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LET'S TALK ABOUT COVID DOGS

by Leslie Bird Nuccio



According to the Washington Post, millions of dogs were adopted during the Covid lockdown. People were working from home and the isolation drove them to seek out a furry companion to stave off the loneliness, or as a buddy for the whole family, a distraction from the stress of such a drastically changed world. Shelters emptied, rescues adopted many dogs out, breeders had months-long waiting lists for puppies. For a time, what all people in rescue hope for—more dogs adopted—was a dream come true. But even the best dreams can have a downside.

The costs of food and care rose. Getting appointments for preventative care like vaccinations became difficult, day-care and dogwalkers also had months-long waiting lists for clients. Reality began to sink in. Most people stuck it out, too committed to their dog to surrender them. Then Covid restrictions eased, offices reopened, travel resumed, and people realized they didn't know what to do with their dog. They hadn't done much training or socializing. They'd always been home with their dog, so it was a surprise when they left them home alone and returned to destruction. They couldn't get into daycare or if they could they discovered they couldn't afford it. Their lives had returned to normal, but they weren't equipped to teach their dog what that new normal looked like or how to cope with the change.

Thus began the waves of surrenders.

Shelters and rescues are inundated with dogs and Doberman Rescue Unlimited has not been spared. While we haven't received so many New Hampshire Dobermans, we have taken in many Dobermans from other states who are over-run. Currently, we're nearing our capacity, and we're continually approached about taking in more. Many of the dogs are only 1-2 years old, a few qualify as SSNAP dogs. Regardless of age or circumstances, DRU has stepped up to take as many as possible.

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We're doing everything we can to save lives. We need you to help us help these dogs who have lost their homes through no fault of their own. Please donate to the endowment, to the general fund, to the SSNAP Fund, donate items from the Wish List, become a DRU member or a DRU volunteer. Every little bit helps us place people and dogs together. 🐾

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 a 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 voicemail available 24 hours a day. Messages are checked daily and we respond to calls as soon as possible.

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Email us at Doberman@dru.org

We look forward to hearing from you!

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.

DRU is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation that relies solely on membership dues, donations and fund-raising activities for its income. You can become a member or get involved.

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.

We always appreciate donations of money, items on our wish list or your precious time. Help our cause and donate today. Thank You!!

YES! I WANT TO DONATE TO HELP THE DOBES!

Please make checks payable to:

DRU **OR** Donate online at: www.DRU.org

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

☐ *I wish to remain anonymous*

Please accept my donation and apply as indicated below...

☐ DRU Membership (\$25.00)

☐ DRU General Fund (Any Amount)

☐ DRU SSNAP Dogs (Any Amount)

☐ DRU Endowment (Any Amount)

Please make my donation: ☐ In Memory Of: ☐ In Celebration Of:



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

WANT TO VOLUNTEER? **Without volunteers, DRU would not exist.**

Volunteers are needed to keep our Dobermans happy and the shelter looking good! If you have the time we can find something for you to help with! Other areas we can always use help with is Grant Research, Marketing & Tech Support! ***Call Us Today!***

==WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US==

DRU OPEN HOUSE: JUNE 4TH



Meet & Greet the DRU Shelter Dobes and hear their stories! Join us from 12pm - 3pm

Rain or Shine

Raffles • Food & Drinks • Facility Tours • Parade of Dogs

Please consider bringing an item or two from the DRU wish list.

Needed items: Pill pockets, towels, paper towels, dish detergent, bleach, laundry detergent, slow feeder bowls, spray bottles, Kong Wobbler Treat Dispenser Toy. The Dobes Thank You!

If you will definitely be attending, please R.S.V.P via email at doberman@dru.org

By replying you are helping us conserve our resources for how much food & drink will be needed.

**Although we would love to meet your Dobermans, please leave them at home,
as this day is all about the shelter dogs.**

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☐ Yes! I'll be attending the DRU Open House!

Name(s):

☐ I will not be able to attend, but please use this donation of _____ for

_____ Wish List items for the shelter dogs.

_____ Care of senior and special needs dogs.

_____ Shelter Fund



Please mail to: DRU Shelter, 52 Tenny Rd., Sandown NH 03873

MANY THANKS!

You can also RSVP via email to: Doberman@dru.org



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



ANGEL, Beautiful Angel came to DRU from another rescue. At 2 years old, Angel has had a life of breeding and is ready to shine in a home of her own. She is sweet, playful and full of love. Angel needs an adopter who understands that even royalty needs to have responsibilities, and who can indulge her without spoiling her. No cats, please!



BLAZE, Handsome Blaze is ready for a home of his own! This 3.5-year-old gorgeous blue boy loves to play ball, and we are told that he does well at dog parks. An athletic home would be wonderful for Blaze. He has lots of energy and he loves to rub!



