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HELLO 🙋

There are some exciting changes happening at Lincs Dobermann Rescue, or at least some exciting changes to the Lincs website. If you have not been on the website recently or ever, check it out. April was a busy month for Lincs with three big events; the Easter Monday Fun Dog Show, the Training Day on Sunday 14th April, and a stall at the All About the Dogs Show in Newark. Some fun times with every kind of weather as one can imagine. Of course, there is another happy adoption story for Heidi, Anna and Anna's family. So many beautiful Dobies and wonderful adopters that have been brought together by Lincs Dobermann Rescue.

Finally, there are a couple of fundraising notes;

- 🐾 When using PayPal for donations, please use Friends and Family, if not, then PayPal take money out of the payment to protect you but this increases the time it takes to balance the accounts.
- 🐾 There is a colouring book available on Amazon for purchase with 100% of the money going to Lincs Dobermann Rescue. <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Dobermann-Adult-Colouring-Book-Coloring>

The Very Vocal Heidi



Anna and her family had Dobermanns previously and struggled with the known issue of shorter lifespans. After their last Dobermann before Heidi, they decided to take a break from having a dog and then of course Covid happened. During this time the family took care of a friend's small breed dog and thought that they were ready to have another dog but maybe a small breed this time. With the desire re-ignited, they started submitting applications for small dogs at a variety of different rescues, sadly none of the applications were successful (or maybe not so sad). Anna and her family thought again about having another Dobermann with the lack of success adopting a small dog, and found Lincs Dobermann Rescue. With the waiting that they had already done, it seemed like a good idea to submit an application and wait and see what happened. Not expecting a quick response, it came as a surprise that just a week and a half later Julie from Lincs called to say that there might be a Dobermann that could fit in with Anna's family.

With the phone call received, Anna and her family made the arrangements to meet up with Morag and Julie, and to meet the potential new addition to their home. Enter Heidi, a beautiful 5-year-old Dobermann. It was love at first sight for both Heidi and Anna's family. Entering the field Heidi approached the family and promptly rolled on her back. In that moment Anna and her family knew they had found the right dog for them and just wanted to take her home that day.

Heidi was being rehomed due to health issues in her previous family but Heidi had also had 3 litters of puppies by the time she was given to Lincs. Heidi has proven to be a lovely addition to the family, though it has not been without some bumps in the road. Heidi pawed at the youngest child due to anxiety so Anna reached out to Lincs about what to do. Lincs were able to provide advice and support to help Anna and her family work through these minor issues that were experienced. These issues are something that is a part of a rescue Dobie settling in, it takes time for them to relax and fully trust everyone in the family. Heidi has become very family-oriented and sociable with people she knows but can be wary of strangers and barks at them.

Exercise is important for this beautiful breed and Anna takes Heidi running to ensure Heidi has the exercise and stimulation she needs. With Heidi settled into family life, there were still some surprises to come. Heidi has proven to be particularly vocal using grunts, snoring, and just about every other sound to communicate her needs (this includes being extra vocal when she wants a cuddle). Anna's previous Dobies hadn't been quite as vocal as Heidi has become.

Anna highlighted that her experience with Lincs Dobermann Rescue has been wonderful, finding the team really helpful and supportive. This has instilled a desire to rescue another dog when the time comes. It has also inspired Anna to get involved in fundraising for Lincs Dobermann Rescue. It should be noted that Anna felt Lincs took the time to ensure their Dobies find the right home, almost having a sixth sense in being able to find the right matches. Anna and her family might have rescued Heidi but Heidi has also rescued Anna and her family, having such a positive, loving impact on the whole family.

Two years later, Heidi likes nothing more than to have cuddles with her mum Anna.



Cuddles with Mum



Easter Monday Fun Dog Show



What a day for an outdoor event...rain, rain, and more rain. That was the weather for the Easter Monday Dog Show held in memory of Steve Wood at Burrs Country Park, near Bury. It may have been wet but everyone's spirits were high and people managed to shelter in the gazebos setup around the park. The dog show was a resounding success with 80 dogs in attendance, along with their humans. The dogs present came all shapes and sizes; out to support Lincs Dobermann Rescue and enjoy the day. There were, of course, some Dobies milling around, 14 to be exact; one of whom was Wonky Donkey Skyla with her adopter Ann (see Issue 05 for a wonderful article featuring Skyla and Ann). The event had a Health and Safety Co-Ordinator and First Aider on hand to ensure the safety of all. There was an amazing number of vendors at the dog show selling a wide variety of products including but not limited to treats for dogs and humans, a place to get stuffed jacket potatoes, homemade bows and charms for collars, purses and bags (including treat bags), crystals, and photography. DRUE, a fellow Dobie rescue, also attended selling items to raise money for their rescue so they can continue to help this wonderful breed.

Of course, there was the planned dog shows for all breeds and Dobies that still managed to shine despite the weather. Best in Show for the day was awarded to a rescue Dobie called Max and his adopter Brendan O'Rourke. Preston Trick Dogs put on a spectacular show with their dancing dogs, ensuring everyone was thoroughly entertained. There was raffles and prizes at the different vendors, just to add a little more excitement to the day. As the day wrapped up, with more than a few soggy humans and dogs, the sun came out to shine; late as usual (forecasted to stop raining around 12pm, the sun actually shined a bit around 4pm 🌞).

There is one thing that all events for Lincs have in common, the wonderful, dedicated volunteers who make the events happen. The Easter Monday Dog Show was no exception, just exceptional volunteers creating a wonderful day out of nothing; no small thanks in part to Rebecca Collingwood who organized the event. Following the success of the dog show, another one has been booked at Burrs Country Park, near Bury on Saturday 17th August 2024, we hope to see the sun and more importantly you and your 4-legged best friends 😊.

Some live video links and a thank you to all the volunteers post (all available on Lincs Dobermann Rescue Facebook page):

<https://www.facebook.com/1408026958/videos/939357924177996/>

<https://www.facebook.com/1408026958/videos/783205950538481/>

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/1465535054367463>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/527459614111199/permalink/2361170170740125/>







Training Day – Sunday 14th April

A bright and sunny day greeted the attendees to the training day kindly put on by Military K9 Training Behaviour RB Canine Academy and Kate Ewart. This was the third such training day put on by them in support of Lincs Dobermann Rescue and all the wonderful owners looking for guidance with their Dobies.



Dobermanns are a strong willed, beautiful breed that are also large and muscular. This means that training is highly recommend for Dobies and their owners to help create a beautiful, loving, and harmonious relationship. Dobies are proven to be very smart and highly trainable, so not only is it recommended but can also give you ideas on stimulating your Dobies' brains. The training provided on these days is invaluable to both the owners and Dobies.

On Sunday 14th April, the trainers showed an amazing amount of patience throughout the day, providing help to all attending through sharing their vast knowledge. Topics that were covered on the day included but were not limited to:

- 🐾 How dogs learn
- 🐾 Dog behaviour and mindset for training
- 🐾 Building engagement
- 🐾 Using markers
- 🐾 Loose lead walking
- 🐾 Recall

A light lunch was provided as was planned; but also lots of laughs were provided, proving that training can be fun and educational for all. The Dobies and their owners truly shined on the day, matching the shining sun.

A huge thank you to Military K9 Training Behaviour RB Canine Academy and Kate Ewart for hosting the training day.

There are some amazing videos of the day available on Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok. Shared below are just a few links to view the fun day had by all.

Facebook

https://fb.watch/rxfHmc_zXS/

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/986858653094530>

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/964855544860100>





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

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.