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HELLO 🙌

The cold of January is behind us, days are getting longer, the sun is shining more and an exciting event is coming up Easter Monday. There is a fun dog show happening in Bury on Easter Monday 1st April in memory of Steve Wood. There might be some confusion about the date as the dog show was originally planned for the 31st March. However, due to an accidental double booking at the location, the dog show has been moved to the 1st April. Onwards and upwards, the show must go on. This issue contains a heartbreaking rehoming story, Dobies being used as therapy dogs to visit a care home, and the rehoming of litter sisters Ruby and Saffy. All heartbreaking and heartwarming stories that show why Lincs Dobermann Rescue is so important for all the Dobies in need out there, and the people involved in the process from surrender to adoption.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY FROM EVERYONE AT Lincs DOBERMANN RESCUE



Dobiefest Announced

Exciting times are ahead, not only do we have the dog show to look forward to on Monday, 1st April but the date and location has been announced for Dobiefest. This annual event celebrates all things Doberman, brings awareness of the work Lincs Dobermann Rescue do, and has become a vital fundraising event for Lincs.



Looking forward to seeing everyone there 😊

**27TH JULY
2024**

**Lincs DOBERMANN
RESCUE**

**DOBIEFEST
2024**

**OAKRIDGE ARENA
NEWARK, NG23 7NZ**

**NEW KENNEL CLUB
APPROVED INDOOR
VENUE
FREE ADMISSION
ALL DOG BREEDS
WELCOME**

Fun dog shows, £2 per class
1 ring dobe, 1 ring all breeds

Stalls & Activities

Food & Drink

Camping pitches

DOBIEFEST

The Rehoming of Lady



The decision to rehome Lady was due to health issues and unexpected growth in Glyn and Sarah's holistic business. Or was it? Let's start at the beginning.

Glyn and Sarah's story starts with looking for a new home, a home in a remote location. What does this have to do with the story? Well, with the remote location Glyn and Sarah wanted a guard dog but not just any guard dog. They had had experience with other large breed dogs but never a Dobermann, a breed that is loyal and protective of their families; known to be velcro dogs. This was exactly what Glyn and Sarah were looking for. Being thorough they did their research to find just the right, responsible breeder that could match them to the perfect Dobermann for them. Enter Lady, she was part of a litter that included 4 boys and 4 girls, 4 blues and 4 black and tans; Lady being a black and tan girl. She was the smallest in the litter, the runt if you like, but that would not last long. The breeder sent Lady home with Glyn and Sarah at just 2 months old with lots toys and treats having been well socialized.

Lady would become part of the adventure in finding a new home with Glyn and Sarah, that would mean time travelling in the car allowing her to be comfortable in the in the car and have quality bonding time with Sarah. Lady's training continued with the 2 dog trainers hired by Glyn and Sarah that provided lots of guidance and support. Glyn and Sarah included crate training for Lady spending many nights taking turns sleeping downstairs with Lady, to allow her to feel comfortable being in a crate.

Lady quickly thrived with Glyn and Sarah, growing to over 40-kilos and proving to be a strong girl that required a high fence to stop her from chasing the sheep that surrounded the property. This also meant that she could run very fast when she wanted to, like chasing alongside the quad on the farm. Dobermanns are an active breed that require a lot of exercise, which Lady received with Glyn and Sarah having multiple walks a day. This is where the problems would start.

Glyn started to suffer with a hip problem that led to issues with his knee and ankle, creating a lot of physical pain. The pain would take its toll on Glyn and with Lady being so strong Sarah was unable to cope with walking Lady on her own. Sadly, this led to the heartbreaking decision to rehome Lady, a decision not easily made. Glyn and Sarah were going to make sure that Lady would not go to just any home or any rehoming charity. Their thoroughness remained and they did lots of research, talking to everyone they could think of. One thing quickly became apparent, Lincs Dobermann Rescue was highly recommended by everyone they spoke with. Glyn and Sarah approached Lincs Dobermann Rescue to help rehome their precious Lady; to find her a home that could love her and provide for all her needs, including the need for lots of exercise. Through it all Lincs Dobermann Rescue supported Glyn and Sarah to ensure the process was as smooth as possible. Lincs were dedicated to finding the right home for Lady, giving Glyn and Sarah the peace of mind that Lady would be well taken care of.

Lincs found just the right home for Lady and placed her with her new family. But that did not mean the support for Glyn and Sarah ended; Lincs recognized that they had just given up a huge part of their family. Lincs provided updates on Lady, along with photos to put Glyn and Sarah's minds at ease that Lady was happy and healthy. Speaking with Glyn and Sarah, they expressed their gratitude to Lincs for supporting them through the painful process of rehoming Lady. Glyn and Sarah described the people at Lincs as kind and thoughtful throughout the entire process; that process continues today.



