

# Doberman Rescue Unlimited's Shelter Celebrates 15 years!

Doberman Rescue Unlimited (DRU) has been helping Doberman Pinschers in need since 1988 and, like most breed rescues, operated out of a system of foster homes. People volunteered to take a Doberman or two (or more!) into their homes temporarily until a permanent home could be found. There always seemed to be an emergency intake and there never seemed to be enough space for all the dogs who needed help. Over the next 10 years, DRU did its best juggling its resources to keep up with the unending number of Dobermans in dire straits.

Virtually every breed rescue struggles to op-

erate under the same difficult conditions, but very few ever realize the dream of having an actual facility where dogs could be sheltered, cared for and adopted out into new homes. But dedicated DRU volunteers kept plugging along the difficult road of animal rescue. Because there was no DRU website back then, we got the word out about our Dobermans looking for homes by any means possible...posting flyers, alerting veterinary hospitals, Animal Control Officers and shelters and holding informational booths at special events. It was at Tufts University School of Veterinary Medi-

cine's Annual Open House where a skinny, scarred, overbred sweetheart of a little red girl named Scooby at the DRU booth caught the eye of a couple attending the event. She must have caught their hearts as well. The story of Scooby's tragic life touched them deeply, because they began to volunteer and eventually adopted a Doberman from DRU. Little did we know the impact that day would have on the future of DRU!



Doberman Argus takes a break after a thorough exploration of the site of the future DRU shelter.



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As time went by, the couple came to understand the organization and the good work it did. Discussion was started about what it would take to build a shelter. Research was done. Fundraising strategies were analyzed and implemented. Architects were consulted. It was difficult to comprehend that the dream of having a shelter for Dobermans in need of rescue was actually taking flight. In Sandown, NH we found for sale the most beautiful hayfields bordered by natural rock walls and surrounded by tall aspens, oaks, maples and the occasional shagbark hickory tree. The land was purchased by the couple and a 14 acre parcel from it was do-

nated to DRU! After that, sufficient funds were pledged by this couple, and many, many others, such that we raised enough to begin design and construction. We broke ground in the summer and on December 24, 1999, the first Dobermans spent the night at the DRU shelter, safe and warm, with no concept that they were part of something big for a misunderstood breed that had just received the best Christmas present imaginable!

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haven for Doberman Pinschers never would have been possible without the incredible dedication, passion and generosity of these two very special, caring, humble people with huge hearts, a love for animals in general, and Dobermans in particular. Because of them, countless lives, both human and animal, have been forever changed for the better and DRU is so grateful and blessed to have crossed paths with these Doberman Angels.

This newsletter is sent to all paid members of Doberman Rescue Unlimited, Inc. Complimentary copies are sent to area Animal Control Officers, shelters, veterinarians, rescue leagues, and anyone else who requests a copy. If you know of someone who would be interested in receiving this publication, please contact us. We are always happy to meet more people devoted to the Doberman. Membership dues of \$25.00 per year help defray our cost of this publication and help support our efforts to assist Dobermans in need.

Our hotline phone number, (603) 887-1200, has voice mail available 24 hours per day. Messages are checked daily and we respond to calls from people seeking information and assistance as quickly as possible.

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# Securing the future for **Doberman Rescue Unlimited, Inc.**



An endowment fund to "Secure the Future" for the Dobermans we rescue, care for, and ultimately, adopt out has been established. Donations to this fund will contribute to the ongoing expenses of running DRU and to reduce our dependence on annual donations and membership fees. Several members have already contributed cash or securities to get the fund started.

To encourage donations, one of our members has pledged to MATCH any donation to the Endowment Fund for the calendar year 2015!



Make checks payable to: DRU Endowment Fund

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# Toe Nail Health, Just Scratching the Surface

Nail care is not typically a favorite pastime, but is important for your dog's overall health and wellbeing. Overgrown nails can crack and break causing extreme discomfort to your dog.

The toe nail is a specialized skin structure composed of hard and soft keratin that is almost horn-like. It arises from the phalanx, which is the bone within each digit. The nail covers and protects the vascular bed of a structure called the ungual process. Toe nails grow continuously throughout a dog's life. They can grow anywhere from 1-2 mm per week depending on the dog's environment, diet and exercise. Because of this continual growth, nails require trimming. The frequency really depends upon which substrate the dog is on, and the type and amount of exercise. Pavement and concrete typically will wear the nails down, whereas grass and dirt will not. Keeping the nails properly trimmed helps maintain good paw health and normal movement. Excessively long claws can cause the foot to splay or spread and predisposes the paw to trauma, strains, and foot infections (pododermatitis). If the nails are allowed to become excessively long, it can take up to 6-8 months of frequent trimmings to get them back to an acceptable length. Severely overgrown toenails may be cut too short purposely, but this causes pain and bleeding and usually requires sedation.



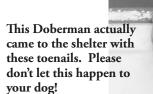
For trimming, always use an appropriately sized sharp nail trimmer. Dull trimmers can crush the nail causing pain and risk of infection. Alternatively, a dremel tool can be used to grind the nail and provide a smoother tip. It is a good idea to have a clotting agent (styptic

powder or clotisol) in case one or more nails are cut too short. Flour, cornstarch or a bar of soap can be used in its place. Be sure to hold pressure first before applying the agent as it works best on a dry surface. Along with proper equipment, adequate restraint and treats are essential to a successful nail trimming. The key to restraint is stabilizing the dog's body and keeping their head facing forward, and the treats help to maintain a positive experience.



The technique that I'll describe happens to be my way of trimming nails, but certainly whatever works best for you and your dog is fine. I stand turned away from my dog's head, and turn the paw over to reveal the pads and underside of the foot. This allows





visualization of the tissue portion of the nail and any excess nail growth. I then trim off the excess either with a nail clipper or grind it with a dremel all the while telling my dog what a great job they're doing and finishing off with a jackpot of a few treats. A visible dot indicates that the blood vessel is close and any further trimming or dremeling will cause bleeding.



(the visible dot)

Hopefully this article will be enlightening, and nail care will become part of everyone's weekly routine.

