

### PLEASE HELP SECURE THE FUTURE FOR DRU AND ALL THE DOBERMANS IN OUR CARE

The DRU shelter has been the refuge and sanctuary for thousands of Dobermans since it was built over 20 years ago. Young and old, sick and well, none are turned away. We have taken in Dobermans in need from our primary service area of New England and New York/New Jersey, and also from many other areas of the United States; we've even taken in Dobes from places like Egypt, Kuwait, Puerto Rico, and Mexico. We will care for any Doberman in need that can get to us and we will care for them until their new adoptive families can be found.



Ensuring that DRU's mission continues costs money. Fifteen years ago an endowment fund was established to "Secure the Future" for the Dobermans we rescue, care for, and ultimately adopt out. Many members contributed cash and securities to get the fund started. However, with the onset of Covid our major fundraising events had to be canceled – no Open House, no Reunion Picnic – and additionally, the pain of the Covid pandemic also resulted in lower annual donations. But we still had to spend the money to see to all the Dobes in our care. This meant that we were forced to dip deeper into the endowment to fund ongoing operations. With the vaccines now available and the decline in cases, we are hoping that all will soon return to normal. However, we need to build up the endowment again. Therefore, we are beginning a major fundraising effort, and we ask for support from our membership and all lovers of this very special breed.

To encourage donations, two of our long-time members have separately offered to match any donations to the endowment through year end 2021! So, for example, *If you donate \$100, the double match will mean your \$100 turns into \$300!* Please help DRU by supporting this incredibly important fundraising drive!

We can also accept securities. Note that donating appreciated securities allows you to take a tax donation equal to the market value at the time of donation, regardless of the original cost. We also ask that you consider including DRU in your estate planning. Questions can be directed to our Executive Director, Michelle Cooper at mcooper@dru.org.

The DRU Board, the Executive Director, the staff and volunteers, and especially all of the shelter Dobes thank you for your support!!!

#### YES! DOUBLE MATCH MY DONATION OF \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: DRU Endowment Fund OR Donate online at: www.DRU.org

Mail to: Treasurer, DRU, Inc., 52 Tenney Road, Sandown, NH 03873

#### Please contact me regarding donating securities or including DRU in my estate.

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Our hotline phone number, **(603) 887-1200** has voicemail available 24 hours a day. Messages are checked daily and we respond to calls as soon as possible.

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## **Recovering From "The New Normal"**

DRU soldiers through, but still needs YOU.

#### Written by Julia V. McDonough

The past eighteen months have been challenging for the entire world, as society has been forced into a "new normal." New paradigms of what it means to work, to go to school, to socialize and even to own a pet have affected almost everyone, and our shelter is no exception.

During the height of Covid, we were forced to limit volunteer activity at the shelter and had staffing challenges whenever there was a concern about exposure. Veterinarians were famously booked out straight and our excellent vet was no exception, making scheduling even routine procedures an exercise in both logistics and patience. Our adoption process adapted to the new reality as well, as we maintained our high qualification standards for home visits while trying to practice social distancing by making them virtual.

The enforced domestic lifestyle that Covid brought us also created a whole new type of pet owners: those who decided that adopting an animal companion would be a great way to spend all of the time they had now that working from home was the rule. It also caused profound changes in routine for pets who now had 24-7 access to their humans. As life slowly returns to normal those of us in the world of rescue are feeling the effects. Once humans returned to their pre-Covid work habits, their dogs were no longer as easy to maintain. Dogs who were never conditioned to have healthy time away from their people suddenly found themselves alone for nine-hour workdays, dogs who remained in lockdown and unexposed to normal life now had to deal with strangers coming to let them out in the middle of the day, or the noise and chaos of a daycare. For some owners, the stress of returning to full time work and maintaining their dog was simply too much: those dogs ended up being returned to the shelters where they were adopted or became so difficult behaviorally that they ended up looking for a new home. At DRU we have fielded calls from Doberman owners whose dogs have not adapted well to going back into the real world, or who can't adapt to new living arrangements of financially strapped families combining households. While we do our best through education and owner coaching to keep those dogs in their homes, sometimes it just isn't a possibility.

There are stories more tragic than those of inconvenienced dog owners: DRU has seen a higher than normal percentage of older or medically compromised dogs being turned in by people whose physical or financial health has declined to an untenable point, or whose family members passed during the pandemic, leaving the dog without other options. These dogs are true heartbreakers: in addition to losing their familiar people, they lose the home and routine that may have been theirs for a decade.

