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**ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR
LINGS DOBERMANN RESCUE**



Lings Dobermann Rescue
Registered Charity 1172592

Saturday 20th June 2026



WELCOME



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WELCOME FROM THE TRUSTEES

Hello and welcome to Dobiefest the annual fund-raising event for Lincs Dobermann Rescue. 5 years ago, a small group of very enthusiastic supporters had the idea of holding an event to raise funds for the charity. From that very first gathering held in Mablethorpe, Dobiefest has evolved into today's fantastic showcase event. To all those involved over the past 4 years you should be so proud of everything you have achieved, and for putting Dobiefest and Lincs Dobermann Rescue firmly on the map.

We are extremely grateful to our new headline sponsor LickiMat for their very generous support, and to all our other sponsors and supporters for making today's event possible.

As well as the traditional showing classes Dobiefest continues to grow, and this year we welcome many new activities and trade stands which we hope you will enjoy and participate in.

Dobiefest is important for increasing the understanding of the work of the Charity and why rescuing, rehabilitating and rehoming Dobermanns is a key part of our work.

Our team, most of whom are volunteers, work incredibly hard to deliver a successful event. Without their commitment Dobiefest® would not be possible and I am extremely proud to be supporting them.

I hope you enjoy the event as much as we will and if you take one thing home from your visit, that is all breeds, especially Dobermanns are a lifelong commitment and an integral part of our family.

Nigel Morgan
Lead Trustee for Dobiefest



**ENJOY THE
DAY'S EVENTS**

WHATS ON

DAY'S EVENTS

WHERE & WHEN



09:00 - 17:00 Event Start & Finish

DEMONSTRATIONS & PRESENTATION TIMES



13:00 - 14:00 **Obedience, Luring and Scent Work** Demonstrations by "The K9 Vault" (DEMONSTRATION RING)



13:00 - 14:00 **Pet First Aid** Demonstrations by "Who Lets Your Dog Out?" (ALL BREED RING)



10:00, 12:00 & 14:00 **Frisbee** Demonstrations by "Tyre Flyer" and Free Entry Competition (OUTSIDE FIELD AREA)



13:45 Presentation of the Annual Award "**Dobermann Friend of the Year**" presented by Dr Paula Teal, Trustee (DOBERMANN RING)



All Day Trent Valley Dog Club - **Flyball** - Demos and Have a Go



All Day Trent Valley Dog Club - **Agility** - Demos and Have a Go



All Day Kennel Club Good Citizen Scheme - **Bronze Award** (DISPLAY RING)



All Day **One to One Training** Advice and Activities by "The K9 Vault" (DEMONSTRATION RING)

FUN DOG SHOW CLASSES



09:00 - 16:00 Turn to **Page 6** of the Programme for Full Details

SAFETY FIRST

WE ARE HERE TO HELP Our Volunteers will be wearing either a Hi-Viz or Volunteer T-Shirt so are easily recognisable.

FIRE SAFETY Should an Alarm sound, it is not a drill. Please exit immediately and gather at the Evacuation point shown on the plan below

I'M
HERE

FIRE EVACUATION
POINT

TYRE FLYER
DISPLAY AREA

DOG EXERCISE
AREA

EXIT

FIRST AID



DEMONSTRATION
RING



DISPLAY
RING

DOBERMANN
SHOW RING

Show Registration

ALL BREED
SHOW RING

TRENT VALLEY -
AGILITY &
FLYBALL
AREA

TRADE
STALLS

LINCS
GAMES/MERCH/
PHOTO BOOTH



ENTRANCE



QUIET
ZONE

WHATS ON DAY'S EVENTS

FLYBALL, AGILITY & GOOD CITIZEN SCHEME



The Flyball Arena

Trent Valley Dog Club will again be providing demonstrations of Flyball and you will also have the opportunity to **Have-A-Go with your own dog for £2.00 for 10 balls**.

A flyball race sees two teams of four dogs each, racing side-by-side over a 51 foot long course. There are different tournament formats but each format involves racing between two teams at a time. Within a team, each dog must run over the jumps, trigger a Flyball box releasing a ball, retrieve the ball and then return over the jumps. The next dog is released, in relay fashion, to run the course but can't cross the start line until the previous dog has returned over the finish line. The first team to have all 4 dogs finish the course without error wins.

The Agility Ring

Trent Valley Dog Club will again be providing demonstrations of dog Agility and you can also **Have-A-Go with your own dog for £2.00 for 2 runs over the course**.

