

Congratulations on your new Doberman Pinscher Puppy



Energetic, watchful, determined, alert, fearless, loyal and obedient...

Welcome to the world of the Doberman Pinscher Owner...

*A world that will be filled with a dignified, loyal,
alert, intelligent, loving—and constant—companion.*

*A world where he will become a member of your
family, a capable guardian, and very possibly the
center of your whole life.*

Your puppy will require vaccines and booster shots, worming, housebreaking, crate training and a quality food. Your breeder will probably provide a “puppy kit,” perhaps with a bag of food, a few toys, health records and instructions on how to introduce your puppy to his new home.

Your breeder and veterinarian will offer advice on how to keep him healthy and happy. Your Doberman puppy requires socialization, regular structured obedience classes and plenty of vigorous exercise every day. The Doberman also requires stimulating mental challenges—or they will make them up on their own, perhaps to the detriment of your home and furnishings! He will also need regular grooming—including ear cleaning and nail trimming.

*Ownership carries the responsibility of training your
Doberman to be a good canine citizen.*

The beginning...

Originating in the late 1800's, the breed was named after Friedrich Louis Dobermann, of Apolda, province of Thüringen, Germany. The dog catcher in his small town, Herr Dobermann's breeding experiments were reputedly involved in the Doberman's early development. He needed a sharp and aggressive dog to accompany him in his other roles as tax collector and night watchman.

No records were kept, but the old German Shepherd, the German Pinscher, later the Black and Tan Manchester Terrier, the black English Greyhound and the Weimaraner are believed to have contributed to the only Working dog bred to be a personal protection dog.

The Doberman of today...

For the past 100 years, our breeders have been producing a stable, smart, discerning dog capable of doing it all. From loving, loyal family companion, to search and rescue, to agility champ, to service/therapy dog, to police and military protection, today's Doberman Pinscher is the aristocrat of canines.

These decades of meticulous breeding have produced a fun-loving, exceptional athlete and a watchful, protective, and above all, discerning companion who has no trouble accurately distinguishing between friend and foe. The Doberman is also perceptive, intuitive, and sensitive.

Temperament

When the Doberman first arrived in the United States, some were quite sharp and aggressive, which is the dog Herr Doberman realized. Throughout the past 100 years, the Doberman temperament has undergone a gradual but steady decrease in overall sharpness. Not all Dobermans have the same temperament. A Doberman Pinscher of correct breed temperament is trustworthy with his family, their children and *their* friends, and adult company. Doberman Pinschers are not well suited to being kennel dogs or isolated outdoor dogs, nor is it advisable to house two adult males together.

The Doberman Blueprint

The DPCA is a member of the AKC and is responsible for writing the Standard for our breed: the description of how the ideal Doberman should look, move and behave. Responsible breeders strive to produce dogs that are healthy – mentally and physically, and conform to the Standard. Dobermans that deviate substantially from the Standard in appearance, structure or temperament should never be bred.

Breeding

The purpose of dog shows is to evaluate breeding stock: Breeding dogs is a great responsibility and requires

commitment of time, money and resources. When planning to breed there are tests to be done to help insure the pair selected will produce vigorous, healthy and quality puppies.

For Dobermans these tests include: X-ray hips and elbows and certify those results; cardiac health—using annual echocardiography, and 24-hour Holter evaluations; DNA testing to determine vWD status; total blood panel tests to determine thyroid, liver and kidney functions, and more. These tests can cost nearly one-thousand dollars per dog.

Reputable breeders are charged with the duty of protecting and preserving the Doberman breed for future generations. They are experts in evaluating dogs and only breed for the improvement or betterment of the breed using health-tested breeding pairs that complement each other in temperament, soundness and breed type.

Spay/Neuter

In consideration of the above, the DPCA also recognizes that the decision of when or whether to spay or neuter a dog is not to be taken lightly. There are important factors to consider with all major surgeries no matter how routine they may be. Recent scientific studies have found that sterilization, particularly before full maturity, can cause significant deleterious health issues for dogs and may even shorten their lifespan. Reputable breeders will place all pet-quality dogs in loving homes with a contractual agreement that they not be bred. These dogs are also placed on a Limited Registration which protects the breeder should the buyer not abide by the contractual agreement. Breeders, owners and veterinarians are encouraged to consult on the appropriateness and timing of spaying or neutering for each individual dog.

Policy of the DPCA regarding Albino “white” Dobermans

After investigation, the Doberman Pinscher Club of America has determined that the albinistic trait in Dobermans is deleterious to the breed and should be considered a disqualifying genetic fault as described in the *Doberman Pinscher’s Standard* and *DPCA Code of Ethics*.

The DPCA strongly opposes the breeding of Dobermans by those who do so without regard for the dog’s health and welfare which includes, without limitation, breeders who breed albino “white” Dobermans. In that regard, the DPCA vigorously opposes the deliberate breeding of a genetic defect without regard to the serious health problems, and potential costs, inherent to albinism.

Any Doberman coded with a “WZ” as the first two letters of its AKC registration number **SHOULD NOT BE BRED**. Owners of WZ Dobermans are encouraged to have a consultation with their veterinarian on the appropriateness and timing of spaying or neutering.



The ideal Doberman male—drawing from “The Doberman Pinscher Illustrated Standard” ©2006 by the Doberman Pinscher Club of America, Inc.

Albino “white” Doberman Pinschers are disqualified from—which means they cannot be shown in—AKC conformation shows; therefore no AKC Champions are “white.”

The Parent Club

The Doberman Pinscher Club of America, Inc. is a nonprofit organization with approximately 1,800 members worldwide. The major objective of the DPCA as a “parent club” is to educate the public about the proper care, treatment, breeding, health, development and training of Doberman Pinschers.

The club is also tasked to advance the critical role of an AKC recognized parent club in providing education, health research and support of rescue and reduction of overpopulation for the benefit of the general public, purebred dogs and Doberman Pinschers in particular.

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