At the DRU shelter, we continue to do our best to provide these dogs with the best care possible. In addition to the specialized veterinary attention so many of them require, we make sure that each dog in our care has his own team of "Well-Being" people who are charged with keeping him healthy emotionally. The DRU University training program provides structure and behavioral rehabilitation for many of our more challenging residents and assistance to their new families. And our Adoption team spends countless hours in the effort to match dogs to forever homes. As life opens up again, DRU has gradually been able to resume normal operations: we have had many successful adoptions this spring and we have been grateful to have both old and new volunteers return to the shelter. We hope to add basic obedience classes for the general public in our training room and have even gotten the green light to hold what should be an amazing Reunion Picnic. We need your support more than ever to continue DRU's mission, whether it's a monetary donation, an afternoon of volunteering, or a "share" on social media of an adoptable Doberman. While so many things have changed due to the pandemic, one thing always remains the same: our gratitude to those of you who keep us going.

# WILL YOUR COMPANY



# **MATCH YOUR DONATION**

Many companies support causes that are important to their employees by matching charitable contributions. Find out about your company's matching program by asking your human resource department. This would be a great time to submit requests for DRU donations! We would be happy to answer any questions that you, or your employer may have.

Contact through the DRU hotline (603) 887-1200 or at mcooper@dru.org

## CAN YOU DONATE YOUR TIME? Without volunteers, Doberman Rescue Unlimited would not exist.

Volunteers are needed to keep out Dobermans happy and the shelter looking good! There are dogs that would benefit greatly from some one-on-one attention. The seniors love it when someone sits and loves on them. Come visit and walk a dog, throw a ball, mop a floor, clean a run, scoop some poop, wash windows, fold laundry, feed dogs, wash dishes, take out some trash, landscaping, repair something...the list is endless.

#### Additional Volunteer Opportunities:

#### **GRANT RESEARCH**

We need people experienced in grant research, or just interested in helping us apply for grants.

#### MARKETING

We are looking for help with social media, and newsletters.

#### TECH SUPPORT

Are you tech savvy? We could use help updating the website, and tech related event facilitators.



# **AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION**

#### THE LIST OF AVAILABLE DOGS CHANGES DAILY. PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE WWW.DRU.ORG OR CALL THE HOTLINE ABOUT CURRENT DOGS AVAILABLE



**DAX,** age six and a half, is a black and rust boy with natural ears and a docked tail. Dax is very affectionate with his humans and has reportedly been good with older kids and also female dogs. With training and gradual exposure we think he will do fine in most homes that provide him with structure and a quiet spot of his own to retreat to if things are too exciting. Dax is a SSNAP dog and is on medication to control a cardiac arrhythmia and his new adopters will need to plan on regular heart health checkups to keep him healthy and strong.



**SEDONA** is a six year old compact, all natural red girl whose long tail always seems to be wagging when she sees her human friends. Surrendered due to a medical emergency in her family, this lovely Dobe acts like a perpetual puppy: very busy and energetic and definitely requiring an owner who wants to keep up with her! Luckily, Sedona also has a nice "off switch" and can relax when the circumstances require it. Small but mighty, Sedona has shown some ambitious ideas about passing vehicles but has responded well to direction from a calm and assertive handler and now goes on walks without incident. She has shown reactivity to other dogs in the past but will listen to her human if they are clear and

confident. We'd recommend that she be an only dog at this point.



**LUNA** is a beautiful blue girl with natural ears and a docked tail who came to us from an Animal Control facility in CT. During her quarantine exam with us, her heartworm test came back positive, that meant months of quiet time and very little exercise. Luckily for Miss Luna, a foster home was found where she is currently recuperating with lots of TLC from her foster mom and is responding to her heartworm treatment. Once she's recovered completely, Luna can go back to being a typical youngster and will be ready to find her forever home.



**RAIDAR** Compact, athletic Raider is a very smart and eager-to-please Doberman who thrives with consistent and knowledgeable handling. This little dude's obedience skills are very on point and he has a lot of fun showing off in training. However, Raider is more than his cute face and playful attitude: he is also capable of serious resource guarding and extreme resistance to handling for basic grooming, two issues that are being addressed through atten-

tion by our experienced training and kennel staff. He would be a great project dog for a professional trainer or handler with serious working dog and/or rehab experience.