Kara Bassignani, DVM Holbrook Animal Hospital



Bella Boo Ruskey



Kara Bassignani and Waldemar

# The AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC) At the 2014 DRU Picnic



Ti McKiernan

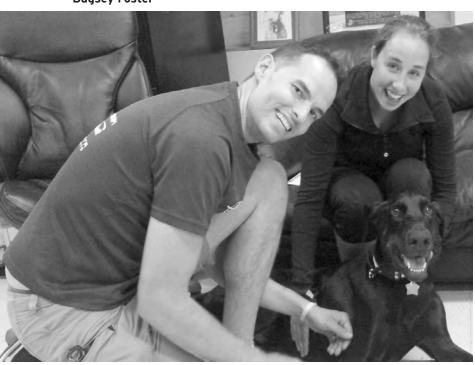


**Bugsey Foster** 

The AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC) program recognizes dogs that have good manners at home and in their community. The CGC test consists of 10 skill exercises including accepting a friendly stranger, walking through a crowd, coming when called and reaction to distractions. The exercises test and demonstrate a dog's manners and confidence while handled by their owners. The owner is required to keep a loose leash at all times and to interact with their dog in an encouraging manner. The "crowd" and distractions are provided by volunteers.

Dogs are on leash and may wear a flat collar, an unrestrictive body harness, a slip or choke collar. Prong collars, remote collars and gentle leaders are not allowed. The use of food and treats is prohibited during testing.

The AKC recently added an advanced level of testing called the AKC Community Canine Title. Dogs who pass, earn the title AKC Community Canine. This is designated by the letters CGCA (Advanced CGC). The original CGC Test or first level is most often tested in a ring and situations are simulated by volunteers. The Community Canine test is done in real situations including shows, classes or community events and includes additional exercises. Dogs testing for the CGCA are required to do a group sit stay, demonstrate food refusal, pass through a door or narrow pathway and allow petting by a stranger who is carrying a backpack or briefcase. Only



Dan Carroll and Elyse Kozlowski and Saber





Lily Knapp

dogs that have already earned their CGC may test for their CGCA. Like the CGC Test, the CGCA recognizes a dog's good manners. Unlike the CGC test, ease of owner control is tested in real situations.

Earning a CGC or a CGCA is a worthwhile goal for a dog and handler. It promotes training teamwork and improved handling. The testing process allows handlers to gage their dogs' reactions in ring settings and crowds. Many AKC Obedience and Rally competitors started by working toward and passing the CGC Test. Some insurance companies offer a discount for dogs that have earned their CGC and CGCA.

To find a test near you consult the AKC website. There is a list of evaluators by state. You may contact an evaluator for test dates. DRU hopes to offer the CGC and CGCA test at the upcoming Reunion Picnic.

The following DRU dogs and handlers passed their tests at the 2014 Reunion Picnic: Cindy Knapp and Lily, Maryann Stratton and Eddie, Andria Mitros and Achilles, Dan Carroll and Saber, Kara Bassignani and Waldemar, Karen Foster and Bugsey, Jean Carlson and Rosie, Lisa Ruskey and Bellaboo, Kathy McKiernan and Kajun's One Last Time v DRU, Kerry Courtemanche and Bad Bad Leroy Brown II and Marion Kruswick and Fife.

Submitted by Liz Cleaves: Liz is the owner/ training director of the Auntie Dog Training Studio in Tewksbury, MA and the owner of Sieben der Gosseretterhund, CD, RE, TDIA. Sieben is a DRU Dobe.



MaryAnn Stratton and Eddie



Marion Kruswick and Fife



Jean Carlson and Rosie



**Leroy Courtemanche** 

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The Senior and Special Needs Advocacy Program (SSNAP) is a unique program that provides funds exclusively for older DRU Dobermans and those with medical or behavioral issues. Older dogs tend to get overlooked for the younger, more active ones and often have the added expenses of medication, special diet and supplements. The SSNAP program provides for these dogs with ongoing, supportive care until a permanent home can be found.

Some of our greatest success stories are those of the "old timers" and "hard to place-ers" adoptions. While there are no guarantees how long any dog will be with us, a SSNAP Dobe can still bring years of joy and companionship to their families. And when it is their time to leave, perhaps they will be the angel that leads their family to another shelter dog... waiting patiently for

Here a few of the recent SSNAP adoption stories:

#### Who Wants an Older Dog?

By Lisa Simard

When we visited the shelter to adopt our first rescue dog, it was apparent that there were more dogs that needed homes than there were potential adopters. We were unsure exactly what to expect from a "recycled" dog as others were quick to give opinions about preferring a puppy over an "older" dog, because "You can train a puppy, but you can't teach an old dog new tricks." Well, we found out that was an old wives' tale as we adopted our first shelter dog that day.

He was loving and appreciative, a loyal companion and a sponge for learning our ways. He was a good traveler in the car and polite and playful with our other dog. And after exploring our home and yard, he settled in like he had always lived there. He just wanted to be with us, and was thrilled with any attention one gave him without being needy. And after bring up several puppies, it was nice to have this newcomer that slept through the night, was house trained and didn't chew our shoes!

It's hard to believe that was over 30 years ago, and since that day we have adopted and been foster parents to countless Dobermans. Words that describe the older or special needs dogs surprisingly are the same words that describe a puppy: energetic yet sleepy, mischievous yet obedient, comical yet serious, adventurous yet shy, bold yet a scaredy cat, playful yet a snuggle bug. Each one has its own endearing personality that makes them unforgettable even years after they have passed.

And speaking of crossing that Rainbow Bridge, that's another subject I often hear as an excuse not to adopt or become a foster mom to a senior or special needs dog. People say, "How can you adopt an older dog knowing you aren't going to have him for many years?" Well, for me, it's not about that, it's about how much quality time I can give this dog for his or her remaining life, whether it's 10 years or 10 months. It's about making the rest of his life, the best part of his life.



**Our SSNAP Angel** 

Robyn and Ron Null

Nelle was stellar on the 6 hour trip home, and our dogs, Dakota, a mixed terrier breed, and Mattie, a Miniature Pinscher, all greeted Nelle amicably and seemed to welcome her to our home.

Nelle indeed was a finicky eater. I spent most of the first month cooking all sorts of concoctions and hand feeding her. She was definitely a challenge, and like a typical kid, chose junk food and loved bones. She loves warm chicken baby food over her kibble with some fresh chicken breast thrown in. Between her and my new grandson, we will keep Gerber in business!

Nelle joined us on our walks, and I took the three dogs together, through the fields and woods near our home. She fit right in and loved her walks with the pack. Nelle and I went to the public walking trail, where she greeted everyone, dog or human, with a wagging stub. When she met our horses, she cocked her head as if to say "What are these?", but instantly licked their noses, and is happy to accompany me to the barn for morning and evening feedings.

