HAPPENINGS AROUND THE HOUSE

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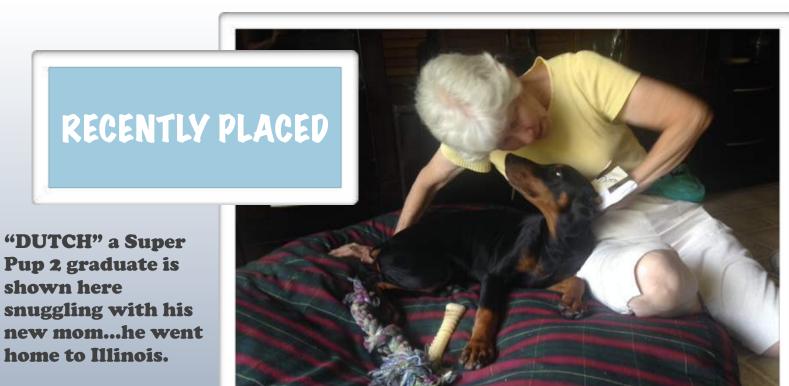
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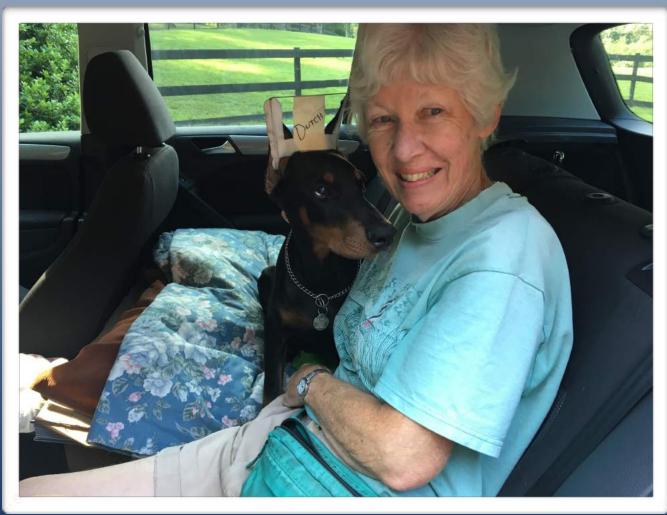
"Thor" a Grand Victor Graduate went home to Ohio and is fitting right in ~

His family writes: "Thor is making himself right at home. He is such a good boy. We love him....we all three could not be happier."

Dave, Donna and Thor



"Greg and I are so happy to have him as part of our lives. He adds so much love to the situation."



