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Cover image: Harley (ready for adoption)

HELLO 🤗

What a year, it is December already. The spring and summer were busy with a wide variety of events, with the jewel of events being Dobiefest in July. The time has flown and there have been so many Dobies rehomed by Lincs Dobermann Rescue (LDR), an amazing 9 in October alone. In November we had 3 more adoptions, found 2 new foster homes and brought a further 5 dogs into our care. Cover girl Harley and Scooby are featured this month and are available for adoption. If you think you are ready to adopt, head over to the Lincs Dobermann Rescue website and fill out an application. Also join the Facebook page dedicated to all the Dobies available for adoption through Lincs Dobermann Rescue, details on page 6.

With all the Dobies that LDR are helping, foster homes are desperately needed. Dobies are notorious for not doing well in the kennel environment. Have a read of the article on page 3 and if you want to become a fosterer head to the website to fill out an application.

With Christmas just around the corner, are you looking for the perfect present. If you are considering a puppy or dog, remember they are for life, not just Christmas.

Merry Christmas from everyone at Lincs Dobermann Rescue 🎄

Successful Adoptions – November

November was another busy month for Lincs Dobermann Rescue, 10 beautiful Dobies were supported.



Lincs Dobermann Rescue
Registered Charity 2272592

November **REHOMING**

ADOPTED, RED, BELLA AND MARCUS,

FOSTER, FRANK AND RAIN

BROUGHT INTO OUR CARE - SULLY, MAVERICK, SCOOBY, KAI, SEREN.



Harley



Scooby



Scooby

Harley – Available for Adoption

Today we go with Harley to the Hairdressers [#clipzdoggroomers](#) in Clowne.

Harley has been having fun and games on her Play Date today with John and Julie Ann Rothenburg - to see her having so much fun and so many cuddles with these special people should make your heart smile. She has CDA which is under control - when adopted Lincs cover all the costs of this condition. Who could not find a space in their heart for this lovely girl - just look at how well behaved and demure she is sitting in the bathtub ❤️❤️. Her Meet & Greet fell through so Harley is still looking for her new home.

Calling All Foster Homes



Are you looking for a rewards challenge that costs you nothing but your time? Do you have breed experience? Why not try fostering for Lincs Dobermann Rescue. There are so many Dobies needing care and love that comes from a loving foster home, a place to rest and decompress before finding their forever home. Anyone who knows the breed, knows that they don't do well in the kennel environment. Dobies are so attached to humans, after all they were bred to protect their humans, that being in a kennel is just not comfortable for them. Plus, Dobies are definitely fond of the finer comforts in life that only loving humans can provide. Why is fostering so important (besides the obvious reasons)? A dog living in a foster home finds it easier to settle into their new forever home faster.

What do you as the fosterer get out of the experience? Fostering a dog in need can be one of the most challenging and heartbreaking experience you will ever have but also one of the most rewarding experiences that you can have. Helping a dog settle and understand that they are still loved and wanted, allowing them to be themselves so that the absolute best home can be found for them, there is nothing quite like it. The heartbreak in then having to say goodbye to such a beautiful soul can only be soothed knowing that everything you did to get that Dobie to the point where they find a forever family to love and take care of them.

Some of the challenges you may face as a fosterer:

- ✿ Expected the unexpected. No two Dobies are alike. You may know the Dobies history or may not, or you may not have a complete history. Be prepared to deal to deal all kinds of disruptive behaviour such as poor manners, leash frustration, trouble being left alone, under socialization, etc.
- ✿ Trips to vets for any medication or treatments that might be required.
- ✿ General changes to your normal routine and freedom that comes with having an unpredictable Dobie in your home.

If you are ready for the good and bad of fostering, then please submit an application via the Lincs Dobermann Rescue website. Read through all the information before submitting an application. Once you have submitted an application you will be on your way to having a wonderful, challenging, fulfilling experience fostering a Dobie.