Slowly and steadily we built trust with Nelle, convincing her that this was her forever home, and that we were here to love her and show her the respect she deserves. Eventually I even got the beloved "Doberman

#### Driska, the Chosen One on Adoption Day!

Kathie and Eric Harrington

My husband and I have been adopting senior dogs the last few years as we feel that so many older dogs get needlessly passed over simply because of their age. In reality, we find that older dogs fit our lifestyle in that we like a calmer and trained dog that likes to give and receive affection, that can appreciate quiet time and walks in our neighborhood and that does not need the hourly attention and correction that a puppy or younger dog would demand.

We have gravitated to

Dobermans as the breed is a favorite of ours. We love the way they move, the way they look, their funny personalities, their protective instincts, their humor - literally everything about them! Our last rescue was an 8



year old Dobie from a local humane society and he was easily the best dog that either of us has ever had the pleasure of spending time with.

Our rescue through DRU was Driska back in December. She is 9 years old and just a tiny little thing (not even 50 lbs)! We simply adore her and are so glad that she is part of our family. She was high-strung when we brought her home, but she has settled in nicely and seems to have

found security in the routine that our house provides. She walks well on the leash in our neighborhood and generally seems content to just be in the same room as us - preferably getting petted or kissed!

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smile" of approval! Nelle gives the best kisses ever!

She pretty much owns us now. She and Dakota have a morning play ritual, romping through the house. She is a riot to watch as she does a little dance with her feet, what we call the "Doberman shuffle!" We all sleep together at night, and Nelle stretches out, leaving a sliver of space for the rest of us. Basically we all cuddle around her, fighting for blanket cover. Every morning when we wake up, Nelle says good morning by tilting her head back and looking up at us, as if to say thank you for loving me, and let's get started on a new day of adventure!"

We have run into a few bumps in the road medically along the way, but have met each one with a positive attitude. It was discovered



that she had the beginnings of Dilated Cardiomyopathy (DCM) at one of her checkups. The news was devastating, but she is doing very well on medication, and hasn't slowed down one bit. We cherish every day we have with her.

People ask me why we would adopt an older dog whom we may only have for a short time. My reply is always that they have so much love to give, and while we may not have that dog for many years, and that there can be added challenges adopting an older or special needs dog, the love they give is so unconditional, the bond so unbreakable. The life lessons they teach us are invaluable, and we are the luckiest people in the world to have had them in our lives.

We are happy to report that Nelle has gained 5.5 pounds, and now has a full shiny coat of hair. Thank you so much, DRU, for all the selfless things you do for the Dobermans. Thank you for the new friendships, but most of all, THANK YOU for Nelle.

#### Naudi, My Fifth SSNAP Dobe

Kathy McKiernan

Over the years I have adopted seven dogs from DRU, five of whom were Senior and Special Needs Advocacy Program (SSNAP) dogs. Mingus was a healthy senior of 10 years when he joined my family and lived to be 14 years old! Grandpa Jake was an oldie whose owner had gone blind and couldn't care for him anymore. Shelter life didn't agree with Gramps, so he came home with me and transformed back to the happy dog he had been. Biscuit was a victim of domestic violence that left her with neurological and behavioral deficits that made her a liability at times. But she attached herself to my pack and found her niche here. Perhaps the most memorable DRU dog that came into my life was Bridget, a 6 month old blue puppy found beaten almost beyond recognition and left in the street to die. Despite many orthopedic surgeries to heal her bones, Bridget's jaw never looked quite right again. But to me, she was the most beautiful creature, so full of joy for life, and, despite her horrendous start, she lived a long and happy one.

I was drawn to these dogs because the like-

lihood of their being adopted was less than their more appealing competitors. Naturally, people who have recently suffered the loss of a dog worry about experiencing that kind of pain again any time soon. Odds are one won't have a senior Doberman or one with health issues as long as a young, healthy dog, yet there are no guarantees. Although the death of a dear Doberman friend is excruciating, I feel that these dogs deserve a home as much as any other so I adopt them, knowing there will be challenges, but determined to give them the best possible life I can. I have never regretted adopting any of my SS-NAP dogs; they have all been wonderful, loving friends.

My most recent SSNAP dog is Naudi, aka Miss Naughty. She was a used up brood bitch that arrived at DRU with 2 newborn pups, who sadly passed within days of their birth. It was soon obvious that this wildly energetic, emaciated, scarred puppy producing machine had very little training. Seven year old Naudi also has a bad heart valve and early dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM)...all factors that



Naudi

would not help her chances of adoption. So when DRU's Adoption Coordinator, Cindy, called me about Naudi, I agreed to take her. Once home, she bounded in and immediately fell in love with my young DRU boy, Ti, and the feeling is mutual! Naudi is doing very well on her heart medicine. She is energetic and fun with a great loving personality. She has responded well to consistency and training and is a pleasure to live with. I know that she will not have a long life but it will be a good life. This April will be the anniversary of our first year together.



Grandpa Jake





Biscuit Bridget

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#### Memphis Moves to Vermont

Michelle Judd

In December, I lost my beloved Doberman, Travis, and my heart was broken. I missed him so much, and would browse through DRU's website just to look at the beautiful brown eyes that reminded me so much of him. Although I knew I could not replace Travis, 9 year old Memphis caught my eye over and over again. It was not because he was beautiful to look at, but because of his age. His profile said he was sad, not eating well and had other serious health issues. My other dog is 12 years old and in deference to her, I felt I could only consider an older animal. Even though I wasn't really "ready" for another dog, I could not imagine a dog not having a home at 9 years old. So, still teary eyed about my recent loss, I called DRU and arranged to bring Memphis to his new forever home. I had been told he required a special diet, was a super fussy eater and would only eat if he were hand fed. He was extremely skinny. He seemed very unhappy, almost like he desperately wanted a "real" home with a human he could call his own.



Well, Memphis won the dog lottery and came home to live with me and his new diva girlfriend. I expected him to continue his fussy eating habits and unhappy demeanor for quite some time. But the very first day, he wolfed down his food...and kept it down! I had planned on having to feed him yummy "people" food and pamper him extensively. But all he wanted was his own home, his own bed and the love of his own "human." I am extremely happy with my decision to adopt an older special needs dog. Although he may not have many years left, they will be happy years for both of us.

