



DOBERMANN TEMPERAMENT

The Dobermann is a power packed medium sized dog. The Dobe has a beautifully wedge shaped head, a well arched neck that flows into smooth fitting shoulders which blend into a firm strong topline. Add this to a muscular rear assembly and a well turned stifle, with tight fitting skin with short close fitting coat and you have a clean crisp silhouette of a dog the possesses an air or nobility, an alertness to his surroundings and the courage and mobility to respond to any situation.

This Dobermann is a dog that comes with a built in high energy level and watching this short backed galloper run free along the beach or in a field has left many owners explaining what they see by describing the gracefulness, speed and beauty of a deer.

The Dobermann is one of the smartest dogs of dogdom. He is known for his intelligence and his uncanny reasoning ability. These qualities combined with their deceptive power, exuberance for life and his simple yet complex nature and temperament require extra time for early socialization, obedience training and ample exercise. The Dobermann is not recommended for owners of limited time, energy and experience. On the other hand he is extremely affectionate and has been able to find his way into the heart of owners, like no other breed and many are lifelong devotees of the magnificent “Mercedes Benz” of dogs.

Any Dobe owner will tell you a Dobe is a character with character. Dobe puppies have a propensity to put everything in their mouths so be sure to clear the yard/floor before letting puppy out/down to play. Caution also need to be taken if your Dobe will encounter other dogs. With proper introductions some Dobses will enjoy playing with other dogs but not all Dobses are social. Male Dobermanns are known to be territorial and normally WILL NOT accept other males in any situation (living with or meeting another male).

Look into the soft loving eyes of a Dobe, read what he is saying... You are being told you are the centre of this dogs world. He will match your emotions, take direction from you acceptance or non acceptance of a situation. If he perceives something wrong with this or senses your fear he will come to attention, the eyes change, ready to meet the challenge. The instinct to protect is natural (early socialization will not undermine this trait) and further guard dog training is not necessary.

You should take puppy to kindergarten for socialization at an early age and further along maybe obedience training to develop a well adjusted dog. Living outside in a kennel or expected to stay in the yard without constant attention and in a position as an important member of the family causes a host of problems for a Dobermann.

Often a Dobe that is relegated to this type of living arrangement goes hand in hand with poor training and these Dobs often show evidences of shyness, fear, and nervousness

Dobs are people dogs – showing an extraordinary devotion to the family or owner. A Dobe is very happy to settle down once inside (after time to exercise) to share your home or if allowed bed and food. It is also very Norman for your Dobe to smile, lean on you, bump your hand for more attention and follow you from room to room. For these reasons, Dobs are often referred to as Velcro dogs and one of the advantages of such a dog is you never have to go to the bathroom alone again!

The Dobermann is no different in their reactions to children than any other breed. Interaction with children when a puppy, often enables the dog to develop a strong loving bond with the child. HOWEVER, as with any dog, ANY BREED, it is NOT advisable to leave dogs and small children unsupervised.

When Faced with sickness, Dobermanns can be quite stoic, concealing their pain long before you know something is wrong. A healthy Dobe comes to you or moves around in the yard, with a special little trot, while a sick one does more walking or plodding, perhaps holding its head and neck down, or some curl up and don't want to move and their eyes are sometimes sad.

The hardest part of owning a Dobe is to be confronted with evidence of his mortality, that a loyal companion may no longer be there.

The uneducated public still harbors a pronounced fear of the Dobermann but how can a breed with such reputation be one of the ten most popular breeds in the United States.

The answer is simple. The Dobermann has always been, for the most part, extremely loyal and very trustworthy to his master. He is also a dog that becomes an important and enjoyable part of the family. He requires close association with those he loves and when this love is present his temperament makes him a natural protector. He is trustworthy around his masters family, friends and even company if he is treated with reasonable respect.

There are still a small percentage of shy as well as vicious, Dobermanns in existence but fortunately these are diminishing. Once you have had the pleasure of owning a Dobe with good temperament, you will be spoiled for life