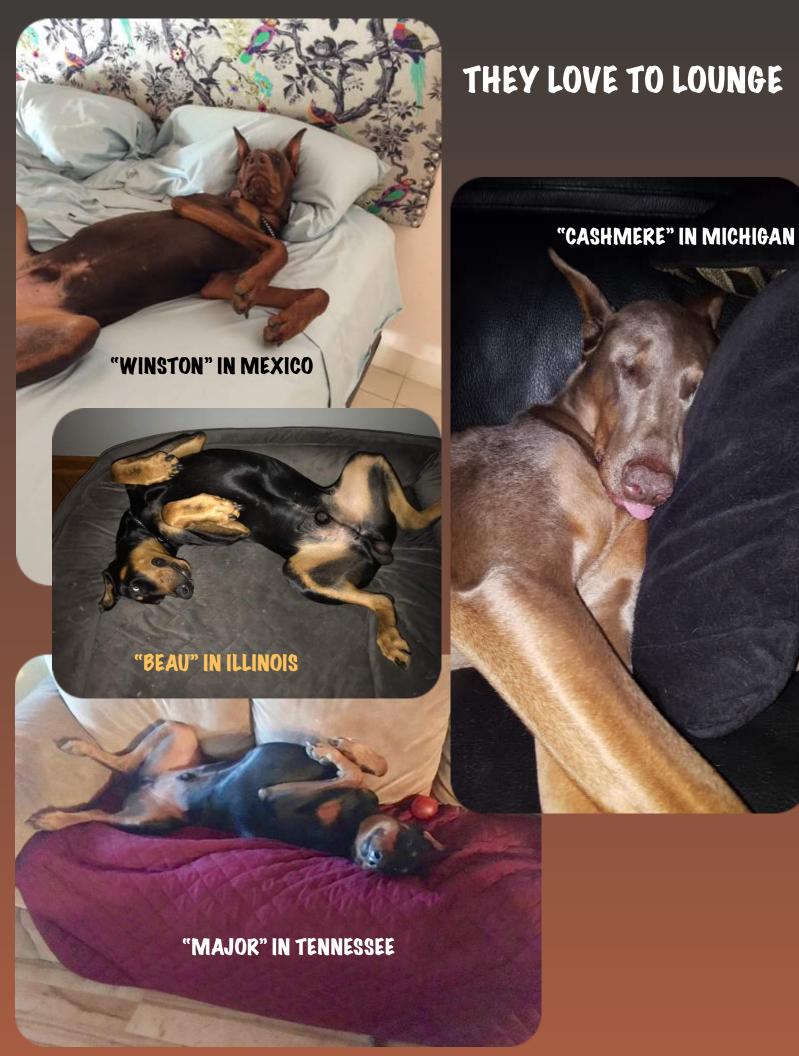


"Pearl" convinces "Forrest" that they are to be still for a photo shoot, but Forrest being the goofy boy, won't sit still that long ~

They are both loved and owned by the Rawlinson family in Alabama

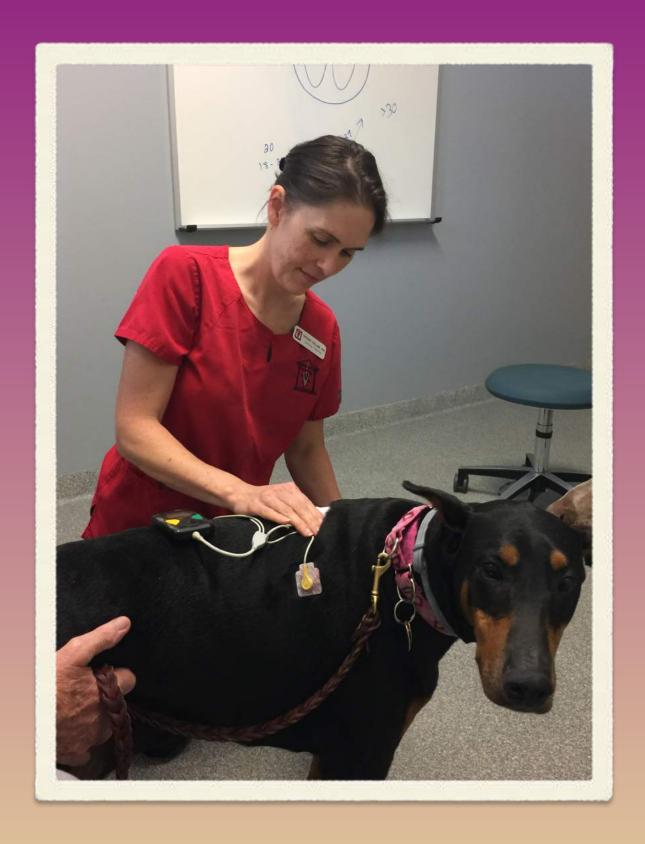










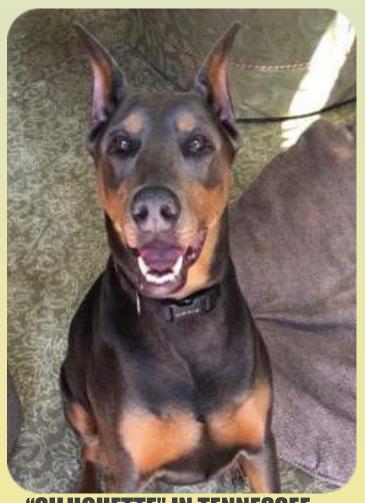


"Judy" getting her annual Holter Monitor hooked up in Georgia ~ She is loved and owned by the Tillman's

Reminder to find yourself a good cardiologist for your Dobe and have a Holter run and Echocardiogram starting around 3 years old to get a baseline.



