

The Doberman Pinscher: A Quick Primer

- Dobermans were first bred in Germany in early 1900s by a tax collector, Herr Lois Doberman of Apolda. They were given the suffix Pinscher as they resembled the breed of Pinscher. They are no relation to Miniature Pinschers.
- Natural eared Dobermans are more common in rescue than cropped eared dogs. As many veterinarians (and Doberman owners) are moving away from this elective and painful surgery.
- The American Kennel (AKC) club recognizes four colors: Black, Blue, Fawn (Isabella), and Red, with markings of rust. The color white (albino) does exist, but is not recognized as a color by the AKC.
- Germany does not allow cosmetic surgery to be done on pets. Thus, German bred pups are not tail docked, ear-cropped, and do not have their dew-claws removed.
- Since the 1950s the breed of Doberman has been selectively bred to eliminate any undesired traits. The results are today's Doberman Pinschers. The American Kennel club describes them as: energetic, watchful, fearless, determined, alert, loyal, and obedient. The Doberman Pinscher Club of America describes them as stable, smart, discerning dogs 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.

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Why You Shouldn't Re-home your Dog Yourself:

It is unfortunate that we live in a cruel world. Iowa is in the top four for several undesirable things. A few of these are puppy mills, meth labs, and dog fighting.

These are real! Humane organizations are sincere when they say stay away from advertising your pet on the internet. There are many undesirables lurking there and many will lie and even bring children to meet you and your pet in an effort to make you comfortable giving them your pet.



Puppy mills (or backyard breeders) do not need your AKC papers to breed your dog,

there are plenty of internet based registries that will draft "fake" papers. If you re-home your pet not spayed or neutered, you could be sentencing your pet to a lifetime in a crate, small kennel, or a lifetime on a chain, cranking out pups several times a year, year after year.

Dog fighting rings are very real and are sadly abundant in Iowa. They need dogs and cats for their fighting dogs to practice on. This is sickening reality, and it is very real.

Lastly, re-homing your pet without a contractual agreement holds no safety net for your pet. All dogs should be microchipped and re-homed with a contractual agreement. If the adopter can not keep the dog and a contract is in place, they must work with the contract holder, to ensure the dog goes to another approved home, and is not dumped at a high-volume/ or euthanizing shelter. Dobermans do not fair well in shelter environments for long periods of time. They get bored easily with little to do, and may end up being put down due to undesired behaviors.

Services Prairie States Offers For Our Dobermans:

First of all, our shelter as with many others, do background checks, home visits, and vet references of potential adopters. We want to ensure we are not placing our dogs in homes that have a history of criminal activities or poor veterinary care.

We try to get all of the dogs into foster homes. No one wants to see a dog "rotting away" at a shelter in an enclosure day after day.

Our foster homes and shelter volunteers all use positive reinforcement training. You never know if a dog has been abused.

Thus, causing the dog pain to train it just doesn't make sense, in this case or any other for that fact.

All Dobermans are vet checked prior to adoption. We spay and neuter, vaccinate, deworm, check for Heartworms, and will treat for Heartworms if the dog has them. We treat all treatable condition. Additionally, we work with behavioral problems.



As with other "No-Kill" groups we sometimes are not able to take in more dogs. Additionally, sometimes Dobermans are at good shelters, or with their current owners and just need some help networking. In these cases we still list dogs needing to be rehomed (adopted) on our adoption websites and/or our Face Book page.

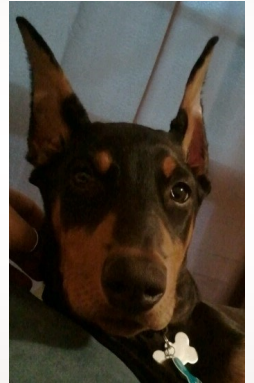
Dobermans are a highly intelligent breed. They are easily trained with the correct tools. We recommend Positive Reinforcement tools such as clicker training and or head-collars. We do not recommend choke chains, pinch/prong collars, or shock collars.

www.FaceBook.com/IowaDobermans.

What is the Ideal Home For a Doberman:

Although none of us can provide the truly perfect home for our Doberman, we can still strive for perfection. An ideal home would include (but is not limited to):

- Good quality, age appropriate dog food
- Proper indoor shelter
- Regular Grooming
- Daily exercise
- Preventative veterinary care, and veterinary care when the dog is ill
- A doggie savings account to be able to afford emergency veterinary care when needed or pet insurance
- Positive reinforcement dog training, and socialization
- Lots of dog toys
- A knowledgeable owner that has researched the proper care and training of the breed
- A lifetime of love



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