



Read about the Breed

Doberman Pinscher

Working Group



The Doberman Needs an Experienced Owner and Considerable Training

Breed History:

- 19th Century tax collector Louis Dobermann of Germany created the breed for protection by crossing terriers, hunting, and guardian dogs.
- Early Dobermans were fierce, loyal, and sharp guard dogs with a strong drive to protect and attack.
- Modern Dobermans excel in rescue, guardian, and assistance dog roles and are much mellow in temperament.



Keys to the Breed:

- High Energy Indoors
- Special Exercise Needs
- Special Grooming Needs
- Good Watchdog
- Good with Kids

Breed Characteristics:

- **Appearance** — A muscular dog with a smooth, short, hard, rust-marked coat of black, blue, red, or fawn. The ears are high set and typically cropped, while the tail is most often docked.
- **Grooming** — Dobermans shed very little and need only a weekly brushing with a rubber curry comb. The nails and teeth should also receive regular care.
- **Exercise** — They are extremely high energy dogs who need more than a daily walk. Heavy jogging or a large open space for active running is needed to keep the Dobie from getting bored or destructive.
- **Temperament** — Dobermans are highly intelligent and strong willed, needing early obedience training and an assertive hand. If they are well-socialized, they will get along with kids and other animals, but should be watched around other dogs. Not a breed that is recommended for the beginner.

Vital Stats:

- **Size** — Dogs (males) stand 26-28 inches, bitches (females) 24-26 inches
- **Weight** — Dogs average 75-90 lbs, bitches 55-70 lbs
- **Life span** — 9-11 years on average
- **Common Health Issues** — Pet shop puppies should be avoided due to cardiomyopathy, vertebral issues, hypothyroidism, Von Willebrand's, cancer
- **Breed Clubs** — Doberman Pinscher Club of America

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AKC Standard Says:
"Elegant in appearance, of proud carriage, reflecting great nobility and temperament."