Agility is an action-packed rollercoaster of excitement for you and your dog. It's made up of various obstacles for your dog (not you!) to run through, jump over, and weave in and out of – and all against the clock! Not only does agility test your dog's fitness, it also measures your ability as a handler to direct your dog through the course.

Any breed of dog can enjoy agility, but they must be in good physical shape and fully developed physically. Please make sure when exercising your dog around the course that they are NOT wearing a harness or a choke / half-choke collar or on an extending lead.

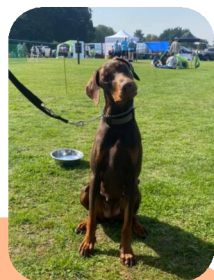


The Kennel Club Good Citizen Dog Training Scheme

The Kennel Club Good Citizen Dog Training Scheme is open to all dogs, young or old, pedigree or crossbreed. Dogs do not need to be registered with The Kennel Club to take part. The scheme promotes responsible dog ownership by teaching owners to train their dog for everyday life situations. There are four award levels: Puppy Foundation, Bronze, Silver and Gold.

The bronze award aims to produce a dog that will walk and behave in a controlled manner. It is a basic standard that all adult dogs can achieve with correct handling. Owners must show that they have means of picking up after their dog and that their dog is wearing a lead and collar with the name and the address of the owner inscribed on the collar/disc to take part.

The bronze award scheme on the day will be run by the Trent Valley Dog Training Club and cost £2.00 which includes your certificate and a further cost of £3.00 if you would like a rosette should you pass, Full details of the bronze award can be viewed at [BY KIND PERMISSION OF THE ROYAL KENNEL CLUB https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/media/3512/gcdsbronze.pdf](https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/media/3512/gcdsbronze.pdf)



OBEDIENCE, LURING & SCENTWORK

Ruth and Tom from The K9 Vault will be joining us to showcase an array of activities with their own dogs such as Tricks to music, Scentwork, Sport Obedience, Search and Bitework. They will also be available all throughout the day to provide one to one training advice and activities for your participation and viewing. This can either be carried with your own dog or through guidance with theirs. Be sure not to miss this exciting opportunity to engage and learn about an activity that interests you or seek advice from professional trainers.



WHATS ON DAY'S EVENTS

DOBIEFEST AMBASSADORS

Ever been Starstruck? Well here is a chance for your dog to feel the same. Sit, stay and pose for a photo, sniff a bum (politely) or just say Hi/Woof to our Ambassadors who will be here enjoying the event too, and more than happy to help guide you towards stalls or remind you of the various fun activities happening throughout the day.



Every year the demand for pet blood is growing. That is why we are teaming up with Pet Blood Bank at this years event.

Stop by their stall for a friendly chat and find out if your pet meets the criteria to become a donor.



QUIET ZONE

This year we bring you a Quiet Zone - for the dogs that are anxious, in need of extra space or just want a little time away from all the excitement of the day.

This is a supported environment, where our volunteers understand the needs of anxious dogs and will be on hand to offer assistance to ensure a stress free experience for everyone.

Located near the Main Entrance

PHOTO BOOTH & BANDANA

Please take a moment to pose in the photo booth and mark the occasion.

We would love it if you shared your photos with us to celebrate your visit - Tag or post them onto our Dobiefest socials (details on back page)

Stand out in the crowd and join in the fun by purchasing a Lincs branded or Dobiefest Bandana too. Not only will your proceeds help the dogs in our care, you will also have another lovely memorabilia of the day that your dog will look fantastic wearing all year round!!





2025 Winners



Amor Fati with owner Dominika Buczma and Reggie with owner Keith Williamson
Our 2 Best in Show Winners 2025