"ED" IN GEORGIA



"SILHOUETTE" IN TENNESSEB

THE EYES SAY IT ALL



"ECHO" IN WYOMING



"COPPER" IN MASSACHUSSETTS

IF YOU ARE NEW TO THIS BREED, THIS IS WHY WE LOVE THEM

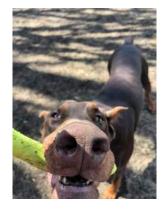
If you're the owner of a Doberman Pinscher, then you understand that they are a special breed of dog that have unique behaviors and needs. They may come across to the neighbors as a threat to be avoided, but you know better. They are a popular breed and although some people believe that they are mean natured and dangerous, this couldn't be further from the truth. Any dog has the capacity to be vicious if mistreated, but when properly raised and trained, Dobermans are loving and affectionate pets. If you're a fan of Dobermans and are just considering bringing one into your life, then you'll find some useful information here. There are some things that truly, only Dobie owners would get, and these are the things that can be both frustrating and endearing. All potential Dobie parents should be aware that the dog can steal your heart in a flash. Here are a few things that only Doberman Pinscher owners would understand.

Your dog talks to you

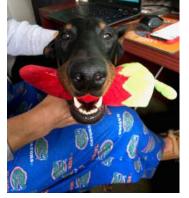
Dobie owners known that they are a very vocal dog and there are several different ways that they express themselves. They're not shy about letting you know when they need to go outside, or if their food or water dish is running low. This talkative dog can make a variety of different sounds including a bark, a yip, a moan, a low growl or some unintelligible mumble in response to the things that you tell him. Dobermans are fun to carry on conversations with and they're especially talkative when they're feeling sorry for themselves. You'll swear that your dog knows how to say words in English, and it might really sound that way.

Your dog is a goof ball

Dobermans are hilarious dogs that know how to be entertaining. They love your attention and when they're doing something silly and you laugh, they'll repeat the behaviors. That is unless, it's an accident that embarrasses them. These dogs are experts at clowning around and when they're feeling happy, they'll leave burn marks in the floor racing around you to show their elation. They may look serious, but Dobermans who are well-adjusted and living with a loving family repay the kindness by putting on a few good shows for the ones they love and enjoy being around.









He's your new bathroom valet

Your dobe will follow you into the bathroom and try to push his way inside, just to be with you. Unless you teach him otherwise, this behavior will continue into his adult years. It doesn't matter if you're using the toilet or taking a shower. He will insist on being a part of anything that you do and the bathroom is one of the places he's sure to follow. If you won't let him come inside, he'll wait outside the door until you emerge. This can be a good thing if it's dark outside and you've just watched a spooky movie. Beware if you're still wet from the shower because he'll try to lick the water off your skin.

He'll protect your home and family

You'll appreciate the fact that your Doberman has a natural instinct to protect the lives and property of the people that he loves. When he goes on hyper-alert, he's quick to investigate and report back. If something isn't right or if he senses that there is a stranger nearby, he'll let you know, usually through a whine, a growl or a bark. You won't need to worry about being taken by surprise when he's on duty because it is his job to sound the alarm, whether you want him to or not. In addition, he won't tolerate any stranger treating you or the other family members rough, even if it's just rowdy play. If he doesn't know that it's a game, there is the possibility that he'll defend his own, so bear this in mind. He's not a vicious dog, but he is protective.

Who is the boss?