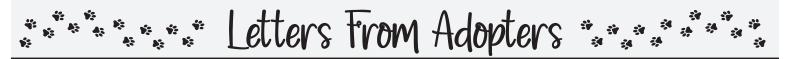


**FRANK** is a red senior that you would never guess is turning 10 years old this November. He greets you in his room with his favorite green ball, and sings you his songs when he rolls it out the door toward you. Frank's feet aren't so sturdy in his old age, but he insists on games of fetch in the yard and enjoys short walks with his handler. Frank came to us from a home he grew up in alongside children, and then a family member moved in who later

found out they were allergic to Frank. He meets every staff member and volunteer with a big smile and the intention to make a new friend. He enjoys being right by a humans side and asking for them to throw the ball or give him some head scratches. Frank is looking for his forever home to share his love for humans.



**JOHNNY** is an energetic black-and-rust fellow with natural ears and a frequently-wagging nub who was found wandering with his female friend in a Connecticut city. The ACO estimated him to be about 5 years old, but Johnny has the energy of a youngster! Johnny is definitely one of those "diamonds in the ruff": he may not know a whole lot about being a mannerly house dog yet but he is definitely figuring out that he likes hanging out with people. This boy has a very sincere expression and responds joyfully when he knows he's being praised for something. Johnny's new owner will need to be patient and firm and ready to set up boundaries as they introduce Johnny to the concept of pethood. In return they'll get the love and trust of a Dobe whose hard luck hasn't made him a hard dog. Because of Johnny's mystery background, we can't recommend him for a home with kids. He's expressed a strong dislike for other male dogs, but may be a candidate for a suitable female packmate. Johnny has a very low clotting factor due to his status as a von Willebrand's Affected Doberman, and while we haven't seen any immediate issues we always want our adopters to be informed when it comes to any of the health challenges that unfortunately can affect our beloved breed. Looking for a "fast friend"? Heeeeeere's Johnny!





Lexi is enjoying her new home. She loves running in the yard and runs around the house chasing her tennis ball. She loves going to work with Peter and Tanya, all the customers bring her treats and she is a total love bug. She is loved and hugged by everyone throughout the day. After work, Lexi loves to nap on the couch at night surrounded by us and her fluffy blankets. She definitely found a forever home! Tanya and Peter Hill in NH

#### Dear DRU,

Chex is wonderful!!!! He is my best boy. We just came inside from our morning jolly ball session. He gets 2 per day, I with each of us, as well as plenty of time outside running around HIS backyard with us. And lots of time to relax on his bed next to me when I'm working. He really is our boy. We do



everything together. He has acclimated to a home life perfectly. He has good house manners and listens. Well... Dobie style listening. I can't wait to pull out the sprinkler mat. He's going to love it!!! We haven't seen any kiddle pools in the stores yet or Mark would have purchased one. I can't imagine not having him as part of our family.

Mark and Christine



I took Ashley home a year ago in May as a senior girl who I first fostered and have now adopted...she loves to be pampered and is treated like the princess that she is. She continues o have a great health and enjoys life. I can't imagine my life without Ashley!

Jeremy

I love my new home. After some fishing time, then I have my warm and cozy bed to settle in to. Thank you for taking me to my forever home Pat and Colleen. Love, Drogo





Axel is sooo loved and we could never be happier! It all happened because of you and the Doberman Rescue team and for that, Axel, Mark and Tammy thank you and will never forget who made him our hero too!!!"



Here's a picture of Cobra and Cleopatra "chillin" on the front porch. They're enjoying their new home-of which they are definitely in charge. Muchloved and thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you DRU

My little honey Sambuca is sleeping in my lap after playing ball. She loves to cuddle next to my couch when I'm at work. She's been sleeping on the couch during the night too.

Andrea in MA





Oliver and I are sitting on the sofa reading a book. Well, while I'm reading, he's snoring on my lap! Lol He's probably the best dog I've ever had and I've had a lot of them. He's doing wonderful!! He loves us and we love him to death!!

Deb and Mike

It was nine months ago Ozzie joined our family of DRU alumni Skye and Dozer. Ozzie was surrendered at 11/2 years old and lived at the shelter for 5 years. Although he has some challenging behavioral issues and will always be a work in progress, he is a beloved member of our family, nonetheless. Ozzie proved to have



excellent house manners and gradually settled into his new routine. Eternally grateful to have a place to call his home, Ozzie expresses his gratitude everyday with the most loving gaze and gentle kiss on my cheek. When he is not training or learning new skills, life outside of the shelter is spent helping me with household chores, patrolling his back yard making sure snakes and rodents stay on the other side of the fence, tracking the underground critters, keeping the skies overhead free of planes and most importantly, engaging in his nightly treasure hunt.

