

# NEWSLETTER



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## HELLO 🐾

After somewhat of a slow start the hot weather is finally here and the pressing question is how to keep your dog cool with the heat. This edition provides some helpful tips as well as highlighting the signs of heat stroke (something that can be deadly to dogs if not caught early). Then there is the story about Remi and Rio, the beautiful brown Dobies, that came to Lincs underweight and with no history. Both have landed on their paws in separate homes, despite being surrendered together. Read on to hear their heartwarming stories. Once again, there is another dog sport being featured called Obreedience. Yes, this an actually sport that requires team work in completing obedience exercises.

And finally, it is here DOBIEFEST 😊 Just 27 more days until the event.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Dobiefest ❤️ 🐾

# DOBIEFEST – SATURDAY 27TH JULY 2024



The time has come, it is just a few more days until Dobiefest. The planning committee has been hard at work since January when the new venue at Oakridge Arena in Collingham was secured, having outgrown the previous venue. The committee have been extremely busy, working hard to get everything ready in time. Loads of people and companies have generously donated to the event, and every donation no matter how big or small is greatly appreciated. There will be professional photographers on hand during the event and the kennel is back after being refurbished to get your photo taken in. And, of course, the all important fun dog shows, 1 for Dobies only and 1 for All Breeds.



**DOBIEFEST 2024**  
**SATURDAY 27 JULY**  
**OAKRIDGE ARENA**  
**SWINDERBY ROAD, COLLINGHAM, NEWARK, NOTTS NG23 7NZ**

**FUN DOG SHOW**  
**ALL DOGS WELCOME**  
Open 9:30 am  
Judging begins 11 am

**STANDS**  
**GAMES**  
**PHOTOGRAPHERS**

**DOBERMANN RING & ALL BREEDS RING**  
**GIFT FOR EVERY ENTRANT**

**ROSETTE & PRIZE**  
for  
**1ST—5TH**  
**PUPPY ( up to 1 year)**  
**LOVELY LADY**  
**FAB FELLA**  
**WAGGIEST TAIL**  
**BEST MOVER**  
**RESCUE FEMALE**  
**RESCUE MALE**  
**BEST LEGS (dog & handler)**  
**BEST CONDITION**  
**VETERAN (7 + years)**  
**£2 per class**

**FREE ADMISSION**  
**FREE CAR PARKING**

**RAFFLES**  
**FOOD & DRINK**  
**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU**  
**ON THE DAY**

**LINCS DOBERMANN RESCUE reg'd charity 1172595**



## Rio and Remi (Ruby) the Beautiful Browns



Do you remember Rio and Remi? They came to Lincs Dobermann Rescue (LDR) together from another rescue kennels. Both were under-weight and unvaccinated, and although they got on well together the LDR team, sadly, had to rehome them separately because both were entire. Not forgetting their bond, the rehoming team looked at their list of adoption applicants for those with neutered dogs so each would have a new friend to bond with.

The rehoming team didn't want to transfer them from the other rescue kennel to another kennel because of their weight issues whilst they found them homes, as this would likely contribute to further weight loss and so they desperately wanted either a foster home or to put them directly into a home with an adopter. Luckily the fabulous Sharon and Andy Jackson, who have fostered many dogs for the rescue, were able to foster Remi (the girl), but finding Rio (the boy) a foster home wasn't so easy. However after being with LDR for just two days a suitable match was found and he was on his way to his forever home.

### Baby Boy Rio

Current Age: 1 yr old / Date adopted: 09.04.24

Despite being rehomed without Remi, Rio would not be lonely or lacking female company as he was joining a pack of four ladies. Enter Joyce and her three neutered female Dobies: Roxy (found on a free ads website with an owner that had sadly become ill and needed to rehome her), Kiara (from another rescue that has since closed its doors), Isa (a blue Dobie). Such a busy and full house.

Joyce submitted an adoption application early one Sunday morning, thinking it would be a while before she would hear anything. As fate would have it at the same time LDR were asked to help rehome Remi and Rio. Even with the limited information the rescue had about the pair, Joyce recognised that Rio's bond with Remi, him mixing with other dogs at the other rescue, and his interaction with the volunteers would make him a wonderful addition to her pack. Without hesitation she said yes to giving Rio a home and a family. So much for a long wait, Joyce managed to get everything in place so she could receive him into her home at short notice; wanting him with her as soon as possible so that Rio could have a safe place to de-stress and start getting some weight on him.

