

# NEWSLETTER



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Cover image: Molly: left – out for a car  
ride, right – day one with Robert and  
Christine.

### HELLO 🐶

Wow it is November already, the year has flown by with Christmas just around the corner, just go to the shops with all the Christmas stuff out already. What does that mean, the 2025 Lincs calendars are now available to purchase on the website, along with so much more.

There was a wonderful Halloween Flash on the fundraising Facebook page, with lots of dressed up Dobies entering. It was so hard to choose the winners, but they are featured on the very next page. Congratulations to the winners, and thank you to everyone who participated.

November is a time for remembrance and this issue features an article about Dobermanns being war dogs. If that wasn't enough, for anyone who saw the Facebook post for beautiful Molly, she was adopted in September by Robert and Christine and is happily settling into her new life.

With Molly one of the nine rehomed Dobies in September, October was no less busy with a whopping 9 Dobies rehomed in October. Another busy, successful month for Lincs Dobermann Rescue.



# October REHOMING

**DOBBY**

**MABEL**

**POPPY**

**DUCHESS**

**KAYLA**

**SHILOH**

**SMOKEY**

**ATLAS**

**SHADOW**

# Halloween Flash Class

And the winners are.....



Lings Dobermann Rescue  
Registered Charity 1172592



poppy 1st



Bodie 2nd



Dusty 3rd



Milo, Sassi, Kita 4th



George 5th



chloe 6th

And then there was two; due to all the wonderful entires the competition was split.

Now for the Autumn winners....



# Adopt Don't Shop...or maybe Adopt and then Shop



There are so many wonderful Dobies out there looking for their forever home. One of the most common phrases that you will hear is adopt, don't shop. But what if we flipped that around a bit, what if we said Adopt and Then Shop (to support your favourite rescue). Find a rescue, adopt a deserving, beautiful soul, and then shop at the rescue, either through the merchandise or through the many fundraising opportunities. Of course, donation of any value are always welcome and go to helping with all the wonderful work done by Lincs Dobermann Rescue (LDR). Whether it is £1 or more, every little bit helps.

It is that time of year, the festive season is creeping up on us. It is the time of gift giving and receiving. Time spent with families, or maybe not, and don't forget about our gentle, kind Dobies with their big brown eyes. There is so much to be thankful for; why not adopt and then shop to support your favourite Rescue. If you haven't seen the LDR merchandise, then you are definitely missing out. There are a large variety of items available for purchase from the Lincs Dobermann Rescue website, including

## For your Dobie

- 🐾 Bandanas
- 🐾 Dog Blankets
- 🐾 PJs
- 🐾 Treat bags
- 🐾 and so much more

## For Humans

- 🐾 Hats
- 🐾 Hoodies
- 🐾 Stickers
- 🐾 Classic tees
- 🐾 Tote bags
- 🐾 and much much more

And especially the calendars featuring some amazing, awesome Dobies for 2025 (there are 2, yes 2, versions of the calendar for 2025) and Christmas cards.

And then there is the opportunity to shop at a wide variety of brands that support easyfundraising. With just a few clicks and setting up an account, you can shop online with some of your favourite brands while raising money for LDR.

So, remember as the festive season approaches to Adopt and Then Shop in support of your favourite rescue, Lincs Dobermann Rescue.



Christmas Cards



Calendars



Tote Bag



Treat Bags



Bandana



Sweatshirt



Dog Blanket



Limited Edition Beanie



Doggy PJs

# Happy Molly

Adopted 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024

At just two years and 8 months old, Molly was on the look out for a new home and she would find one with Christine and Robert.



Christine and Robert had previously had Dobermanns, seven to be exact (mostly brother/sister pairs) and it all started by chance. They started with a Labrador, first a Golden and then a black Lab. It was when Christine and Robert had the black Lab that they were given a chance to get a Dobermann puppy from a builder mate who had bred his Dobermann and the rest is history as they say. Amazingly that first Dobermann survived until the age of nine but not to be beaten the black Lab outlived the Doberman, living to be sixteen. After that, Robert and Christine got two brother/sister pairs, the first pair went through training and received first prize at a competition being judged by an RSPCA judge, winning rosettes and cups. Molly has been their first rescue Doberman and she has landed on her paws with Robert and Christine.

After finding Lincs Dobermann Rescue (LDR) on Facebook, Christine and Robert completed an application on the LDR website. Christine had seen Molly's post on Facebook but had no idea that she might be the one for them. After a home assessment was completed by The Animal Team, a collaborating Charity, Christine and Robert were shown pictures of Molly and her in-home assessment; at which point they were asked if they would be willing to adopt her. Molly was a direct rehoming, with full rescue back up if needed. What this means is Molly spent no time in the kennels but instead went from her previous home to her new home, after being assessed by LDR.

Molly's nerves got the best of her when she first arrived at Robert and Christine's place but she continues getting braver and braver every day. Just a month with Christine and Robert, and she is now bossing them around like only a Doberman can. Molly has been so amazing with Robert and Christine, settling into the routine of the house quickly. Molly seems to have a clock in her head, knowing exactly when she should get fed (three times a day) or when it is time for a walk. And look out for the happy greeting that Robert and Christine get when they return home after being out, no matter how long or short that time is, Molly just dances and leaps around with happiness. Molly is just a happy girl with a constantly wagging tail but beware of her dance when being let outside, it contains a few leaps and jumps and fancy foot work. Good with dogs and people alike, Molly is just easy going, quietly sleeping all night on her bed in the kitchen.