2025 Best In Show Dobermann



2025 Best In Show All Breed



TEST YOUR DOBIE KNOWLEDGE

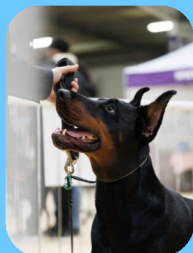
1. What was the full name of the founder of the breed, back in the 1880's?
2. What category of dog is the Dobermann?
3. In 1952 What famous department store formed a canine security corp using a group of Dobermanns as there night-time security guards who patrolled the floors from sub-basement to twelfth floor of their flagship store, and this continued up until 1998!?
4. What was the name of the Actor who starred in Star Trek, who had a real love for the Dobermann breed?
5. Which singers own Dobermanns appeared in a Christmas music video released in 1994? (but, fun fact - it actually only made the UK number 1 position in 2020)
6. Dobermanns have a reputation for being by their owners side and as such have developed a nickname for being a "what" type of dog?
7. What is the average lifespan of a Dobermann?
8. What year in the UK, was tail docking (except for medical reasons) made illegal under the Animal Welfare Act?
9. What is the primary coat colour combination most associated with the Dobermann breed?
10. Which war saw Dobermanns widely used by the U.S. Marine Corps as scout and messenger dogs, earning them the nickname "Devil Dogs"?
11. What is the name of the genetic condition that some Dobermanns are prone to, affecting their heart and potentially leading to sudden collapse?
12. In which German town is there a statue in recognition of the Dobermann?
13. What is the typical role Dobermanns are trained for in police and security work due to their alertness and loyalty?
14. Which breed is NOT believed to have been used in creating the original Dobermann Pinscher?
 A) Rottweiler, B) German Pinscher, C) Labrador Retriever, D) Weimaraner
15. What distinctive physical trait do Dobermanns often have in countries where cosmetic cropping is still permitted, giving them a more pointed ear shape?

Answers on back page

Registration for all classes will begin at 9:00

Judging in both rings will begin at 10:45

- First place in each class will receive a Medal, Rosette and a Goody Bag (All first place winners will be entered into the Best in Show Class)
- 2nd to 5th places will receive a Rosette and a Goody Bag.
- All entrants who are not placed in a class will receive a special rosette.
- Best in Show will win a Shield, Trophy and a Rosette (Shield to be returned for next year)
- **Please Note: All dogs must be kept on a short lead while inside the arena, no extending leads.**



£3 per entry or 4 for £10

Dobermann Ring Classes

Sponsored by Stampede Equestrian

Judged by Mike Turner
Steward Sue Glennon

10:45 Puppy (under 1 year old)
Sponsored by Keran Newall

11:10 Lovely Lady
Sponsored by Lesley Allen

11:35 Fab Fella
Sponsored by Sue Coleman

12:00 Best Mover
Sponsored by Phil Madin

12:25 Young Handler (Age 6 – 14)
Sponsored by Steve Buckingham

13:00 Interval - Demonstrations

14:00 Rescue Female
Sponsored by Paula Teal

14:25 Rescue Male
Sponsored by Emma Grundy

14:50 Best Condition
Sponsored by Danny McLeod

15:15 Veteran (7 years and over)
Sponsored by Dawn Banton

**15:45 Best in Show, followed by
Best Puppy in Show**
Sponsored by Nigel Morgan

All Breeds Ring Classes

Sponsored by Abbey Vets

Judged by Caroline Drury
Steward Christine Cross

10:45 Puppy (under 1 year old)
Sponsored by Alicia Joy

11:10 Lovely Lady
Sponsored by Jacqueline Amor

11:35 Fab Fella
Sponsored by Fiona Riches

12:00 Best Mover
Sponsored by Tracey McKigen

12:25 Young Handler (Age 6 – 14)
Sponsored by Dawnie Dawn

13:00 Interval - Demonstrations

14:00 Rescue Female
Sponsored by Bev Cleghorn

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Sponsored by Maria Salamone

14:50 Best Condition
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**15:45 Best in Show, followed by
Best Puppy in Show**
*Sponsored by Genette Taylor
Sponsored by Emma Taric*

TRADE STALLS



We have a wonderful selection of trade stalls at this year's event with products sure to delight any budget and desire. So make sure to stop by, browse and buy, chat to the hardworking stallholders, and follow their socials. Some of the many fabulous stalls attending are below...



Alpha K9 Leader of the Pack - Working dog equipment and training apparel
@alphak9_leaderofthepack



Our Lincolnshire Doberman Rescue stalls will be located around the event with various Games, Merchandise and Charity information. So stop by, join in the fun and chat to our hardworking Volunteers and Trustees



Skipper's - Number 1 producer of fish treats for dogs in the UK, 100% natural, sustainably caught, air-dried, handmade, and premium
@skippersproducts



Abilene Art - Offers Acrylic fun dog paintings at affordable prices



The Wildlife Trusts - Everyone deserves to live in a wildlife-rich world, and everyone should have the opportunity to experience wildlife and wild places in their daily lives