The pain of the decision was still evident as tears flowed when Glyn and Sarah spoke of Lady, their special girl, their perfect girl. At the start of the article Glyn and Sarah gave two reasons for rehoming Lady, health issues and business growth. However, by the end of the discussion it became clear that without the health issues Glyn and Sarah would have found a way to keep Lady even with the business growth. But Glyn and Sarah put Lady's needs first, and knew that with the health issues Glyn faced, Lady would be better in an active home.

The unique bond shared by Glyn and Sarah with Lady transcends time and where Lady lives, it will remain in Glyn and Sarah's hearts forever.

Lady at 7 months old.



Lady at 10 months old.



Baxter and Rebel – Therapy Dobies

The common image of Dobermanns is of guard dogs, fierce and protective, but there is a softer side to Dobermanns; one that is not often discussed or shown. Sure, Dobermanns are goofballs and like to cuddle but they can also have a job that doesn't include guarding.



This is where Jazmine, Baxter, and Rebel come in. Jazmine works at a care home, taking care of elderly people. For those people that have had dogs all their lives, it can be hard to be in a care home where they are unable to keep a dog. So, who are Baxter and Rebel? They are two Dobermanns rescued by Jazmine, Baxter is a Lincs boy and Rebel is a rehome between her original owner and Jazmine. Jazmine adopted Baxter about 2 years ago from Lincs, he is now 5 years old, and Rebel is a more recent rescue.

Poor Rebel, a 2-year-old girl, was severely underweight when Jazmine rescued her and that has led to a few behavioural issues, including food aggression. Jazmine is working with Rebel to overcome these issues and happily Rebel is putting on weight steadily. Rebel suffered a phantom pregnancy prior to being neutered and now treats her toys like puppies, being very gentle with them. Rebel still gets annoyed at Baxter sometimes and lashes out but always apologies with kisses after.

Jazmine, on her off days, takes Baxter and Rebel to visit the residents of the care home. Something to brighten their day, when most days are much of the same. One resident previously had Dobermanns and loves to see Baxter and Rebel. Sadly though, the resident has dementia and all the associated affects of the disease; but seems to remember Jazmine has Dobermanns and asks after them, even if the visits to the care home are forgotten.

Another care home resident, a gentleman, is known as one of those people who children take to and it seems he is a Rebel whisperer too. Despite being wary of men, Rebel took to this one particular gentlemen and he wrote a beautiful poem for them, copied below (The challenge will be to not to cry when reading it).

While Dobermanns are noted guardians, they also have a huge capacity to care and can be good therapy dogs, as Baxter and Rebel has proven. Keep up the wonderful work Jazmine, Baxter, and Rebel showing how truly versatile and loving the Dobermann can be.

A DOG'S LIFE

At Abbey View
There is something new
To stimulate our nogs
To our surprise two handsome dogs
Arrived one day to befriend us
Lively young Dobermanns called Rebel and
Baxter
At first seemed like to o'erwhelm us
But a friendly word and a gentle stroke
Completely and utterly tamed us.
Now we look forward to visits anew
And make Rebel and Baxter part of our
crew.

Anonymous Care Home Gentleman

23rd December 2023



Litter Sisters – Ruby and Saffy



Ruby and Saffy are litter sisters that came to Lincs Dobermann Rescue for rehoming. While the post said that Lincs were open to rehoming Ruby and Saffy together, it quickly became apparent that rehoming together was not the best option. Saffy showed signs of dominating Ruby. The idea of keeping litter sisters together is a nice one but the reality can be quite different. Think sibling rivalry.

Let's start with Ruby adoption by Wanda and Dominic.

Wanda and Dominic lost their beloved Dobermann Diesel in October 2023, a handsome black and tan boy who would have been 13 years old in December 2023. This broke their hearts, as all dog owners know who have ever lost one of their own. Prior to this Wanda and Dominic became Dobie Mates, regular donors that get access to Dobies available for adoption first, as well as a wide variety of information and other perks.

Wanda knew that they would want another Dobermann in time and seeing the waiting list had over 100 people on it, decided to complete an adoption form thinking it would be months before she would hear anything. It should be noted at this point that Dominic was completely unaware that Wanda had completed the application form, this becomes important later on.

Not long after the application was completed, Lincs contacted Wanda about a 6-month-old puppy called Otis. This came as a bit of a shock to Wanda considering the length of the waiting list. It also highlights a good practice by Lincs Dobermann Rescue, they don't match Dobies to the first person on the waiting list but to the right person on the waiting list. At this point Wanda had to let Dominic know what she had done, filling out an application with Lincs Dobermann Rescue. Dominic was understandably upset and felt he was not ready to adopt yet. Ultimately, though, Wanda and Dominic decided not to adopt Otis because of his age. They really weren't looking for a puppy.