All Doberman owners know the importance of letting their dogs know from day one that they are the boss. If you don't, your dog will attempt to boss you around and rule the roost. You don't want him to get the upper hand on you because he'll think he can get away with rough play including biting and taking your legs right out from under you. All you really need to do is let your new pup know who's boss and remain consistent with him. It won't take long before he knows that your word is law. Don't let up on this, even if he melts your heart like butter. It's one of the cardinal rules of Doberman ownership. He needs you to be a strong leader because it's in his and your best interest.

He acts independent, but really needs you

Through all the stages of your dog's life, he'll act like he can do things for himself, but the truth of the matter is that he relies on you for everything. When he's a puppy, you toilet train him and teach him right from wrong. You give him good food, plenty of water and a warm and comfortable bed to sleep in at night. When he's scared, you comfort him and when he's energetic, you take him for a walk or play a game with him. You make sure that you get him to his medical screenings and keep him healthy. You give him attention, affection and a loving family. You keep him warm when it's cold outside and give him toys to play with so he doesn't get bored. What he gives you in return is far more than the investment that you've made in him. Your dog needs you, but you soon learn that you need him too.

He's the best friend that you've ever had

When your Doberman is an old man and it's hard for him to get up and move around, you'll miss the times that he would beg you to play with him, or go for a walk. This is perhaps the hardest part of being a Doberman owner. You've done everything that you can for him including teaching him what he needed to know, giving him nutritious food, taking him in to the vet's office for regular checkups and giving him all the love and affection in your heart. As he ages, you'll remember the good times that you had together and you'll be sad when he no longer has the energy to run around the yard with you. As his time draws near, you'll feel your heart being torn from its place in your chest, but now is the time that your best friend needs you the most. He's been there as a loyal friend through thick and through thin, and as he makes his journey from this world, all he really wants is to know that you are there with him. You are the one who can give him the comfort that will make his passing less frightening.

Excerpts from Nat Berman's 20 Things only Doberman Pincher Owners Understand

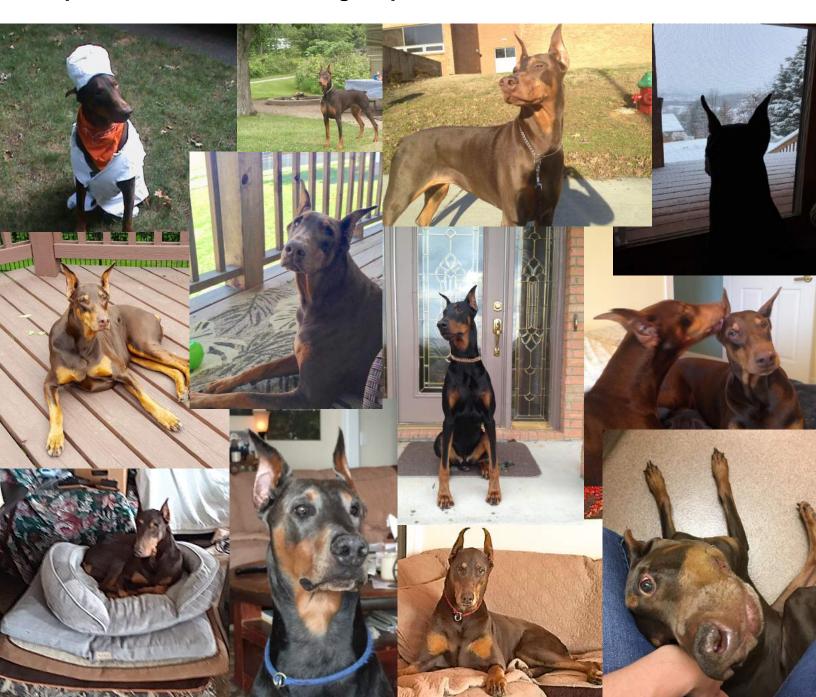




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