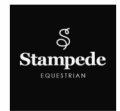
Snuffles - Handmade interactive and uniquely designed snuffle puzzles, as well as a wide range of enrichment puzzles sure to excite your pets
@snuffleshop



Aurora Paws - Specialise in Eco Dog Toys that are 100% compostable, recyclable and environmentally friendly
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My Dogs Got Style - Offering a variety of unique handmade dog harnesses, collars, leads, blankets, bow ties, and toys
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Nuggets Nibbles - A super fun doggy bakery specialising in human grade, all natural baked treats. All their biscuits are hand made, hand decorated to order meaning fresh treats every time
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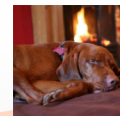
The Pet Supply Den - Wholesome, all-natural dog treats made with love, because your furry friend deserves the best



Grove Garden Ceramics - A range of beautiful, functional and decorative handmade ceramics, together with a limited edition pet collection uniquely for Dobies
@grovegardenceramics



Ohana Pet Photography - Timeless pet portraits from a multi award winning pet and wedding photographer. Based in Norfolk, available UK wide
@ohanapetphotography



To The Manor Bourne - Luxury Home Boarding for dogs that just don't 'do' kennels. Based in Bourne, Lincolnshire



Hannah Walsh - Clinical Canine Massage Therapy. Discuss the benefits of massage and the 5 principles of pain



Paw Choices - A selection of natural treats for dogs and cats - plus hundreds of toys, accessories, jumpers and more
@wearpawchoices



Tyre Flyer - Unique flying fetch toys handmade in the UK. Made from recycled go-kart tyres. Designed for durability, providing endless fun for energetic dogs
@tyreflyer



Hope House Workshop - A husband and wife team from Nottinghamshire. Who work with mainly recycled or waste wood to create a variety of beautiful wooden items



Paw & Co Pantry - Offering 100% natural dog treats for training, supporting dental health and long-lasting chews
@pawandcopantry



VORR - Dominika Buczma's mission is to help you to build a stronger, more rewarding relationship with your dog through thoughtful, personalised training



Junipet - Handcrafted luxury premium accessories built to last and made to stand out, for your pets

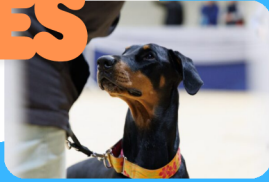


Pet Blood Bank - Helping Vets to save lives by providing a blood service for pets
@petbloodbank



Who Lets Your Dog Out? - Premium pet care provider based in Grantham, Lincs. Specialising in high energy dogs. Also offering canine and pet first aid courses

Mind GAMES



Dogs need more than physical exercise to stay healthy and happy. Mental stimulation plays a crucial role in a dog's overall wellbeing, helping prevent boredom, destructive behaviour, and even anxiety. Just like humans, dogs thrive when their brains are challenged. Providing regular mental enrichment can significantly improve a dog's quality of life and strengthen the bond between dog and owner.

Why Mental Stimulation Matters

Dogs are natural problem-solvers. In the wild, their ancestors spent much of their day searching for food, navigating environments, and interacting with their pack. Modern domestic dogs often have their basic needs met quickly—food appears in a bowl and walks may be predictable—leaving little opportunity for mental engagement. Without enough stimulation, dogs may develop behavioural issues such as:

- Excessive barking
- Chewing furniture or household items
- Digging indoors or outdoors
- Restlessness and hyperactivity
- Attention-seeking behaviours

Mental enrichment gives dogs a constructive outlet for their energy and curiosity. When a dog uses its brain, it becomes mentally satisfied and often calmer afterward.

Benefits of Mental Stimulation

Reduces Boredom and Destructive Behaviour

A mentally stimulated dog is less likely to entertain itself by chewing shoes or tearing up cushions. Activities that challenge their mind help redirect energy into productive tasks.

Improves Learning and Training

Mental exercises strengthen a dog's ability to focus and learn. Dogs that regularly engage in brain games tend to respond better to training and pick up new commands more quickly.

Builds Confidence

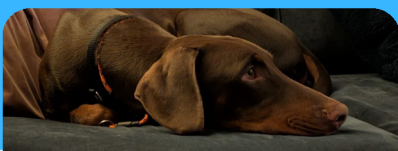
Problem-solving activities allow dogs to explore, experiment, and succeed. This can be especially helpful for shy or nervous dogs, as overcoming small challenges builds confidence.