So back on the waiting list and Otis off to another home it was. That was not to be the end of the story because again not long after that Ruby, a 12-month-old brown and tan girl, became available for adoption. Sure, enough Wanda and Dominic matched what Ruby needed and so Lincs called again. Again, Wanda and Dominic had to have a discussion about whether Ruby was right for them and if it was the right time. Dominic was adamant that he wasn't ready but agreed to meet Ruby. Ruby was a girl and it didn't feel like they were replacing Diesel when they met Ruby. Sometimes the right dog comes at what is thought to be the wrong time, but the opportunity to give a rescue Dobie a loving home won out. Ruby was adopted by Wanda and Dominic.

Ruby has proved to be an interesting addition to Wanda and Dominic's life. The notes on Ruby were that she was a shy reserved dog but has proven to be anything but. Is that because she is no longer being dominated by her sister? One can only guess. Ruby likes to test boundaries and will require training, despite notes that she has had training previously. With this in mind, Wanda and Dominic are working with a local trainer to get a training plan in place for Ruby to learn the basics. This shows Wanda and Dominic understanding that they need help with Ruby because she has stolen their hearts and they are willing to put in the effort to get her trained so she will fit into their life.

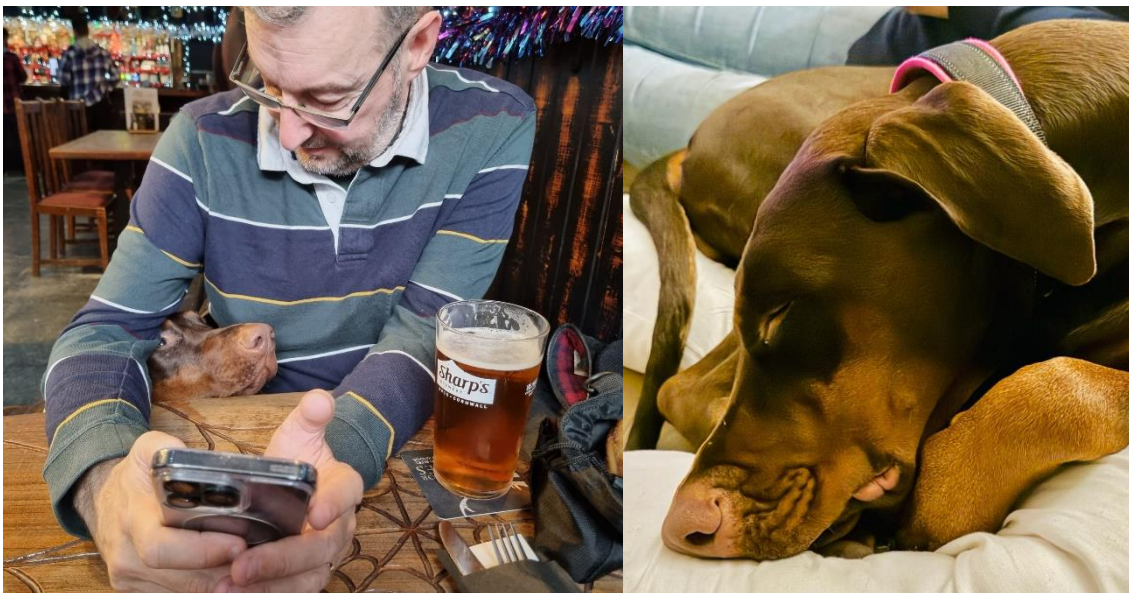
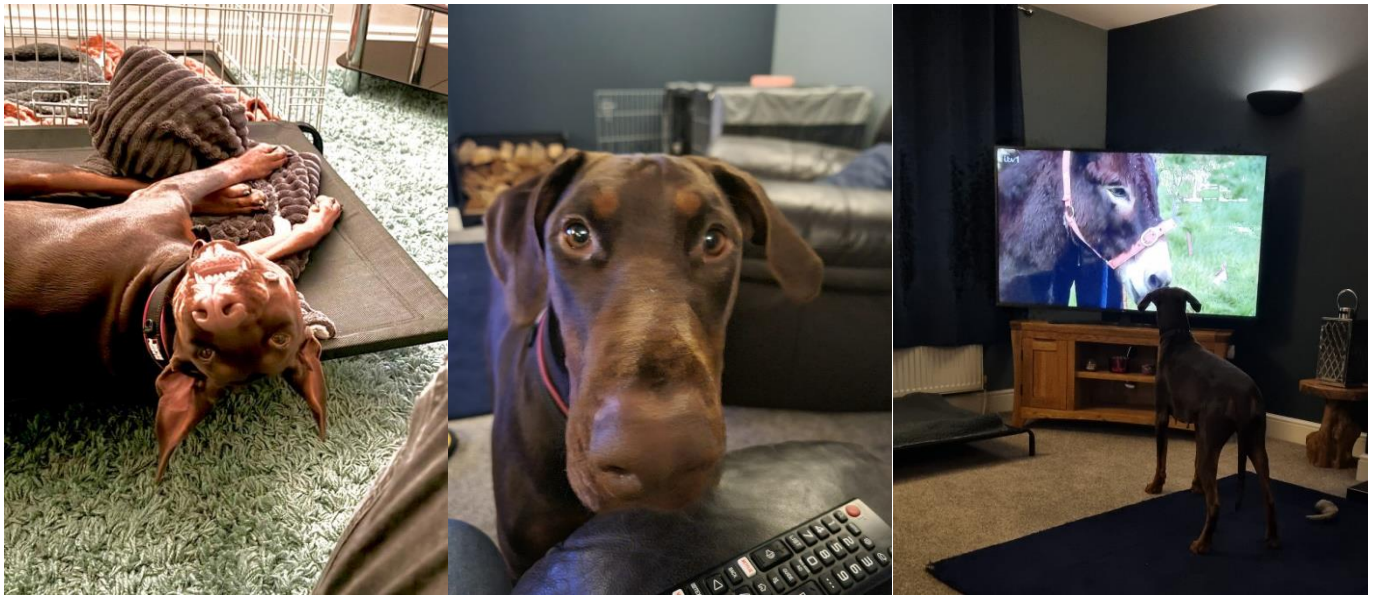
That being said Ruby has proved that she is willing to go on the bus into town, dog walks around town, and happy to settle at the pub for a pint. Ruby loves the countryside walks and has brought the joy back to Wanda and Dominic on those walks, there really is nothing like having a canine companion on a beautiful countryside walk. Ruby is the typical Dobermann,