#### Special Needs Boys Mayhem and Mojo Are the Best of Friends

Lisa Simard



Yes, his name is Mayhem. I didn't name him, and I can't even imagine what he did to deserve that name. I'm guessing it was the typical puppy nonsense that earned him the moniker. Most people aren't prepared to deal with all the work required to raise a puppy, and lots of times they give up, which is how lots of them end up in shelters. Through no fault of their own, other dogs end up there because their people move and abandon them. Or they are loving companions for many years, their owner gets ill or dies, and boom, the faithful pooch gets sent packing. Not Mayhem, no, the only thing he did wrong was being hit by a car. He was struck in the head which caused partial paralysis in his hind legs. His prognosis was not positive, and it was going to cost money to get him to live, let alone walk or run again. His owners gave up.

I've found that "Where there's a will, there's a way." is a philosophy practiced by DRU. With the help of generous contributions to the Senior and Special Needs Advocacy Program (SSNAP) and the determination of the fabulous Dr. Audrey Karamourtopoulos at Fremont Animal Hospital, Mayhem pulled through. But he needed an environment in which to heal, so we gave him a foster home. The resilient Mayhem went through months of healing and rest, gradually learning how to walk again, and oh yes, run!

I'll not soon forget the look on Dr. Audrey's face when I asked her if it was alright to start Mayhem in local agility training. No way! She must have thought I was crazy, but she hadn't seen recently the remarkable strength and energy this guy has. It was hard to keep him down. He could run like a Greyhound and was playful as a puppy. Mayhem would wear out our older female Dobie, she would put him in his

place, and then of course he would soon come back for more.

Mayhem is a comedian and loves to tease visitors and his playmates. If you're a house-guest, he'll welcome you by sitting on your lap. He can get those twice his age to play like puppies, wrestle and run, hide and seek and steal their toys only to return them unharmed. Mayhem has shared his home with lots of older foster dogs, and they've loved every minute of it. He's brought many elderly dogs out of their shell with his unrelenting goofy antics. I've watched him turn even the grumpiest old gals into happy go lucky playmates

I think Mayhem is paying it forward. He's sharing his love for life and his love for his home with other dogs that were physically and even mentally starting to give up. And if the other dogs want to boss him around a little, that's ok with him too, he just goes with the flow knowing one day they will give in and start to play. And they always do.

Mayhem is 9 years old now, and lives with a 13 year old German shepherd, Arco, and a 3 yr old handicapped Doberman, Mojo, who has limited use of his hind quarters due to suffering through distemper as a puppy. Mojo has developed gargantuan strength in his upper body and front legs and "runs" (you have to see it) like a crazed kangaroo chasing Mayhem around acres of land. And the old guy Arco is right behind them, and sometimes in front of them, delighted to show off his latest find, a gigantic log which he carries around in his mouth.

I don't know who's having more fun, the dogs or us watching them. Save an older dog and make yourself happy at the same time. Lower your blood pressure. Laugh a lot more. See the joys in life through their eyes. It's quite a concept!

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#### How Senior Tough Guy Rocky 3 and Squirrely Long Term Resident Skye Came to be Adopted Together

Cathy and Jose Sanchez

In 2013, my husband and I attended DRU's Open House. Our first time visiting, it was an exciting day seeing all the wonderful Dobes. Having always had a soft spot in our hearts for the old ones, we instantly fell in love with Rocky 3. I so wanted to submit an adoption application for him that day but we had an ailing dog at home at the time. A couple months later I started volunteering at DRU and subsequently was hired permanently and had a lot of opportunity to spend time with Rocky. He was such a stoic but sweet boy. I always had it in the back of my head that if he was still at the shelter after my boy passed on I would adopt him. As luck would have it, I had also fallen in love with a sweet, shy little girl named Skye, and decided I would take her home when the

Well, on Thanksgiving of 2014 that day came. We adopted both Rocky and Skye, an unlikely pair as Skye was not fond of other dogs at all. For that matter, Skye was not fond of new situations or strangers either. Yet the first time she met my husband she was head over heels for him. It has been fun and exciting getting to know the two of them. We've had a lot of surprises and every day we learn something new.

Rocky ended up not being the tough boy everyone thought he was. Outside of the familiar walls of the shelter he proved to be rather insecure and unsure of himself. During the first week in his new home Rocky was so overwhelmed it was heartbreaking to watch. I was glad we had bought an extra crate because the crate gave him the security he needed. It took

him a couple of weeks to start to feel secure and comfortable. As the weeks rolled by, more and more of his personality came out. Much to our delight, Rocky is quite a happy-go-lucky boy, goofy as a clown at times and quite the marshmallow at other times. He would lounge in your lap all day if you'd let him. I'd have to say his favorite pastime is getting massages from me...lots and lots of massages! Rocky did his best to be helpful with the housework, and I recall a couple of weeks after he came home, he was helping me with the laundry when I dropped



Rocky and Skye are quite a pair!

something and bent to pick it up. When I looked up there he was all curled up inside the dryer with the funniest look on his face! He is always respectful of his housemate, Skye. He knows to stay out of her space, but on one particular incident he didn't realize she was laying on the couch and decided to take a short cut back to his crate. Well when he looked up and saw her sitting there, he got so perplexed that he



stopped dead in his tracks then quickly raced out of there, only to repeat the offense three more times before he could figure it out. It was like watching an episode of the Three Stooges! I have to say we feel much safer now that he has come to live with us. Rocky defends his household against pesky squirrels and birds like a gallant knight.

Skye has proven to be full of her own surprises as well. She settled into her new home rather quickly and it turns out she is a lot more confident and social that everyone had thought. I was amazed and proud of my little girl at her first veterinary visit as she went up to total strangers and let them pet her and quickly warmed up to the staff at the vet clinic. She continues to defy the preconceived notion of not getting along well with Rocky. In fact, Skye's and Rocky's relationship continues to

blossom as time goes on.

From day one she has tolerated his mere presence in the room and has accepted the fact that he is here to stay. But as the weeks moved on, we could see a new Skye emerging. She was actually starting to enjoy his company and seek him out. Now, almost three months later, they have become true friends and walk together on lead, shoulder to shoulder. Skye will sit next to her best buddy Rocky, look out the window, turn to him and shower him with kisses on his muzzle. It's fun to watch her growing because she is as astounded with herself as we are with her.