Strengthens the Human-Dog Bond

Interactive activities—training sessions, puzzle games, or scent work—encourage communication and cooperation between dog and owner. This shared engagement strengthens trust and connection.

Helps Aging Dogs Stay Sharp

Just as puzzles benefit the human brain, cognitive challenges can help maintain mental function in older dogs and may slow cognitive decline.



Examples of Mental Stimulation for Dogs

Puzzle Toys

Puzzle toys require dogs to figure out how to access hidden treats. They encourage problem-solving and can keep dogs occupied for extended periods.

Examples include:

- Sliding compartments
- Rotating treat puzzles
- Toys that require pushing or pawing to release food

Food-Based Enrichment

Turning mealtime into a challenge is one of the easiest ways to add mental stimulation.

Ideas include:

- Stuffing food into rubber toys
 - Using slow-feeder bowls
 - Scatter feeding kibble in the garden or on a snuffle mat
- These activities mimic natural foraging behaviour and engage a dog's sense of smell.

Training Sessions

Short training sessions provide both mental exercise and structure. Teaching new tricks or reinforcing basic commands keeps dogs engaged and thinking.

Examples of training-based stimulation:

- Teaching tricks like spin, roll over, or high five
- Practicing obedience commands in new environments
- Introducing simple agility exercises

Scent Games

A dog's sense of smell is extremely powerful, and scent work taps into one of their strongest natural instincts.

Try activities such as:

- Hiding treats around the house and asking the dog to find them
- Playing "which hand" with hidden food
- Creating scent trails in the garden

These games are particularly tiring for dogs because they require intense concentration.

Interactive Play

Play that requires thinking, rather than just chasing, can be highly enriching.

Examples include:

- Hide-and-seek with the owner
- Teaching the dog to fetch specific toys by name
- Tug games that incorporate training cues like "drop" or "wait"

Environmental Enrichment

Changing a dog's environment can stimulate curiosity.

Ideas include:

- Introducing new walking routes
- Allowing safe exploration of different textures and surfaces
- Providing new toys on rotation rather than all at once
- Novelty keeps experiences fresh and engaging.

Finding the Right Balance

While mental stimulation is essential, it should be balanced with physical exercise and rest. Overstimulation can lead to frustration if tasks are too difficult. Activities should be appropriate for the dog's age, breed, and personality.

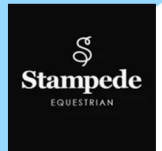
Many dogs benefit from several short enrichment sessions throughout the day rather than one long activity. Even 10–15 minutes of mental work can leave a dog pleasantly tired.

Conclusion

Mental stimulation is a vital but sometimes overlooked aspect of dog care. By incorporating brain games, scent work, training, and puzzle toys into a dog's routine, owners can prevent boredom, support emotional wellbeing, and encourage healthy behaviour. A dog that regularly exercises its mind is not only happier but also more balanced and engaged with the world around it.

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We would like to Thank the following Businesses for Sponsoring, Supporting or Donating to Dobiefest



We would especially like to Thank ALL the Wonderful Individuals who have Volunteered, Donated and Helped to make Dobiefest a Success

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We started with a simple belief: pets make our lives better, so everything we design should make theirs better too.

At LickiMat®, we turn everyday moments – mealtime, snack time, downtime – into opportunities for calm, enrichment, and connection. Our products slow things down, ease anxiety, and bring joy to pets and their people.

Born in Australia, trusted around the world, we're proud to have created the original lick mat and to share it with millions of dogs and cats. And we're just getting started. Because calm pets are happier pets.



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- Reduced anxiety and boredom
- Slow feeding
- Training aid
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ALL BREED

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DEMONSTRATION

The K9 Vault provide a comprehensive array of Activities within their safe and controlled indoor facility in Yorkshire:-

- * K9 Athletics
- * Sport Obedience
- * Pet Training
- * Scentwork
- * Fun Pet Fulfilment

WHAT WE DO



Lincs Dobermann Rescue is a dedicated Dobermann rescue charity that operates with a small devoted team of Trustees, Staff and Volunteers who work tirelessly to give these loyal, intelligent dogs the second chance they deserve. Endeavouring to save Dobermanns from neglect, abandonment, or crisis, offering rehabilitation that helps each dog rebuild confidence and trust. With patience, training, and compassionate care through our incredible Fosterers, Kennel staff and Rehoming team, alongside any necessary Vet support and Specialist welfare and training, we prepare these remarkable animals for loving, permanent homes where they can truly thrive. Offering lifetime support to adopters, who inevitably become like family. This work is only possible through the generosity of supporters, and every donation directly transforms a Dobermann's future. In 2025 we turned fear into safety, loneliness into belonging, and hope into a new life for 77 wonderful dogs.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP



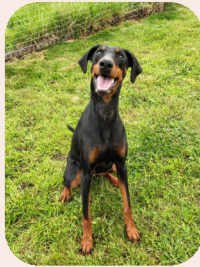
- Adopt
- Become a Dobie Mate
- Donate
- Foster
- Follow and Share us on Socials
- Fundraise
- Host a Collection Jar
- Leave a Legacy - Gifts in Wills
- Partnership
- Sponsor
- Volunteer
- Join in the Fun at This Annual Fundraising Event

Come and Talk to us Today (We promise our Volunteers don't bite!) or Reach out to us Anytime - Details on the back page

Your continued support and donations mean that we can continue to help dogs like...



Dan



Izzy now Gracie



Juno



Sasha



Brodie

and many, many, many more, so a heartfelt....

THANK YOU

RIO'S STORY



FROM A SKIP TO SAFETY



When Rio came to the attention of Lincs Dobermann Rescue late one Wednesday evening, the photographs sent through from the vets were both shocking and deeply upsetting. Sitting alone, hungry, homeless and without hope, Rio was in an appalling condition. At just 22 months old and weighing only 22kgs, this young Dobermann had clearly been failed by the people who should have cared for him most.

Rio had been found tethered inside a skip, discarded amongst rubbish as though his life no longer mattered. Thankfully, he was taken straight to a veterinary practice where an immediate feeding and welfare plan was put into place while help was sought from the rescue.

Thanks to a dedicated network of trusted volunteers, Rio arrived safely into the care of Lincs Dobermann Rescue. Initially placed with an emergency foster carer while a longer-term foster home was arranged, his rehabilitation could finally begin.

Cases like Rio's can be complex and require experienced handling, careful management and ongoing veterinary support. Upon arrival, Rio was suffering not only with severe emaciation and muscle wastage, but also with a number of concerns relating to his skin and coat condition. He had pressure sores believed to have been caused by spending prolonged periods lying on hard concrete surfaces, alongside bald patches, thinning fur and dry, scaly skin. Since entering rescue, Rio has undergone extensive veterinary assessment including blood tests, urine analysis, parasite treatment, regular weight checks and the introduction of a structured feeding programme designed to help him safely regain condition.

Despite the severity of his neglect, one of the positives has been that Rio's digestive system appears to be coping well with the multiple small meals he now receives throughout the day. In just two weeks, the changes in him have already been remarkable. His weight is slowly increasing, his coat is beginning to regrow in tufts and, most importantly, glimpses of his true personality are beginning to emerge.

Alongside his medical care, the team at Lincs Dobermann Rescue have worked hard to ensure Rio has the comfort and security he has likely been without for some time. Thanks to the generosity of supporters and the wider Dobermann community, Rio has received beds, blankets, toys, leads, enrichment items, supplements and even custom-made coats and pyjamas to help keep him warm while he regains condition. It is this level of support from the public that enables the rescue to continue helping vulnerable dogs in desperate situations.

As with many rescue dogs arriving in poor physical condition, Rio's journey is far from over. He will continue to attend regular veterinary appointments over the coming weeks and months to carefully monitor his recovery. Once fully rehabilitated physically, he will also receive dedicated training support and assessment from a trusted behaviourist to ensure that the rescue fully understands the type of home he will need in the future. Like all dogs rehomed through Lincs Dobermann Rescue, Rio will also be neutered before eventually moving on to his forever home.

Perhaps the most remarkable part of Rio's story, however, is his nature. Despite everything he has endured, he remains an affectionate, gentle and loving dog who actively seeks out human companionship and reassurance. His foster carer describes him as wonderful with other dogs, calm around children, cyclists, motorbikes and traffic, and a pleasure to walk on the lead. For a dog who has been so badly let down by humans, Rio's capacity to still trust and love is extraordinary.

The work carried out by Lincs Dobermann Rescue extends far beyond simply rescuing and rehoming dogs. The team remain committed to providing ongoing support to every adopter for the lifetime of the dog, helping to ensure successful placements and long-term welfare for dogs who have often experienced significant trauma and neglect.