Puppy for a Present



It is that time of year when the home is getting decorated, festive plans are being made, and the perfect gift is being found. It has always been a dream to get a puppy or that particular breed of dog. Can you imagine the morning reaction to finding a puppy awaiting the love of everyone? The days off are fun to have an energetic puppy/dog around the house, going out for family walks. This is just what the family needed, no matter how big or small your family is, kids or no kids. What a wonderful time of the year.

Then it is time to go back to work and the normal routine but now you have a puppy/dog to take care of and you may very well have to leave them on their own while at work. Crates are a good tool, but shouldn't be used in excess. Walks to do regularly, no matter the weather or how tired you are. Training is also important but expensive and time consuming. Soon walks get forgotten and the puppy/dog starts chewing things out of boredom. Training helped but consistency in training drops because it takes time and repetition. Then there is the overall cost of owning a puppy/dog, vet bills, insurance, food, treats, toys, etc. Of course if you got a puppy, that cute puppy grows up to a full grown dog that can be strong and stubborn. Over time frustrations build, the puppy/dog for a present is suddenly not such a good idea. Owning a puppy/dog is lively to change your lifestyle and will require time and commitment. At the end of it all, the puppy/dog is put up for rehoming, or worse sold or given away online. A sad ending for such a wonderful idea and all too real for many puppies/dogs.

All this headache and frustration could easily have been avoided but taking the time to do a few things in advance, for example a few things listed below:

- ❖ Research can not be underestimated. Each breed is unique and while you might want a particular breed because you have seen it in a movie or because it has a certain look, it might not be the best fit for you and your family.
- ❖ Consider the cost of owning a dog. There are so many expenses to keeping a happy healthy dog, vet bills (annual costs as well as the unforeseen costs), dog food, treats, toys, etc. Everything can add up quickly.
- ❖ Time and lifestyle restrictions. Dogs take time and walking, training, playing games, are just some of the basic needs to ensure that you have a happy well adjusted dog. Dogs can also have a massive impact on lifestyle, consider your working hours and whether you can leave the dog alone for that amount of time, what about going away on holiday (no more last minute trips as who will look after the dog), to name a couple.
- ❖ Commitment to years, not just months or days. Dogs can live a long time, are you ready to commit to taking care of them, even when they get old and grey.

Are you ready for that kind of commitment? A commitment to love and take care of the beautiful soul for as long as they live. If not, then maybe think twice before deciding that the perfect present is a puppy or dog.

Dog Sport – Lure Coursing



Lure Coursing is a sport that has the dog following a lure around a specially designed course. Although it is primarily for sight hounds, any dog can participate. In the UK, Lure Coursing is purely a hobby sport, but in other parts of the world can be competitive. The sport tests the dog's ability to follow the lure around a course and is scored according to a structured point system. The lure is a plastic bag attached to a wire that is used to mimic the movement of a rabbit, engaging the dog's natural prey drive. Dogs, particularly any dogs that are visual and love a good chase, will enjoy Lure Coursing as it requires them to run fast while focusing visually on the movement of the lure.

Only specific breeds are eligible to compete in those countries that have competitions, such as the USA, while other breeds can participate in non-competitive Coursing Ability Test. Competitions have three dogs competing as a team, where non-competitive tests are completed by a solo dog. Scoring is based on overall ability, follow, speed, agility, and endurance. All of these things are important even when participating in the sport as a hobby.

How do you prepare for Lure Coursing? Early socialisation with other dogs is essential due to the nature of the sport as well as basic obedience. Although Lure Coursing is done in a safe, controlled environment, the dog should still understand basic obedience. Finally, the dog has to have the desire to follow a visual stimulus through a course while not losing focus. Whatever the breed of dog, Lure Coursing can be a great way to exercise the dog while providing stimulation and testing basic obedience. It is a good sport to participate in with a dog as long as it is done in a safe and controlled manner to ensure everyone's safety.



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	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

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.