My husband and I are so happy to share our lives with Rocky and Skye and look forward to giving them the beautiful life they so deserve. Thank you, DRU, for giving the less adoptable Dobermans the care and time they need to find their perfect home!

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#### Blue Learns to Trust Again

Cass Stallings



Early last year, our beloved Sirus passed away, leaving our four year old Doberman, Shea without his best friend. So I reached out to DRU to find him a new companion. Ten year old Blue came to DRU with heartworm disease and untreated hypothyroidism. Once restored to good health, he joined our family and began the process of settling in. Although cautious at first, Blue is such a sweet guy. He eats like a champ, counter surfs, goes to the door to let me know he has to go out, stole a chew and went out in the rain to bury it. He is very protective of food and treats, hiding them in his bed as he nests. He and my boy Shea are feeling each other out, but Shea is so easy, I don't expect any problems... and if there are we will fix them. Blue insists on wearing his special striped coat when he goes outside. He comes right back to me if he walks into another room and I call him. Last night he put his head in my lap and clearly wanted me to pet him. Other than around food, Blue and Shea are inseparable. They are getting along like they have lived together all their lives...running together, waiting for each other at the door...so cute! Blue does get anxious when I leave the house, but I expect that will lessen with time. He is no longer apprehensive of me or my husband, Charlie. Taking a dog with trust issues was challenging, but worth every minute. In a couple of months he finally realized he was safe and permanent. Blue will have a happy life here!

#### Tank Finds Love in the "Wolf" Pack

Marti Wolf and family

In the early hours of 11/17/13, our beloved red Dobe, Bwyren, (a DRU Senior alum) died all too soon, with his head in my lap. We were completely devastated and decided to remain 'dog-less' for a while. Needless to say, the emptiness of our home and our lives led us to contact DRU just before Christmas.

Once there we were introduced to three SSNAP dogs, and one stood out from the others – a six year old red Dobe, with movie star good looks and the macho name of Tank. We learned somewhere in his past his rear leg had been broken, healed badly, he'd also hurt his neck and, worst of all, people labelled him aggressive. As a result, he'd been at DRU for more than a year waiting for his forever home. Hearing this we all knew Tank was coming home with us.

At home Tank gradually came out of that protective shell adoptive animals seem to build around themselves and showed us all the love he has to give. Observing him, day in and day out, I began to believe that our Tank was more scared and lonely than aggressive so I took him to a friend who is an experienced dog breeder and trainer. Together we worked with him to refresh his obedience training, both by himself, and with one of her dogs. Then one day, we saw it. Tank is afraid of other dogs – he's fine as long as he can remove himself from a possible confrontation, but if he can't, then he tries to make the other dog leave by moving forward, growling and barking. He is very interested in other dogs, but he doesn't know how to be a dog (for example: He approaches an unknown dog straight on – body language that the unknown dog might interpret as aggressive).



Six months after Tank's adoption, in a quirk of fate, a three month old tiny girl puppy, rescued from a kill shelter down south and then abandoned by her adoptive family, came to us. Believing that she was too small to be threatening and too young to know how a dog should behave, we introduced her to Tank, hoping she'd accept him despite his lack of doggie social skills.

Now Jackie (that's her name) and Tank are the best of buddies. She is hilarious when she imitates him – she sits like he does, with his broken leg stuck out to one side. He is willing to try new things with her there to share the experience with him. They both love playing in the snow, even when it's so deep we temporarily lose her, but Tank always has her back. They race around (yes, Tank is running and he's fast), wrestle, play tug-o-war, share toys and beds and just make us laugh. Every day Jackie is teaching Tank how to be a dog and letting him experience the puppyhood he never had.

Yes, Tank has his forever home, a playmate and a family who loves him. By the way, we figure he earned the name Tank because he moves though the house like a Sherman tank. Thanks to all of you at DRU who made the difficult decision to keep Tank and continue looking for the right home for him.

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#### We Just Love Our Max!

Jack and Joyce Kenney

This special boy is such a big part of our family we can't imagine our lives without him. He has adjusted so well to his new life here in Burlington. He is an early riser, as are we, and just loves to play outside, of course, that was before we had ALL THIS SNOW! Although he is nine years old, he does not act his age...so playful and just loves to run. Max has a maze of trails to use in the yard that were made by the snow blower, and he loves to run around and catch balls that we throw in the air for him.



We decided to adopt Max after you mentioned that he had a history with young children. As we have young grandchildren, we knew we had to find a dog good with children. And good he is! Our little 2 year old granddaughter just loves to pat his back and kiss him on his head. She sits right next to him and he is so gentle with her. She loves her Max as much as we do!

As you can tell, Max is such a great addition to our lives. Hopefully, the weather will soon become a little better and we can begin our long walks outside again. Thank you for introducing us to this very special senior boy.

#### Zeke Couldn't Be Happier In His New Home

Sarah and Ernie Gibbs



Our home has always had multiple 4-paw children of all sizes. We feel that if we have the space, let's adopt and give another deserving dog a forever home. Early in 2014, we lost one of our gentle giants, Abbie. After some time had passed, we started to look for another dog who needed us. We heard about DRU from Fremont Animal Hospital, where all our dogs are patients, and decided to check out DRU's website. We were amazed at how much information they had on each Doberman in their care. DRU tells each dog's story as it is, laying it all out...the good, the bad and the goofy!

Immediately a young dog named Zeke caught our attention. So far Zeke had been passed over for adoption time and time again because he had a history of seizures, along with hypothyroidism. This didn't sway my husband and me from immediately reaching out to DRU to meet this sweet boy. The way we see it, eventually all of us will age and likely need extra assistance or require medication to keep us going strong. It is no different for our four-legged companions.

When we met Zeke, he was sweet, charming and affectionate, and after a sloppy kiss, we immediately fell in love. I think Zeke

picked us as much as we picked him! It has been 9 months since we adopted him, and as I write this note, Zeke is napping on the couch with his four-legged sisters. He is resting after running around and playing like any 3 year old Doberman would. Every Saturday, we gather Zeke's medications and arrange them in his weekly pill container. Some people have made mention of what a chore it must be managing Zeke's medications. My reply is always that it is just a normal routine, no different than when I take mine.

We are so happy to have found Zeke, and while he does occasionally have a seizure, they have become shorter and milder than in the past. We like to think that being so comfortable in his new home has helped in some small way to reduce the severity and frequency of his seizures and make him a healthier, happier dog.