CHARLIE is a stunning 2-year-old natural/docked male who made his way to DRU from a shelter in Florida. He is a super sweet boy with lots of energy. Charlie enjoys walks and is working very hard on his leash manners!! Charlie would do best in a home with adults and older children. Definitely no cats or small animals for this guy.



BRUNO is a beautiful natural/docked 6-year-old Dobe. Bruno is strong on a leash so would do best with a patient, firm and confident handler. He has lots of energy and loves to play Frisbee. Due to his strong prey drive, he'd do best in a home no cats or small animals.



NITRO is an 11 month old black and rust male puppy with cropped ears and a docked tail. He'd do well in a home with someone who has the time and passion to train him, and build up his confidence. He's a typical young Dobe with high energy and can be a tad bit jumpy. He enjoys playing fetch, and running outdoors. He also loves his toys, especially squeaky ones!



DAISY is a sweet 3-year-old who was found as a stray. She'd excel with someone who has the time and patience to train her and set boundaries. Although she has played well with other dogs, she will bully them to stay away from her meal so an only dog home may be best for her.

CHECK OUT THESE ADOPTABLE SSNAP DOGS!



PHILLIP is a senior dobe who found himself homeless in NY. He was turned over to a NY shelter and then transported to DRU to find his forever home. Philip is very loving and loyal. He can be protective of his home and will definitely alert you if someone new arrives. He enjoys walks in the countryside and he LOVES food. He's fully house trained and ready for his forever home!



DOBBY is a sweet, energetic Doberman. Sadly, Dobby has been diagnosed with DCM and a very low Von Willebrand factor. Dobby is an intact male and due to his medical history, he's not a candidate for neutering. Dobby would love to find a foster/hospice family to care for him until it's his time to cross the rainbow bridge.

GOT SOME GREAT PICS OF YOUR DOBERMAN?
SUBMIT YOUR PHOTOS JUNE 1 • VOTING BEGINS JUNE 15TH

To enter your photo and to vote for your favorites, please visit:
www.gogophotocontest.com/dobermanrescueunlimited



DOBERMAN RESCUE
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2023

CALENDAR

Photo Contest





Letters From Adopters



After losing our beloved DRU Max (13 ½) and DRU Zoe (10 ½) within four months of each other, we knew we had to adopt another Doberman from DRU. After several anxious months of communicating with Sue, she told us the perfect boy from another shelter had arrived at DRU. We immediately wanted to make him part of our family. A few days before we were to adopt him, the exit examination DRU performed found he had a bilateral peritoneal hernia, a serious condition that needed surgery. It would entail two surgeries with the first being in September. He was a very thin 58 pounds and we were concerned he might not pull through. After the surgery and a recuperation period, along with the excellent care at DRU, we welcomed him into our empty home. No activity for 6 weeks. He had the second surgery in December. Again, another 6 weeks of recovery. There were several complications after the second surgery but we feel we have conquered them and are thrilled to report that Zeus has developed into a handsome, 75 pound, smart and loving companion. He is getting all the love and attention he deserves after all he has been through. Thank you DRU for all your compassion and wonderful work.

— Gary and Zel Gregory

Dallas is doing great it been about 4 months with our new addition to the family. We have learned his signal for going outside and his preferred feeding times. He loves his baths. He's adjusted well and getting to know all the neighbors & their dogs. The Cat is more of a bully to Dallas than Dallas to the cat, but they are getting to know each other well. Dallas gets excited when his bark box arrives because he knows gets new toys & treats. He is already a favorite at the groomers because he's just so handsome! lol We're looking forward to some play dates with our family member dogs now that the weather's nice and we can get to the dog park!

— Michelle & Alfred



Both Harley & I got a new home and so happy. The weather finally cooperated in February where I was able to drive to DRU to bring Harley home. Harley had his head on my shoulder almost the entire 2 hour drive back (I think he knew he finally had a home to call his own). He has adjusted well, loves his treats during our daily fun training and loves being a lapdog (or thinks he is) when we watch TV. It's such a joy to have a Dobe with me again. Thank you to Sue and to DRU, they are absolutely wonderful.

— Lea

Remi became part of our family in the summer of 2020 and it was as if he had always been here. He has never met a person he didn't like... But other dogs, cats, bunnies or squirrels are a different story. He likes to look out the window, talking to everyone and everything that passes by whether another dog or a bag floating down the street. However, there is one dog he does put up with, his new younger energetic sister Cinnamon with whom you can often find him lying close on the couch taking a nap together.