a velcro dog, who is very affectionate.

Dominic stressed throughout the conversation that despite not feeling ready to adopt so soon after losing Diesel, sometimes even if you are not ready the right opportunity will come along and you have to grab onto it. That the rewards outweighed the challenges when adopting Ruby. Ruby seems to be thriving on her own, feeling able to show her true personality, which in the words of Wanda "Ruby is full of character".



Oh and by the way, Ruby couldn't fit into the car, or more accurately the car crate wouldn't fit into the car. So, what to do? The answer is obvious buy a new car that will fit Ruby and the car crate for her. That is right, Ruby's adopters bought her a new car 😂



Litter Sisters – Ruby and Saffy - Continued



With Ruby thriving in her new home, how is Saffy doing in her new home? Saffy was renamed by her adopters, David and Chris, to Sky and this is their story.

David and Chris had been used to having two dogs, Bruce their now 5-year-old Dobermann, their first Dobie, and a Jack Russell Terrier called Tilly. Sadly, Tilly passed away due to old age and that left Bruce on his own. It took quite a while before David and Chris were ready to get another dog but they knew that it would be a rescue dog. When the time was right, they put in an application with Lincs Dobermann Rescue, looking to adopt another Dobie. It took a few months before David and Chris heard anything about a potential adoptee and then Sky became available. Where Bruce was a 44-kilo black and tan boy, Sky was a black and tan 30-kilo girl and the differences didn't stop there.

Before Sky could settle with David and Chris, there would need to be a meet and greet with Bruce to ensure that the two could live together. Success!!!! With a successful meet and greet behind them, it meant that Sky could settle in with David, Chris, and Bruce for the next chapter in her life.

Sky has proved to be more stubborn than Bruce and thinks she is in charge, which often proves to be the case with Bruce as Sky likes to take toys and sticks away from Bruce. Thankfully Bruce doesn't seem to mind and lets Sky get away with being in charge. Bruce and Sky find there is nothing better than curling up nose to nose on their dog beds next to each other. Sky loves to walk with her new family and has proven to have good recall. With a park nearby, Sky and Bruce enjoy two walks a day, keeping David and Chris active.

David and Chris were really pleased with adopting from Lincs Dobermann Rescue, how to process was completed and the really nice people they met from Lincs. It seems that Sky has landed on her paws, having a new "brother" in Bruce and a loving home with David and Chris. The future looks bright with lots of planned adventures for Sky, Bruce, David, and Chris.



Litter Sisters – Ruby and Saffy - Continued



Sometimes you don't need to live with your litter sister, a home on your own can showcase your character as in Ruby's case and help your calm demeanour thrive with a new older "brother" Bruce as in Sky's case. Despite not being rehomed together, Ruby and Sky have managed to find their perfect but different homes and families that can provide the support and love they need.

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.



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
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24

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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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 scary, fierce dogs that love their blankies. Yes, that is right Dobies love their blankies; carrying them around or snuggling up under them.