Cathy and Jose

# Memorials

Luke Duda Sissy Dean Rusty Andersen Markus Levesque DRU Obie Clara Consalvo DRU Steele Ruby Dawley Rommel Stanghellini Roxy Geoghegan Moose Manning Odin Sciarappa Kenya Metz Lucian Pappas Miley Parkinson Lizard Wiebe Trigger Knaus Franklin Pham Lilly Brackett Diesel Barcellos Greta Ziemba Wally Bassignani Simba Frekey-Harkness Juno Gorman Baale Hoche Molly Elander/D'Alessio Bubbie Higgins DRU Nino Orion Granese/Santos Farrah Butola/Russell Dozer Slowik Bianka Bessette Hailey Savard/Leveille Hunter Beliveau Joey Ancelli Max Gregory Rocky Plourde River Braley DRU Monty Rocky Hill Handsome Caranci Boss Knapp DRU Titan Cassia Rivers Venus Slowik Doc Reed Zoe Gregory DRU Max Shelby Lumsden DRU Ujani Mack Dunaway Kane Donahue

# In Memory of Donations =

In loving memory of Louis, aka, Luke Duda. In honor of Dr. Kerry. Walter and Patricia Duda

> In memory of Catharine Ruml Ruml Leithner Family Fund

In memory of Duncan Dupre Grace Lopes

In memory of Pamela Scheid Jane Silver

In loving memory of Pamela King-Scheid, a true supporter of all things Doberman. Penelope Cary

In memory of Pamela King-Scheid, dedicated and devoted to the Doberman Pinscher Breed. Pam will be missed dearly by all who knew her. Jeanne Labonte

In memory of "Happy 10th Birthday Harlee" Victoria Passmore

In memory of Pamela King-Scheid Yvette & Brett Faris

In memory of my cousin Pam Moore-King-Scheid. She will be missed. *Kathleen Halter* 

> In memory of Zeus Sandra Soseos

In memory of Joseph Castorina Andrew Del Gaudio

In memory of Howard Cohen Larry and Tami Cohen

In memory of Pamela King-Scheid Debra Belcore

In memory of Steele and all the other dogs DRU is helping. Thanks for all you do. *Tara Keyser*  In memory of Pam Scheid, beloved member of our Doberman community. *Christine Stewart* 

In memory of Steele and for all the other dogs who never found a home. *Charles Szentkuti* 

> In memory of Pam Scheid Burri's Paws 4 Dog Training

In memory of Kasi beloved dog of Robert and Judy Martel Arthur and Patrice Donoghue

> **In memory of Pam Scheid** *Mary and Eugene Kokoska*

In memory of Pam Scheid Pilgrim Doberman Pinscher Club

In memory of Pam Scheid Tina Millman

In memory of Pam Scheid Michele and David Mugford

In memory of Gypsy, a beautiful Doberman who made the lives of everyone she met happier. Donna Morin

In memory of Carol Murray's Doberman Titan Maureen Smith In memory of Pam Schied

Nazarene Mondello

In memory of Ellie Mae Lee Costa

In memory of Justin Mellace Joseph Picano

In memory of Trooper, always in our hearts. *Christine Good* 

In memory of Pamela Scheid Karen Malatesta and Cynthia Grote

In memory of Miley Parkinson Debora Evans In memory of "Vegas Soto" Matthew St. Jean

In memory of Patricia M. Haggett Psy.D. and her Scarlet Night Dobermans; Pinch, Hogan, and Ruby Estate of Patricia M. Haggett Psy.D.

> In memory of Pam Scheid Jeanne Dupre

**In memory of Andrew J. Palombo** Friends at Glens Falls Hospital Greenwich Medical Center

In memory of Lizzie Wiebe Grace Lopes

In memory of Barbara Laughlin Nazarene Mondello

In memory of Linda Lindic Nazarene Mondello

In honor of Abbey Rose adopted 05/14/2016 Linda and James Vutianitis

In loving memory of Wally Kara Bassignani

In memory of Memphis Tara Messina

In memory of William J. Dawley Jacob Hardin

> In memory of Nino Grace Lopes

In memory of William J. Dawley Richard and Claire Senato

In memory of William J. Dawley Cheryl Ludwig In memory of Bubbie and Ceelo Madelyn Higgins-Cinieri

In memory of William J. Dawley Nancy Dawley

In memory of William J. Dawley Lepine Karen In honor of Antone (Andy) Mary Ellen Evers