Remi's favorite thing to do outside is play with his jelly egg in the yard, which he also talks to whether get stuck or not. He also loves water, doing circles in his kiddie pool or getting excited anytime someone dares to turn the hose on. Remi follows his new family members around the house to see what they are doing and is occasionally mischievous, getting into the garbage or carrying around a shoe left unguarded. He loves to have his neck scratched. We can't imagine what life would be without this wonderful goofy "man" in our lives.

- Laura Espelin and family

We knew we wanted a Doberman girl that needed us as much as we needed her. DRU did a great job of listening and learning who my wife and I were, and our background as responsible pet owners. Eventually they found a match and decided to allow us to adopt the best dog in the world - Lacey! It's a strange truth that there are so many best dogs in the world, many still waiting to be adopted.



Our little Lacey (a.k.a. Sharky), is a bundle of energy and excitement and lives to share this with us and our cats. At first, Lacey was very interested in our cats, but we knew we had the patience, determination, and diligence for a successful adoption. Now, they sleep on the couch together.

Lacey shares her life with us and we with her. We go for walks and zoomies, search out new toys, quiet nights by the wood stove and Lacey rings a bell on the doorknob when she needs to go out. We celebrate her energy and "wild child" spirit and are firm but patient when a boundary is crossed. Curiosity and friendship quickly turned to love. It has not always been easy, but this is all now shared experience that deepens the love, respect, and awesome companionship. Thank you DRU for our precious little girl.

- David and Donna

Memorials

DRU Alex
DRU Dino
DRU Lucas
Vito Swanson
Barkley Phimister
Mouscada Artimovich
Coco Salie
Ivy Saldi

Ozzie Sanchez
Apollo Winnat
Hemi Brawn
Violet Bowe
Dozer Sanchez
Rosie Carlson
Tane Christie-Erisman
Sabien Cleaves

Ziva Zaluski
Leddie Lou Valley
Hank Goodwin
Archer Gingras
Charlie Conley
Dax St. Peter
Khaleesi Rizkallah
Gretchen Donahue

In Memory of Donations

Margorie Proia
In memory of Bianco
Corinne Mackie
In memory of Robert Shanny
Jessica Wiroll
In memory of Athena
Debora Evans
In memory of DRU Geronimo and DRU Myles
Edelson Shereen
In memory of Mathias Lillo
Grace Lopes
In memory of Dozer
Emily Psenicnik
In honor of Hecate
Elaine Dill
Bullet Eternal Love - Our Little Buddy
Jack and Barbara Feldman
In memory of Angel and Guy
Darleen & William Hall
In memory of Nikita and Sheena
Kevin Losso
In honor of Nero, a much missed friend
Rachel Domingo
In memory of Violet
Stacey Dutch
Celebrating Bullet! A handsome, loyal, amazing dog owned by our friends Elaine & Don
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In memory of Violet “Forever Loyal Violet Bowe”
Walter Watson and Charley Sotir
In memory of Claire and all the dogs we have rescued past and present
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In memory of Lynn Sanstrom
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In memory of Amber Baker
Dyane Baker
In memory of Clarie Kontos
Elizabeth H. Ruml
In memory of Catharine Ruml
Emily Psenicnik
In honor of Hecate

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In memory of Rouge
Kathryn Semple
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In memory of DRU Charlie
Debora Evans
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In honor of Nancy Folsom
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Anonymous - In memory of DRU Cody
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In loving memory of Cody
Lindsay Gruntorad
In memory of Lucy and Onyx
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In memory of Annie Pearl and Isabeau
Melinda Sullivan
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In memory of DRU Alex
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In memory of Kaiser
June Bazar
In memory of Gloria Cavanaugh
Daniel Anderson
In memory of Daniel Anderson
Kevin O’Keefe
In memory of Robert Watson
Lynn Quenneville
In memory of Robert Watson
Jeffrey Carter
In memory of Sadie
Jeffrey Carter
Sadie Beloved Precious One
Grace Lopes
In honor of Panzer Root

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In memory of Bob Watson
Erika Hood
In memory of Bob and Carol O’Connor
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In loving memory of Flower
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Marie Haggarty
In memory of Rhonda L. Dunaway
Debora Evans
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Susan Boutin
In memory of Barkley Phimister
Lynn Chapdelaine
In memory of David Klocker
Christine Good
In memory of Trooper
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In memory of Nikita and Sheena
Dana Schwartz
In memory of Dino
Leigh Shanny
In memory of R.F. Shanny
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Britney Durham
In memory of Andrew Stern
Celia Cataldo
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Laura Andersen
In memory of Andy Stern
Mitchell Feig
In memory of Andrew Stern
Steven Odell
In memory of Andrew Stern
Rose Wawrzyniak
In memory of Ethel Pike
Kristin Gardner
In memory of Zeus, love Deuce
Andrew Johnson
In memory of Andrew L. Stern
Meredith and Tony Stern