We appreciate everything DRU has done for Zeke and all the other Dobes that come to their shelter. Asked if we would adopt a SSNAP dog again, without hesitation we say "In a heartbeat!!" All dogs deserve a home, and SSNAP dogs are as loving, sweet, and faithful as the rest.

These six SSNAP dogs will be missed by those who knew them and by the extraordinary people who gave each of them a home when they really needed one.

**Sirus** Stallings **Jacob Marley** Watson DRU Heidi Jesse Wyman **Gabby** Valley **Chopper** White

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# Dogs available for adoption

DRU currently has approximately fifty Dobermans waiting for new homes.

The list changes almost on a daily basis.

Check our Website at www.dru.org or call the hotline for updates.



BOSCO is a 2 year old, red and rust, natural and docked male who came in as a stray from New York. He is a social, active, super sweet, goofy, food motivated dog who likes to train and needs stimulation to use his athletic body and busy mind for good. Out of frustration, Bosco is vocal when he sees other dogs on walks. He likes to play rough using his front feet, which appeals to some, but not all, dogs. Cats are out of the guestion! Bosco came to DRU with zero manners and minimal training. Sometimes he acts a little lost and making time to settle him, set limits and gain focus is time well spent. Building on Bosco's obedience skills before taking on the world would be a good idea. Although he loves to be on the go, a quieter home would be a better environment for Bosco. Happy time for him includes hanging out in the kitchen, relaxing with his person while dishes are done. Despite his deep appreciation for food, he has been trustworthy about not sticking his head into any accessible bag or bin of edibles. Bosco loves his purple bear which he holds, tosses and sleeps with. He has carefully kept his treasure intact and would love to take it with him to his new home

DODGE is a 6 year old, black and rust, cropped and docked male who came in from another rescue without a lot of information. This dog just makes a body smile! Dodge is sweet, social and happy with people. His desire to please is tangible and he so wants to



do the right thing. Although a stern word can quickly crush him, a few words of encouragement make his whole body wiggle. Dodge stays clean in his kennel run, leaves bedding intact and thoroughly enjoys frozen peanut butter in a bone. He is squishy and squeezable with his people, but should be an only pet in the home. Dodge is reactive to other dogs while out on a leash walk and will always need management in this area. He would be happy as a homebody where he can be king of his fenced yard. Despite his love affair with food, Dodge takes even the smallest treat with gentleness. Dodge loves to run in the snow!



IVAN is a 7 year old, black and rust, cropped and docked male whose owner went to jail. He's a sweet boy with basic obedience who loves to chase a ball in the yard. When introduced to another dog, Ivan skillfully uses play bows to entice the dog to engage in some fun. When walking on leash, Ivan can be reactive to dogs he can't reach. Use his obedience to mentally dial him in and he responds well. Ivan could live with a compatible female dog, but cats are another story. He has a good balance of maturity and pep...the best of both worlds. Ivan thrives on affection from his person and would be a nice addition to any well run household.



PAULIE is a 2 year old, black and rust, natural and docked male who was turned in because his owners said he was aggressive towards their 16 year old son. They had previously filled out a release form when Paulie was 9 months old because the husband lost his iob and they were losing their home. The first form stated Paulie didn't like his father-inlaw. The second form made no mention of this and said Paulie would get aggressive with the husband and the son. The first form said Paulie had lived with cats, the second form said he had never lived with cats. The consistent information included that Paulie loved to swim, walk in the woods and enjoy his chew bones. They indicated he comes when called. stays clean in the house, considers car rides something special, attends daycare twice weekly, visits the dog park and also that he has never bitten anvone. Our assessment of Paulie is that he is a good dog that needs time to warm up and trust. His acclimation time has dropped tremendously and now regular volunteers tell us he prances around the neighborhood while out on his daily walk. Paulie feels more secure with a routine and rules in place, and he has never shown aggression towards people at the DRU shelter. Training and clear rules will help Paulie be a great dog in his new home. He would walk through fire for a treat!



ZEVA is a 1 year old, black and rust, natural and docked female whose owner thought she was too protective. We found her to be more unsure and reactive than protective. Zeva is a busy girl who can go from being amped and pushy to falling apart when corrected and unsure how to behave. She is bright as a berry and learns quickly. Her barky, jumpy, grabby behaviors are being replaced with more desirable ones through obedience. Zeva does well with dogs who can appreciate her energy yet shut it down when necessary without being overbearing. She explores any new toy with curiosity and delight and presses it into ones hands, inviting play. Zeva likes to ride in the car and is comfortable in her crate. She has a good, open attitude and plenty of food drive. Her new people should want to take her to training classes. Zeva needs a kind, but firm hand, that means it to help her learn to deal with "scary" things rather than avoid or react. An active, but not hectic, home would surely help this beautiful, young Doberman gain the rest of the confidence she is lacking.

## **Dobermans Doing Things**

#### **Shelter Doberman Loves Rally**

I adopted 13 month old Lena from Doberman Rescue Unlimited in July 2013. Lena had big paws to fill at my house. I had recently lost my canine partner of 6-1/2 years after a very short and sudden illness. When I brought Lena home she was known as "the new dog." I renamed her Sieben der Grosseretterhund, which translated means Seven of Giant Savior Dogs. Sie was my seventh Doberman and a tall girl. She was 20 pounds overweight and had a rather comical gait and no muscle.

Sie worked to get fit, build muscle and develop her core strength. She settled into my house and her new job as my demo dog. I am a pet dog trainer and Sie soon became a fixture at my training studio. Two months after joining me she earned her Canine Good Citizen (CGC) and became a Therapy Dogs International (TDI) therapy dog. I missed competition so I decided to prepare her for Rally Novice and Obedience. She earned her Rally Novice (RN) on Cape Cod in late fall and her Beginner Novice (BN) a month later.

Paws and figures crossed we entered Rally Advanced (RA). Sie loved Rally. In her first trial she took her jump like a winner and kept on running! I called her and she flew back to me. I was so embarrassed and shocked. I had never had a dog leave my side during competition before. We packed up

and left the trial.