Stories like Rio's are heartbreaking, but they also highlight the importance of specialist breed rescue organisations and the incredible impact that foster carers, volunteers and supporters can have on the lives of vulnerable dogs. Without that support, dogs like Rio would not get the second chance they so desperately deserve.

Now
Rio's Life
Truly
Begins...



THANK YOU FROM US!




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I can make a difference



Become a Dobie Mate

Did you know that when we take a Dobie into our care it can cost as much as £800 to provide the medical attention they need and to provide their food, kennelling or foster homes until they find their forever home.

We would love it if you would consider making a monthly donation to our charity (no amount too big or too small) and so become a Dobie Mate. The benefits of being a Dobie Mate include:

- Move to the top of the waiting list if you have submitted an adoption application.
- A thank you gift for joining...don't get too excited.
- Access to our Dobie Mates Facebook page where you will be the first to know what is planned, new going on... a little bit of inside info along with some training tips and support. Ask away...
- Free Facebook live sessions: Q & A sessions and/or presentations from top dog trainers and dog sport competitors...and anyone else we can rope in who can help guide us to a better relationship with our dogs.
- Reduced rates for entries into our events.

To become a 'Dobie Mate' all you need to do is set up a standing order at your bank marked **Dobie Mates**, payable to **Lincs Dobermann Rescue, Sort Code: 30-98-90 Account No: 15963168.**

Please remember to complete the Gift Aid Declaration if you are a UK taxpayer and your donation will be increased by 25% at no extra cost to you.

To receive a link to join the Dobie Mates Group, please confirm the start date to us by emailing: **dobies@lincsdobermannrescue.com**

Our Dobie mates are a wonderful and special group of people, and their support means so much to the Charity and Dobies. The Charity can also claim Gift Aid on these donations which is a huge bonus for us.

thank you!



Foster a Dobie

Foster carers quote: **"often challenging, always rewarding"**.

Have you ever considered becoming a foster to one of the many Dobermanns we rescue, but were unsure of the commitment or qualifications?

It is probably easier than you think to make a HUGE difference!

MYTH NO 1: FOSTERING IS EXPENSIVE

Fact: Fostering costs NOTHING except for the space in your home and your time! Lincs always supports our foster "Pawrents" and covers EVERYTHING! We will cover:

- Food
- Enrichment toys
- Crate / bedding / leash and harness, if needed
- Vet costs
- Training support if needed

MYTH NO 2: I HAVE ANOTHER DOG, CAT, CHILD IN THE HOUSE.

Fact: Since every dog is unique, there are instances where our dogs can actually be placed in a situation with other dogs, cats, or kids, for example. If you have a unique situation, we'll place you on our foster list and only match you with a dog who we believe would be successful in that situation, we will never set a dog up to fail.

MYTH NO 3: I HAVE NO EXPERIENCE WITH DOBERMANNS.

Fact: Fostering an older Dobermann can be the perfect entry into learning about the breed! In fact, starting with a laid-back senior can give you the breed experience with lower stress and more room for learning. Many of our seniors have settled into their "Velcro" dog stage, wanting little more than companionship and a bit of interaction. We may also have dogs who need veterinary care to prepare them for rehoming – these dogs typically need to receive the care in a home environment.

The first step is to fill out an application and be home checked, we will then contact you and get to know you so that we can be sure that the foster we match you with is the right fit for you.

Whether you're curious about fostering a Dobermann, want to get to know the breed better, or are an experienced Dobermann owner, the dogs **NEED YOU**


Taking all of the above into account, if you feel you can help by offering your time to foster, then go to the website and fill in the form. (or scan the QR Code above)

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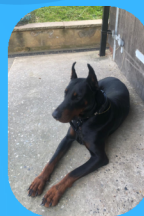
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TEST YOUR DOBIE KNOWLEDGE ANSWERS

1. Karl Friedrich Louis Dobermann
2. Working dog
3. Macy
4. William Shatner / Captain Kirk
5. Maria Carey
6. Velcro
7. 10-12 years
8. Illegal docking 2006
9. Black and Red Rust, though other recognised colours include Red, Blue, and Fawn (Isabella) with tan markings
10. World War II
11. Dilated Cardiomyopathy or DCM
12. Apolda
13. Guard dog or protection dog
14. C) Labrador Retriever
15. Cropped ears



We hope you enjoyed the day and we look forward to seeing you again next year

DOBIEFEST[®]
2027 **SAVE THE DATE**
Saturday 19th June 2027