In memory of Andrew L. Stern
Clarissa Pacelli
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Grace Lopes
In memory of Ozzie Sanchez
Helen Torrance
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Jessica and Tom Rosenbloom
In memory of Andy Stern
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In honor of Grace Lopes
Gene and Paula Ancelli
In memory of Joey
Susan Howe
In memory of Zeus and Tiny
Christopher Espelin
In celebration of birthday for Laura Espelin
Edward Morocco
In memory of Tuka
Michele Pilotte
In memory of Madison
Linda Livingstone
In loving memory of Michael Diehl
Kristen Larimer
In honor of my doberman loving dad, Barry
Kristen Larimer
In memory of Annie and Jack 3
Lincoln Stevens
In loving memory of Oatie
Carol Papov
In honor of Lorraine and Frank Garcia, Aubree
Albert and recently departed Sampson RIP
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Doberman in the US and Canada
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In memory of Cody
Judith Bayer
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Diane Vieira
In honor of Sarge, RIP
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Remembering my best friend Marley
Jeanne Phelps
"In memory of Tucker & Maxine
Lisa Besse
In memory of Jack
Lori Moone
In memory of our beloved Dinero
Tewksbury Rod and Gun Club
In memory of Janet Gambale
Joan Adorno
In memory of Wayne St. Hilaire

Kimberly Nalbandian
In memory of Wayne St. Hilaire
Krysten Brown
In memory of Wayne St. Hilaire
Laura Johnson
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Bancroft
Theresa Mariano
In memory of Tanza, Jessica, Dakota, Tahoe,
Sundance, Dylan, Forestgump
Mark Fabiszewski
In memory of Wayne St. Hilaire
Elizabeth Murphy
In memory of Wendy Frances Rady
Joseph Vengren
In memory of Wayne St. Hilaire
Debora Evans
In memory of Vesper LaBlanc
Nancy Couser
In memory Michael Diehl
Grace Lopes
My eternal love for Abby, Sable, Kenya,
Sugar, Raven and Savannah.
My love to you, Memere Lopes
Grace Lopes
For the best DRU Memere ever Claire L Lopes
Maria Fernandez
In memory of Wendy Rady
Meredith Monti
In memory of Wendy Rady
Kimberly Mills
In memory of sweet Leddi Lou
Amy Newman
In honor of Winne & Rusty Geary
Colleen Eckert
In honor of Moses
Barbara Burns
In memory of Abby Donoghue
Arthur and Patrice Donoghue
In memory of Abby Donoghue 2006-2022
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Judy Bonnell
In memory of Wayne St. Hilaire
Mary Callahan
In memory of Diesel Barrows
Larry and Tami Cohen
In memory of Howard Cohen
Josh and Kara Rivers
In memory of David W. Williams
Nazarene Mondello
In honor of Suzi
D. Sue Jenkins
For all my adopted dobermanns, 14 of them!
Best dogs.
Rusti Leonardo
In honor of Huckleberry & Lily
Brigitte Laughlan

In memory of Regina Kula
Erika Nagle
In memory of Regina Kula
Gary J. Raffia
In memory of Regina Kula
Richard Kula
In memory of Regina Kula
Sandra A. Sandifer
In memory of Regina Kula
Shawna Lesseur
In honor of Regina Kula
Steven Presley
In memory of Regina Kula
Allan & Diane Neild
In memory of Regina Kula
Christine Powers
In memory of Regina Kula
Dorothy Lee
In memory of Regina Kula
Francis & Jeannette Kopec
In memory of Regina Kula
Kathleen & Jason Stomski
In memory of Regina Kula
Marcel Badeau
In memory of Regina Kula
Sandy Parker
In memory of Regina Kula
Gail Rasmussen Purdy
In memory of Bonnie Jenson
Gene and Paula Ancelli
In memory of Joey
Katherine Glade
In memory of Bonnie Jenson
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In memory of Regina Kula
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In memory of Bonnie Jenson
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In memory of Bonnie Jenson
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In memory of Hannah, the beloved Doberman
of the late Michael Diehl
Sarah Weeks
In honor of Jane, adopted by Cindy Berend
Heather & Alan Mallanda
In memory of Bonnie Jenson
Shawne & Eugene Harnett
In memory of Bonnie Jenson
Phillip & Carolyn Jackson
In memory of Bonnie Jenson





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Middlesex County 4H Fairgrounds
55 S. Chelmsford Road
Westford, MA 01886
Rain or Shine
Saturday, September 17, 2022
12pm – 3pm

Additional information will be disbursed via mail and on our website at DRU.org
Enjoy an afternoon with good company and conversation with other Doberman people.
All dogs must be leashed!

**Starting training
early on makes all
the difference!**

(Both kids & dogs)