As you can see Joyce has plenty of experience with rescue Dobies (she's a bit addicted to rescuing Dobies...which LDR love about her), so she knows the tricks for safely and successfully introducing a new dog to her pack. Over the next two weeks Rio was introduced to his new hareem; at first, he was separated by a pet gate allowing Joyce to monitor the responses as each dog introduced themselves to him, after a few days, she started to introduce him to each of the girls separately in the garden. Each had different reactions to Rio with Roxy barking at him, Isa being a bit nervous, and Kiara just not being happy with him, but with more 1-1 introductions, and then introducing a second lady to the garden, eventually Rio was accepted into the pack and is now a full member, even if he still gets told off sometimes. Isa being the last member of the pack to accept Rio, their bond now allows them to constantly be play fighting without hurting each other.

With Rio settled and part of the pack, his true personality is blossoming! He is proving to be quite a character, stealing stuff to hide in his bed, chewing shoes, he's even teamed up with Isa to counter-surf and open doors (including the stair gate); just generally testing boundaries. Joyce prefers not to do much on lead walking (tricky with 4 Dobies) so instead enjoys exploring quiet places that



allow the opportunity for all the dogs to be off-lead. With Rio's love of food Joyce has managed to use this to help with learning recall as well as some other basics that make life out and about with her pack easier. All the hard work and patience has paid off with Rio now able to run off-lead with the pack.



Baby boy Rio still has a lot of growing to do but now he has a loving home with his harem of four ladies taking care of him, oh and Nick to cuddle with.



Baby boy Rio



I am ready for my close up



Isa (one of Rio's new ladies)



Look at me sitting pretty

# Mischievous Ruby (nee Remi)

Current Age: 1 yr old / Date adopted: 14.04.24

Remi, on the other hand, would find her home with Di, her partner Pat, and the resident Dobie Vinnie. Previously Di had lost her female Dobie Zig in February 2024 and Vinnie was lost without her. And so, Di started her search for a female Dobie because there was a hole in their lives.



Zig had taken Di on a challenging journey as she had quite the traumatic start. She would teach Di that structure, boundaries, firmness, love, training, and a willingness to not give up were an important part of the relationship with your Dobie. One of the things that helped was giving Zig a purpose (a job) and for them that was doing agility together, taking 5 years to get to the advanced level. This provided Zig with focus, and working as a team in training to successfully complete an agility course made their relationship so much stronger which in turn paid dividends in other aspects of their training, especially with recall.

The challenging Zig had not put her or Pat off going through it all again, indeed, the results had been hugely rewarding and if they could help another dog, who had not had a great start, then they were all in and thrilled to be asked to adopt Remi who was quickly renamed Ruby.

They welcomed Ruby into their home, and immediately, apart from the weight gain she needed, the first challenge presented itself. It wasn't Ruby they had to work on in this instance, it was Vinnie because he didn't like Ruby having any interactions with Di. The rehoming team said that it is quite often the resident dog who is not accepting of the rescue dog when first introduced to the home. Vinnie and Ruby were kept separate whilst they got to know each other, then one day whilst Di was out at the local market Pat did the first full introduction, it went without a hitch and even on Di's return the equilibrium remained. After that day, Vinnie and Ruby become inseparable wanting to play and sleep together.

With little to no history on Ruby, everything was started at the beginning including vaccines, training, and as she was still entire, when her last season was. Thankfully Vinnie was neutered so this would make things easier as he just wasn't interested when Ruby eventually did come into season, if anything he was just interested in the weird pants Ruby had to wear. Training, and especially on-lead training, was essential to ensure Ruby had the ability to thrive and remain safe. Ruby is very intelligent and mastered recall training in just four short weeks, with total recall after just 2 months.

As we all know Dobies require a lot of exercise and Ruby and Vinnie are no different. Di has truly loved being able to introduce Ruby to the Peak District with Vinnie. When out walking, Ruby has proven to be a loving and funny dog who constantly has to check on her humans to ensure they are OK and still there.