Sie and I worked to solve her jump and bolt excitement and to make her off leash work reliable. I still longed for my lost canine partner. When I looked down my leash and I still saw "the new dog": an energetic silly dog with an odd head tilt and even stranger gait. It wasn't until one of my students pointed out how attentive Sie was that I started to think about Rally again. She had the moves and loved the work, but I had considered her my demo dog and house pet. She was enjoying her weekly therapy visits to Tewksbury Hospital and had a nice new life.

This teacher decided to take a lesson from a student. I started to observe "the new dog" with a different eye and give her a chance. She was not my beloved lost companion. She was Sieben! One night I watched her outside. When she came onto the porch and under the light and looked at me I saw a beautiful Doberman. I saw Sieben, probably for the first time. She was MY new dog and MY companion. She wanted me and wanted to work. Sie won my heart and 100% of my attention and emotion that night.

Sieben earned her RA and Rally Excellent (RE) in back to back trials in fall 2014. She also earned her Companion Dog title (CD). Sie loves Rally Advanced Excellent (RAE) trials—there are more jumps! She finished her RAE in 10 back to back trails. In March



Liz Cleaves and Sieben

we went to Missouri and participated in the Rally Excellent runs at Nationals. Although Nationals for Sie was a bit like a clogger at the ballet, we did our best and improved our scores with each run. The experience bolstered our bond.

"The New Dog" from humble shelter beginnings got to "play" at Nationals and loved it! Her pet therapy patients like the fun photos and silly rally stories. My students all had a hand in preparing her and my trainer friends offered support and guidance. Sie is surrounded by positive energy now and is no longer living in any dog's shadow. She is my new working partner. We have so far to go, but each day brings us a new training oppor-

#### **K9 Nose Work at DRU!**



Chad Campion watches as Hercules, who is deaf, dove right in to the boxes, located all the treats and really excelled at his first try.

Always interested in new ways to keep the DRU Shelter resident Dobermans busy and engaged, we were delighted when local dog enthusiast Maggie Pate contacted us about introducing our shelter Dobermans and their caregivers to K9 Nose Work. Inspired by working detection dogs, K9 Nose Work is the fun search and scenting activity for virtually all dogs and people. This easy to learn activity and sport builds confidence and focus in many dogs, and provides a safe way to keep dogs fit and healthy through mental and physical exercise.

K9 Nose Work starts with getting the dog excited about using his nose to seek out a favorite toy or treat reward hidden in one of several boxes, expanding the game to entire rooms, exterior areas, and vehicles. As the dog grows more confident with his nose, target odors are introduced and competition skills are taught.

The Dobermans loved it, especially with food involved. They did great, and we plan to add this fun activity to the roster to further enhance life at the shelter until dogs are adopted.



Nazarene Mondello and DRU's Chloe' V Moss Hill WAE, CGC, BH, RATN have been busy wracking up the titles!





Jade is fitting in like she's lived with us forever. She's really a lovely and loving young lady. She handled the long car ride and ferry ride like she's being doing it all her life. Here's a picture of her with me on the ferry ride home. Last night she slept well in her crate, whined a little and settled in nicely. When I let her out this morning she jumped right up on the bed and tried snuggling next to Cathie (a little soon for that privilege!) Jade has lots of energy. We took a mile walk this morning to do our business, but I see she's ready for a longer walk. We'll keep you posted on her progress.

> Dennis Siedlecki West Islip, NY

Dear DRU,



Flights of angels sang and transported my beautiful and precious fawn girl -- Lilli-putian, to her eternal rest across "The Rainbow Bridge" 3 months shy of her 12th birthday. As one of 11 pups born at DRU three days after being left at DRU on Mothers Day in 2003, her litter was aptly named the "Mothers Day Pup Litter."

Lilli was predeceased by: her beautiful mother, "Jewels;" her handsome father, "Thunder;" her wonderful siblings Cobey, Jessie Mae, Liam, Tia, Tonka, Tucker, Rubin and Zane; and her two "DRU step brothers," Laddie, and Sticky James. Lilli is survived by her lovely, much accomplished sister, Gracie Jane – and possibly by her brother Levy.

My sweet princess leaves a hole in my heart that will never heal, tears in my eyes and wonderful memories far, far too numerous to count. Her kind, soft, gentle and loving na-

# Letters

ture will always rest gently on my mind, and will always occupy a special place in my heart. Lilli was a most special pup from a most extraordinary litter.

Thank you DRU for lavishing such genuine love and care on Lilli, her parents and her siblings. Without you I would not have had Lilli's abiding companionship, nor known the boundless joy she brought me for the better part of 12 years.

> Connie Gordon Sparta, NJ

Dear DRU,



Just a quick update on Trigger...he is adjusting well into his new home. He LOVES the big back yard and also laying by the fireplace with his new "pack." Sadie is still not too sure about him, but every day seems to go easier... today they were chasing each other around the yard without any incident :-).

He sleeps in his crate at night up in our bedroom (next to Sadie) and has another larger crate on the 1st floor where he stays when we need to leave.

We'll send another update next month, but so far the process has gone much smoother than we anticipated and he has already made a name for himself with the neighborhood. We have kept introductions to a minimum and short, but everyone loves him.

> Jim and Jackie Knaus Bellingham, MA

Dear DRU,

Since Bud's arrival on February 1st (a Super Dog on Super Bowl Sunday!) he has settled in nicely. Bud loves the snow and is acclimating well, thanks to my niece, Holly, who helped work out Bud's insecurities the first week. The fourth rescue dog that I have gotten from the DRU Shelter in Sandown, NH, Bud is a 5 year old red and rust Doberman with a very endearing personality. He has adjusted to my hectic lifestyle, loves his daily dog walkers from Ashland Pet Concierge and will do anything for food. I was going to wait until early March to get another dog, due to my unusually crazy sports schedule at Suffolk at this time of year, but everyone I talked to at the Shelter said "Don't let this one get away!" And besides, the time you're at work





is about equal to the time he is left alone in the evening at the Shelter. Bud and I romp in the snow in the morning, he gets a walk and supper by the Concierge in the late afternoon and he's waiting when I get home. He is gradually getting the feel of the house, and is more inquisitive and trusting every day. So Stone Manor is a little livelier these days with Bud's distinct personality and temperament, helping to fill the void left by Kody, and previously, Zeus and Precious. It is always better when there's a dog in the house!