**In loving memory of Claire Kontos** *Peter and Kathleen Goudreau* 

In memory of Brandon Evans Grace Lopes

In memory of Rae McDonough Grace Lopes

In memory of Zoey Howard Grace Lopes

In memory of my Mom, Mary Jo Richards Jo Annette Grisham

In honor of my Dad, Al Richards Jo Annette Grisham

In memory of Bacci, Sergio and Annie MaryEllen Morocco

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In memory of Brandon Evans Anne & Jon Longley

In memory of Brandon Evans Scott Bordeleau

In memory Of Nikita and Sheena Darleen & William Hall

In loving memory of Madison, she will always be missed. Brian Dow

In memory of Sarah Jane, Gerda, Rusty Michael Andersen

> In memory of Heidi and Donna Clara Irvine

In memory of Mikia Jutras Scott Bordeleau

In memory of Jake, Cruze, Cinnabar and Karma Judy Volin

> In memory of Sasha Michael Gargano

In honor of Layla & Jax and Scout & Sophie - lifelong friends of the breed. Jordan Bass

In memory of and our past Dobermans: Lexi, Annie, Chela, Maggie and Huxley David and Dixie Lindberg

> In memory of Crawford Lydle Nazarene Mondello

In memory of Nemo and Greta Justin and Allie Ziemba

In memory of "Jessie" who will forever be in my heart. I miss and love you sweet girl. RIP "Sweety". *Alden Finnie* 

In memory of Moose, Sabre and my other beloved Dobermans who have crossed the Rainbow Bridge. Lea Williams In memory of Rae Rae McDonough Anne & Jon Longley

In memory of Lynn DiPrizio Nazarene Mondello

"In memory of June Jones" Nazarene Mondello

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In memory of Lindamary Ann Postighone Susan Roberts-Grew

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In memory of Rebecca, niece of Kathy Robinson Nazarene Mondello

In memory of Sigmund Mauhs Emily Adams

In honor of Melissa Root's Birthday Mary Beth Hudson

In loving memory of "Gio" Morocco Nazarene Mondello

In loving memory of "Porter" Guzman Nazarene Mondello

> In honor of Hecate Emily Psenicnik

In honor of Grace Lopes Christopher Combs

In memory of Angio Edward Morocco

In memory of Catharine Ruml Ms. Eliazbeth H. Ruml

In memory of Claire Kontos, Amber Baker and all the Dobes our family rescued. Dyane Baker

In memory of my beloved Andy 2000-2007 Guy Barnett

In memory of my beloved Dobie 1987-1999 Guy Barnett In memory of my beloved Major 2006-2020 Guy Barnett

In memory of Kahlua Kelly, gone but not forgotten. Thomas and Anne Marie Kelly

In memory of Mollie's best friend Chloe. Macey Downs

In memory of Hank Brown Denise Brown

In loving memory of John J. Doherty, Jr. Brian Head

> In memory of our Dobies; Askari and Rafiki Susan Suhr and Marina Viale

> > **In memory of Joey** *Gene and Paula Ancelli*

Jan & Tom Sweitzer lovingly remembered Sandra Lance and Frank Wolf

> In memory of Dexter Debora Evans

In honor of Nino's memory and SSNAP Dobes Meghan Austin

In loving memory of Nino Lisa Simonetti

In honor of everyone invloved with DRU from its inception. Thank you. Peter and Kathleen Goudreau

In loving memory of DRU Titan Debora Evans

> In honor of Ujani Jack Scheid

In memory of Savannah Joan Bastek

In honor of Dr. Riggs and the Neurology Team at Mass Vet Hospital for your care of DRU Titan Debora Evans

In loving memory of Titan, a most special DRU Dobe, and in honor of his special friend and caretaker, Debbie Evans. Anne & Jon Longley

> In memory of Calle Maryann Calcano-Keeney

In memory of DRU Ujani Debora Evans





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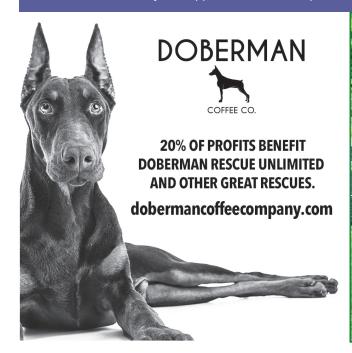
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DRU relies on your support to continue to provide the highest quality of care for the DRU Dogs prior to their adoption.





Thank you Pine Tree State Doberman Pinscher Club members Carl and Beth Walker and Jeanne Labonte for volunteering your time to do a spring cleanup.

The grounds look great and you made DRU Frank's day!