

NEWSLETTER



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HELLO 🐶

What a day.... Saturday 27th July was Dobiefest and it couldn't have been more successful. All the hard work and preparation really showed on the day. The venue was amazing, and provided the much-needed shelter from the sun. The sun was shining on Dobiefest, allowing people and dogs alike, to stretch their legs in the fields surrounding the venue. Then there was a wonderful variety of stalls to support several different charities, including Lincs, two professional photographers, stalls with everything a dog could want, doggy massage, hydrotherapy, artwork, and Drone SAR for helping find lost dogs. Look out for a special edition of The Dobie Times dedicated to everything Dobiefest.

The August edition highlights the dog sport Bikejoring, also known as CaniBike, where some of the Lincs Dobies are in the UK, and things to think about when allowing interactions between your precious dog and a stranger. Last but not least, there is another exciting event happening in August, a second fun dog show at Burr Country Park, Bury.

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make Dobiefest a resounding success



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Upcoming Event

Following the success of the first fun dog show in Burrs Country Park, Bury, a second fun dog show has been organised for Saturday 17th August. All breeds are welcome in all the classes, and it is just £2.00 to register. If you want to plan ahead, registration is available on the Lincs Dobermann Rescue website.



<https://lincsdobermannrescue.com/product-category/fun-dog-show/>



Fun Dog Show
17th August 2024
In Aid Of Lincs Dobermann Rescue

Registration Opens At 9am

Classes Start At 11am

- Perfect Puppy
- Best Veteran
- Junior Handler (up to 16yrs of age)
- Have A Go
- Lovely Lady
- Fab Fella
- Best Rescue Male
- Best Rescue Female
- Best Condition
- Craziest Dog
- Waggiest Tail
- Best Trick

All Breeds Welcome

Field Opp The Brown Cow
Burrs Country Park, Bury, BL8 1DA



We don't have our own kennels/hub where all the dogs come prior to being rehomed so the dog could be anywhere in the UK depending on the type of rehome we have planned:

- From kennels
- From a foster home
- Home to home (direct rehome)



Rehoming Logistics

- some may be asked to travel to the kennels
- some may be asked to travel to one of the foster homes
- some may be asked to meet us somewhere between the transport volunteers' home (not necessarily dogs current home) and their home
- We also have the option to use The Animal Team (another charity) to transport dogs around the UK mainland, so the adopter and our volunteers don't need to do any travelling
- You can pay for a professional dog transporter to bring the dog to you

We endeavour to do what is best for the dog first and foremost, then any resident dogs, and then the people involved.

Bikejoring (CaniBike)



Bikejoring is a dog sport that has its origins in mushing (dog shedding). It can be done with one dog or a team of dogs with the dog(s) running in front of the bike, pulling. The dog(s) are connected to the bike with an elastic line and kept away from the front wheel with a bike antenna. Bikejoring can be done as a hobby and/or competitively and involves high speeds with some of the fastest dogs reaching speeds 30 miles per hour. However it is more important to keep a steady pace and it is better for the dog(s) too.

Like all dog sports safety is key. Well bikejoring is considered a fairly safe sport, there are things you can do to ensure the safety of yourself and your dog(s). Having the appropriate equipment, thoroughly researching the sport, learn bikejoring safety, making safe choices when out with your dog(s), and ensuring that your dog(s) is listening to you are key to safely enjoying a day out exercising your dog(s). Bikejoring is an excellent way to provide physical exercise and mental stimulation to your dog(s). Dogs should wear an ergonomic bikejoring harness that is designed to allow free movement and breathing when pulling.

Dogs of all sizes can participate in bikejoring as long as they are fit and healthy. As with most dog sports, puppies and young dogs that are not fully grown should not participate in the sport. Overexerting a puppy or young dog by exercising doing dog sports can have a harmful impact on their health and growth.

Remember when out bikejoring with your dog(s) to adjust the pace to match your dog's ability and let the dog decide the speed.

More information can be found at the following website: <https://www.canicross.org.uk/canibike>



Interactions Between Your Dog and Strangers



Ever been on a walk and been asked "Can I pet your dog?" This can be good socialisation for your dog, but only if your dog and you welcome the attention. It can be difficult to say no but in some circumstances no might be the appropriate answer. Then there is the question about treats. Some people may ask to give your dog a treat, or not ask at all and simply give your dog a treat. Again, your answer is truly up to you and what you feel is best for your dog at the time. If you are happy for your dog to have a treat, then there is nothing wrong with saying yes. Here are a few things to that you might want to consider when a stranger asks to pet our dog or give it a treat.

Petting

- Are you comfortable with the request? You may want to just keep walking rather than stop and have people petting your dog.
- Is your dog comfortable with being petted by a stranger? Watch your dog's body language. Where one day they may be happy to accept the attention, on another day they may not want that attention.
- Is your dog calm enough to accept the attention? This is key, particularly with children or nervous adults. An excited dog can accidentally hurt someone.

Treats

- Are you comfortable with allowing someone to feed your dog? If you have any concerns about allowing a stranger to feed your dog a treat, even one that you have given them, then just say no.
- Is your dog comfortable accepting treats from a stranger? Again, watch your dog's body language. It will tell you how comfortable your dog is with the interaction.
- How calm is your dog? This is particularly important as an excited dog can get a bit snappy, particularly with treats involved, and that can lead to a negative interaction really quickly.

Things to think about when having a child interact with your dog

- Where is the child's parent? It would be good to have the child's parent close at hand to ensure a positive interaction.
- Is your dog calm enough? Children can get scared easily. Having a calm dog will help in having a safe experience.
- Do you feel it is safe to allow a child to give your dog a treat? Remember the child's hand will be close to your dog's mouth and anything can happen from your dog getting a little overexcited and accidentally getting snappy, the child inadvertently tease your dog with the treat by moving it around, or their might very well be a lot of slobber involved (yuck). Anything can set the child off crying and that can lead to a negative experience for everyone.

The above is not meant to scare you into not allowing interactions between your dog and a stranger. Such interactions can be extremely beneficial for both you and your dog. The above is just meant to have you think about such interactions so that everyone has a positive and rewarding experience, your dog, you, and the lovely person who wants to meet your precious dog.



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

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.