Jeff Stone Ashland, MA

Dear DRU,



Andrei is doing very well except for the house marking when I leave his sight. I got advice from the DRU trainer and am using the crate when I leave the room or go outside during the day. I know it is because he panics if he can't see me. He is perfect as long as I am there. He does not listen to my husband, Bob, very well, so Bob is doing the feeding. Andrei just wants me! I take him out a lot and he always urinates outside so he knows what he is supposed to do. He never leaves my side when we walk in the woods no matter the distractions. He seems to be gaining confidence and has been fine with everyone and other dogs he meets, although he does not want to play. He stays with me. Here is a pictures from our walk this morning. So handsome!

> Karen and Bob Wheeler Amherst, NH

# Memorials

Lana Caviola
Shylah Coulombe
Shane Weiss
Rex Jackson
Chipz Bouchard
Petey Gagne
Trooper Allen
Adam Fell
Kody Stone
Lukey Paquette

Zeus Santos

Moses Beck
Bullet Knaus
Zsa Zsa Hayden
Rory Quinlan
Tilly Karamourtopoulos
Brutus Judd
Bronx Silver
Weewee and Nigel Boutin
Rubin Zwicker
Tucker Rankin

Marlo Dalton

Kirby Donaghue
Cassie Watson Sotir
Raina Maurice
Marion Vajay
Lilli Gordon
Buddy Levesque
Guinness Nash
Jesse Mae Goudreau
Soren Nesdore Glintenkamp
Roland Morse
Pearl Cottle

Bella Lumsden
Sam Goudreau
Tulsa Smith
Eli Riendeau
Boo Klein
Zenyetta Bruce
Nar Stone
Buddy O'Dea
Daisy Dube
Dutch Judd

**In memory of Journey Platt** Linda and Devon Overbaugh

**In memory of Barbara Munro** Kenneth Munro

In memory of my Doberman Vader, glad to help other Dobermans in need Mark Brennan

**In memory of Howard Cohen**Larry and Tami Cohen

**In memory of Jaquie Corliss** Roger and Mirella Petruccelli

In memory of Hudson Sanchez Scott Bordeleau and Lynne Harris

In loving memory of Taliek Sinatro

Mark Sinatro

In memory of Kody Stone
Deb White-Lyons

In memory of my rescue boy Jake Lee, my red girl Casey Lee and our sweet rescue girl Holly Lee Carol and John Lee

In memory of Lana, my sweet girl
Patty Caviola

In memory of "Johnson" Sullivan Greg Sullivan

In memory of Zeus, my best friend and baby boy. I love you, miss you and thank you for all of your Dober-leans, pokes and nub wiggles. Mama loves you baby boy, and always will.

Dianna Santos

In memory of Harley Cyr Charles and Sandra Gallo

**In memory of my Dad, Carlton Shindler** Cordy Kaminski

**In memory of Kirby**William and Joanne Stone

In memory of Rocky
Patricia Wallace

**In memory of Maggie** Sandra Dudek, VMD

In memory of Marlo Kristi Dalton

In memory of Raina Maurice, Buddy Levesque and Nigel and Weewee Boutin Scott Bordeleau **In memory of John Ruskey**Lynne Lackenbach

In memory of Buddy the Dobie
Denise Borges

In loving memory of DRU's Mother Day's pup, Lilli

Katie and Pete Goudreau

**In memory of Lilah and Tasha** Kathy and Everett Thornton

**In memory of Zack**Lynne Harris

**In memory of Jessie** Kathleen Pearson

In memory of the wonderful Thunder
William Negron

In memory of Tammy Roger Reiss

In memory of Zack
Allan Studley

In memory of Jesse Mae Grace Lopes

**In memory of Blue** Patti Jean and Raymond Barnes

**In memory of Maggie** Angeline Pebler

I**n memory of Jack** Lisa Gordon

**In memory of Troy** Greg and Rita Cloutier

In honor of Cheri McNealy and Marj Brooks, two ladies who do so much for the breed!

Penny Cary and Hosea Carpenter

In recognition of Christopher Patterson, a kind man with a very big heart Elayne Peterson

In memory of Mary Swords
Maria Reilly, Tracy Lariviere, Serena Woods,
Daniel Turcotte, Christopher Groover, BonnieLynn Kollmann and the Pilgrim Doberman
Pinscher Club

In memory of our Dober Girls: Lexi, Annie, Chela and Maggie, rescues all! Dixie, David, Huxley and Charlie in Oakland

In memory of Jedd, George and Spirit Kim and Patrick Donahue **In memory of Kaiser** Vera and Vladimir Zhagora

In memory of Sam Goudreau Grace Lopes

In memory of ET
Arleen Lancaster

In memory of Annabelle Eric Conley

In loving memory of AKC/UKC/CKC Sasanoa Salt and Pepper. Once in a lifetime dog. Penny Cary

**In memory of the lovely lady, Lilli Gordon**Gail Glintenkamp and Paul Nesdore.

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Mary Keen

In honor of Barbara Matteson Anne Marie and Bill Litchfield

## In our thoughts

Rusty Brym Heiko Urbahn
Buster Dropkin Shea Stallings
Portia Weaver Winter Denko
Ruby Evans Harry Ruggieri
Leland Cruise Ruby, Missy and
Sheba Dennis Apollo Dias

Sue Boutin





# DRU Shelter Wish List

The supplies listed below always are needed at the shelter. You can help the Dobermans by sending an item or two from the Wish List to the DRU Shelter, 52 Tenney Road, Sandown, NH 03873.

Jolly Balls
blankets, towels, sheets
pure canned pumpkin (not pie filling)
apple cider vinegar
double ended leash snaps
small dog biscuits
Rescue Remedy
canned dog food
all-meat baby food

hot dogs
chicken and beef broth
postage stamps
plastic cutlery
paper plates
contractor gar- bage bags (3 mil)
tall kitchen trash bags
bleach
paper towels
liquid laundry detergent
dryer sheets

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toilet tissue
Kleenex
bottled water
ibuprofen
cat litter
Earthborn cat food (dry and canned)
I/D Prescription Diet (canned and dry)
E/N Prescription Diet (canned and

dry)

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Cosequin
Glycoflex
Sentinel
Panacur
Neomycin
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Omega 3-6-9 fish oil capsules
Co-flex elastic bandages
cloth 1 inch first aid tape
Omega 3-6-9 fish oil capsules Co-flex elastic bandages cloth 1 inch first aid tape Vetericyn Plus All Animal Wound and Skin Care band-aids Aquaphor ointment elizabethan collars Vetmedin
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