobiefest - 9th September 2023

Funds Raised at Dobiefest: £2,713.40

Wow, what a great day and an amazing amount of money raised 🙌



As the weather cools, we look back on one of the hottest days of the year. And what happened on that day? Dobiefest 🥰. Thankfully, the breeze was blowing, the shade was plentiful, and the pools were cool. To be serious, it was a wonderful day filled with smiling people. All were happy to be at Dobiefest with their Dobermanns and the many other breeds that joined the event. There is nothing quite like a bunch of dog lovers getting together for a day of meeting old friends and making new ones, both humans and dogs. There were 2 dog shows (one for Dobies and another for all other breeds attending on the day), lots of dog treats, hampers for humans and dogs, and of course some Lincs merchandise. Let's not forget there were many opportunities to take photos and eat good food.

Of course all this wouldn't have happened without the wonderful organising committee, made up of Ali Brewer, Ellie Randall, Morag Moreton, Sharon Jackson, Colin Hayes, and Andy Jackson, and without the generous sponsors like Trusthorpe Springs who hosted the event, the class sponsors and everyone who donated towards the hampers. On the day we had great volunteers who helped on the stalls, the carparking and the LDR Kennel for photos. Some of the volunteers also spent the few days prior to Dobiefest busy erecting the marques, setting up the rings for the dog shows, finalising the layout (having to adjust last minute for doggy pools and to maximise shade due to the warm weather), and monitoring the forecasted weather to ensure the health and safety of everyone attending.

The aim of Dobiefest was to raise awareness for Lincs Dobermann Rescue and help with fundraising; along with getting a bunch of like-minded people (and dogs) together in a safe, friendly environment. The latter definitely succeeded as Dobiefest was well attended by more humans and dogs than was anticipated. This meant that the holiday park was full and other local accommodation was very busy. It was a truly amazing sight to see.

With so many attending Dobiefest, the Dobermann class had to be split in two for the Dobermann dog show, as there were too many to be in the ring at the same time. This was managed successfully by the well organised and experienced Dobermann steward, Stuart Martin. The All Breeds dog show was well represented which shows that Dobiefest is for all breeds, not just Dobermanns. A special thanks goes to the husband and wife team Jane and Andy Davison who judged the 2 Doggy Shows, with Jane doing the All Breeds and Andy doing the Dobies.

As with all events there are some ups and downs, challenges and unforeseen issues arising, without the amazing volunteers this could have had a huge impact on Dobiefest. There were some power supply problems in the morning which affected the P.A. system, doggy ice cream machine, and a fancy bit of kit – a Stance Analysis machine – to assess how a dog proportions its body weight on each of its legs. Sadly this meant that these systems were not available until the power was restored in the early afternoon. But the show must go on and so it did. There were also qualified first aiders on site for the four-legged attendees as well as their humans, though you would never know it as happily they were not needed. The one complaint received on the day from the first aiders Julie and Colin Clark was that they had no customers all day.

With so many dogs and humans attending Dobiefest and the heat of the day, one would think that there would have been some doggy banter and gesturing among the four-legged friends but from observations on the day and speaking with people, indiscretions were kept to an absolute minimum.

The climax of the day was the parade of rescues with each dog being introduced and taking a lap of honour. This was quite an emotional part of the day as the dogs on parade and a great many others have a secure, safe future ahead of them because of Lincs Dobermann Rescue and the support given by so many to the rescue. It was clear that Dobiefest was much appreciated by the many attending the event by all the wonderful photos on social media and the amazing comments made on the day.

As always, these types of events are not able to be so successful without a great number of volunteers all helping with the aim to put on an unforgettable event. To all who helped make this year's Dobiefest such a success, **THANK YOU**. Without your support and dedication, Dobiefest would not have happened and been so enjoyed by the many attending.




ADOPTION TIPS

1. Do your research on the breed you want to adopt. Dobermanns are a large breed that require exercise and lots of attention. They also take up lots of space.
2. Get your application in early. By the time you see a post on a Dobie that is ready for adoption, it is likely a match has been found from the existing waitlist.
3. Be patient. The right Dobie is out there for you but it may take some time for them to find you.




Dobbie the Doberman and the 12 Hazards of Christmas



There is something strange happening in the house today. Dobbie doesn't quite understand what that is. Dobbie's family have taken out all these boxes and are putting up this big green thing. Dobbie walked over to the green thing, it smells strange. As Dobbie turns to leave, Dobbie sees Dobbie's human and wags Dobbie's tail, then crash the green thing falls over. Dobbie scurried to the corner, what happened? Dobbie had only meant to sniff the green thing. 

"Dobbie, are you ok? Don't worry about it, we will make sure the tree is tied up so that it doesn't fall over again."

Slowly Dobbie creeps out of the corner. The tree is standing back up and tied to the wall. No more accidents when Dobbie goes to sniff it again. Dobbie's family is busy hanging these funny shiny things on the tree. Sniff, sniff and then another crash. Dobbie runs to the corner again. 


"Oh no Dobbie. Maybe we should put the glass baubles a bit higher, out of Dobbie's reach. Dobbie it is ok. No more crashes."

Dobbie walks over to Dobbie's humans and wags Dobbie's tail tentatively. What is caught on Dobbie's tail? Dobbie starts to spin around and the tree looks like it will fall over. 



"Stop Dobbie. Sit Dobbie. That tail of yours creates chaos. Let me untangle the fairy lights."

What is that bowl over there Dobbie thinks. It smells good. Maybe it tastes good. 

"No Dobbie, don't eat the potpourri. Let's just put this bowl on the table."