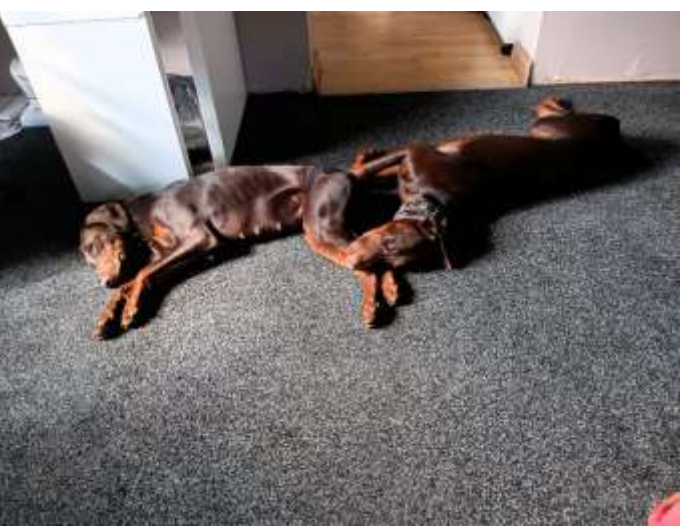
Di had previously had some special collars made for her previous dogs. These are handmade collars that are meant to last a lifetime, and so they have been passed down from one dog to the next. You might think it is just a collar, but it is not, the collars hold the memories of all the previous wearers and the potential for new memories with each new dog to come. Vinnie is currently wearing the collar that once belonged to Spider (one of her previous dogs), and Ruby is wearing Zig's old collar. Each carrying memories while creating new ones, including Vinnie taking a 4-inch chunk out of Ruby's collar (not while she was wearing it, thankfully it was able to be repaired).

Ruby and Vinnie bring a lot of love and chaos to Di and Pat's lives, and they are loving every minute of it. Ruby is blossoming into a mischievous sweetheart surrounded by nothing but love and acceptance from Di, Pat, and Vinnie.





On arriving at her forever home Her new collar (previously belonged to Zig)



Partners in mischief

Always cuddling



Out for a walk with Di (Vinnie) Time for some sunbathing

# How to Keep Your Dog Cool in the Summer Heat (and Recognizing the Signs of Heat Stroke)



With the warmer weather finally here, it is time to think about some safe ways of keeping your precious dog cool in the heat, which not an easy feat. Here are some helpful tips for keeping your dog cool:

- adjust walking times to early in the morning or later in the evening when it is cooler
- if it is too hot to walk, try treat puzzles, brain games, or refreshing basic training indoors
- provide shady spots in the garden
- if you can, setup a paddling pool
- cooling mats can be helpful
- you can also wrap your dog in a cool wet towel, or if they enjoy it spray them with water
- keep them well hydrated (remember to bring water and a water bowl on your walks)
- ice cubes in the water bowl
- tasty frozen treats

Be on alert for any signs that your dog is suffering from heatstroke, something that can be deadly for dogs in the heat. Some of the signs of heatstroke can be:

- collapsing
- lethargy
- excessive panting
- vomiting or diarrhoea
- purple gums
- redness of skin

If you suspect heatstroke, act fast and contact your vet immediately. They can provide guidance on what to do next. Some things you can do while in the process of contacting your vet are:

- put them in a shaded cool area
- keep them calm
- put a cool wet towel or cooling mat on top of them
- allow the dog to drink small amounts cool (not cold) water
- pour cool water over the dog's feet, ears, and head

# Obreedience



Obreedience is a fun, team sport that originated with the Kennel Club. It is meant to have pure-bred dogs team up to complete an obedience competition together, of which the final competition of the year is held at Crufts. Obreedience highlights the abilities of different breeds. The teams are made up of four handlers and four dogs that take part in two rounds of competition.

The first round is marked out of 10 points total and has all four dogs completing a round of heelwork together. The round is assessed on the team's ability to complete different moves while remaining in sync with each other.

The second round is marked out of 40 points total; 10 points per exercise. In round two, there are four different exercises that need to be completed;

- Retrieve (handler's own article),
- send to bed,
- stop the dog, and
- scent over articles.

Each dog must complete one of the four different exercises while trying to secure as many points as possible for the team.





### 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.)

Day 1	Day 2	Day 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.

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3

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.

Month 1	Month 2	Month 3

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](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.