Molly is still nervous of one thing, the garage. Not quite sure what has caused this nervous reaction, Molly just doesn't like going near the garage, even when checking out why the garage alarm was going off one evening. But with love, support, and understanding from Christine and Robert, Molly is learning to trust them and one day recently when the sun was out and Robert was working outside, Molly being hot went into the garage, but only because the garage door was open. With time and support, there is little doubt that she will conquer her nerves about the garage. Molly has enjoyed exploring the large garden, taking a good ten minutes to explore every inch the first time she was let out in it. Now she has a long leash for the garden until she learns to come in when called but never fear the garden is fully fenced so she wouldn't be able to get out if not on the leash. Recall is just so important, whether in the garden or out on a walk. Molly has energy to spare and keeps busy waiting eagerly for the ball to be thrown, doing some bird watching, or helping Christine knit. It is safe to say that Molly here to stay with Robert and Christine, and they feel blessed to have her.



Coffee time, where is my biscuit.



Time to play ball?

What are those birds doing?





Helping with the knitting.



After a busy day, it is time to relax in my bed in the living room.

# The Devil Dogs – Dobermanns at War



With Remembrance Sunday just around the corner, we honour the men and women who protect us in times of war and peace. These brave souls have help from a variety of sources, and one of those sources is war dogs. Dogs that serve have a mixture of different roles that can have quite an impact when the time comes. The popular image of dogs that serve both in the military and in the police tend to be German Shepherds (Alsations) or Spaniels or Labradors. You don't often see Dobermanns in these roles. This is often thought to be because Dobermanns are more highly strung than other breeds and take protection to a whole other level. Dobermanns can be fearless and extremely protective, which at times can mean that they ignore release instructions in favour of protecting their human.

That said Dobermanns were used in both World Wars as rescue dogs, finding the wounded on the battlefield), detector dogs (finding land mines and the enemy hidden from view), messenger dogs (taking messages to and from different units, often through heavy fire), and guard dogs (protect camps of soldiers from any attacks from the enemy). Dobermanns were the dog of choice by the U.S Marine Corps in World War II, with 1047 dogs trained as what would become known as the Marine Devil Dogs. Of the 1047 Dobermanns trained only 29 were listed as killed in action (a testament to the resilience of the breed), with 25 of these beautiful dogs being lost on the island of Guam. Today there is a monument on the island of Guam to the war dogs that were lost during the battle there. The War Memorial was established by former 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. William W. Putney, who was the veterinarian for the dogs of Guam.

These brave Devil Dogs provided an invaluable service on the island of Guam, their importance can not be underestimated. For each dog trained, there were two handlers. This was to allow for each handler to perform other duties when necessary while the other would be the primary handler for the dog, or in the case of messenger dogs, the dogs would run between units each with one of the handlers stationed with them. These Devil Dogs were willing to sacrifice their lives to protect their handlers, often getting between an enemy combatant and their handler. The Devil Dogs uncanny ability to locate enemy combatants, even in the heavy jungle, allowed the handlers and the accompanying soldiers to surprise the enemy.

A truly dedicated breed to their humans, demonstrating the strong, beautiful relationship Dobermanns form with those closest to them no matter the environment, whether it is curled up next to you on the sofa, checking on you out on a walk, or through battlefields with all the noise and smells that come with it.

If you want to see a Dobermann as a war dog, just watch an entertaining BBC Two mini series called Summer of Rockets.

Lest we forget 🍅



# Dog Sport – Canine Hoopers



Canine Hoopers is a fun, fast, low impact sport that was formed in 2017 to allow anyone and everyone to participate. The dog moves through hoops with no tight turns and no jumping, doing slight bends around barrels, and running through tunnels that are nice and big. This is a little like agility but much lower impact with the ability to include all types of dogs from tall breeds to short breeds, and even including dogs that require a little more space, patience, and understanding. The same can be said for the handlers, handlers of all abilities, even those handlers with limited mobility can compete in Canine Hoopers. There are 7 class types including pairs and teams and five different levels of competitions. The levels of competition are Starters, Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, and Masters. The class types include Hoopers, Barrellers, Tunnellers, Touch N Go, Special Classes, Teams, and Pairs.

One of the aims of Canine Hoopers is to be an inclusive dog sport as well as striving to protect the long-term well-being of the dog by maintaining a flowing course full of low impact obstacles. Canine Hoopers promotes only force free modern training techniques. This is done through training and assessment as well as through an accredited Canine Hoopers UK Instructor scheme. The focus, like a lot of dog sports, is on the partnership between the dog and the handler.

Competition courses will be smooth and flowing, in line with the ethos of being low impact, but can include some optional handling challenges to earn extra points. Progression through Canine Hoopers is based on consistency rather than on individual wins. Shows and competitions for Canine Hoopers are held all year round throughout the UK.



### 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.