Dobbie sees something interesting by the warm thing on the wall. Dobbie likes sleeping in front of the warm thing. Dobbie sniffs at the interesting thing and the red things look like something good to eat. 



"Dobbie, not the poinsettia. I guess we had better put it on the mantle above the fireplace. It has been a while since we have had a dog. I forget everything that can potentially hurt them."


The next morning Dobbie sees these funny things under the tree. Maybe there is something good. Dobbie decides it should be ok to go near the tree. It hasn't moved since yesterday. Dobbie starts sniffing around the funny things under the tree. There is one that smells really good. Just as Dobbie goes to pick the good smelling thing up, Dobbie's family walks in.  

"No Dobbie. Those presents are for Christmas morning. I think we had better put the fence around the tree."

What is Dobbie to do now? Knock, Knock. Dobbie runs to the door barking. Someone is trying to get into Dobbie's house. Dobbie must let Dobbie's family know. 

"It is ok Dobbie. It is just the rest of the family here to celebrate with us."

There is lots of noise and lots of people. Dobbie keeps having to move as Dobbie keeps getting knocked into. What is going on? Dobbie crouches in the corner shaking.   

"Dobbie, poor Dobbie. This all seems a bit too much for you. Come with me and I know a place that is quiet. Here is your bed Dobbie. No one will disturb you in here." 

Dobbie lies down but is still stressed. Too much noise, too many people. As the




noise fades, Dobbie starts to relax a bit and slowly falls asleep. Dobbie awakes with a start. It is too quiet. Where is Dobbie? Where is Dobbie's family? Dobbie runs downstairs to see Dobbie's family sitting on the sofa.

"Come here Dobbie. Up on the sofa with us."

Dobbie jumps up on the sofa. What are those good smells? Dobbie first smells this thing, it smells good. Maybe Dobbie should try to eat it. 

"Dobbie, no. No Christmas pudding for you."

Dobbie lowers Dobbie's head. All Dobbie hears is no. Maybe Dobbie's family will get rid of Dobbie, like the last family. Dobbie must do better. What is in that strange bowl thing. Dobbie is thirsty, maybe Dobbie can have a drink. 


"No Dobbie. Wine is not for dogs."

Dobbie swings Dobbie's tail around. Crash, Dobbie jumps off the sofa and runs for the corner.

"Get the paper towels. It is ok Dobbie. We can clean it up in no time. That tail is dangerous. All mugs must be up high in the future."

"Come on Dobbie. Bedtime. Tomorrow is Christmas."

Dobbie goes to bed with Dobbie's family.

The next morning the living room is full of colourful paper as presents are opened and toys are played with. So many toys. Are any of those toys for Dobbie? Dobbie tries to pick up one of the soft toys. 

"No Dobbie, not for you."

What about this nice smelling box? Dobbie starts to lick the chocolate box. 

"No Dobbie. Chocolates can hurt you."

Dobbie lowers Dobbie's head and Dobbie walks to the corner. Dobbie is just trouble. Dobbie's family will definitely be getting rid of Dobbie.

"Come here Dobbie."

Dobbie stays in the corner.

"Come here Dobbie. These are for you. This is your toy, see."

Dobbie slowly creeps out of the corner and sniffs at the toy. Dobbie gentle takes the toy. Dobbie isn't sure about the toy. 

"Dobbie, here have a chew treat." 

Dobbie really likes the smell of the treat and takes it eagerly. As Dobbie chews on the treat, Dobbie thinks even though Dobbie's family has given Dobbie a toy, a treat, and freedom, Dobbie wants to stay. Because Dobbie has found Dobbie's family and Dobbie's forever home, a home that is not just for Christmas.

This story is purely fictional and does not represent any particular dog. It is written to highlight just a few of the hazards that our precious Dobermanns, and all dogs, face during the festive season.



The 3-3-3 Rule of Adopting a Rescue Dog (This is a general guideline; all dogs are unique and will adjust to their new environments in their own time.)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
1	2	3

In the first 3 days, your new dog may feel overwhelmed, be scared and unsure of what is going on, not comfortable with themselves or their surroundings, they may not want to eat or drink, shut down and want to curl up in their crate or hide, and finally may test the boundaries.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21

After 3 weeks, your new dog may start to show signs of settling, feel more comfortable in the environment and with the people of the house, understand the routine, start showing their true personality. At this point any behavioural issues may start to show up.

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After 3 months, your new dog should feel settled in their new home, have built a bond with the people of the house and be showing signs of trust in the surroundings and people, feeling secure with the home and family, and be settled into a routine.

Ways to Help:

1. Go to the website and click the Donate Now button.
2. Join the Lincs Dobermann Rescue Fundraising Group on Facebook.
3. Become a Dobie Mate by making a monthly donation.
4. Gift in your will.
5. Volunteer to Foster Dobies that come to Lincs Dobermann Rescue.
6. Volunteer in other ways. There are plenty of opportunities to help.

Remember no amount is too small. Every little bit helps all the beautiful Dobies that come through Lincs Dobermann Rescue.



Lincs Dobermann Rescue Website

<https://lincsdobermannrescue.com/>



Main Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/lincsdobermannrescue>



Dobies @ Lincs Dobermann Rescue (Adoption page)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/720348868349681>



Lincs Dobermann Rescue Fundraising Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/378819317147099>



X (Formerly Twitter)

<https://twitter.com/LincsDobermann>



Instagram

https://www.instagram.com/lincs_dobermann_rescue

Fun Facts:

Dobermanns are known to lean against their humans. If a Dobermann chooses to lean against you this shows that they trust you completely and can depend on you to be there for them.

