



ARE YOU RIGHT FOR A DOBERMANN

Dobermann owners need to have fairly well developed leadership and training skills. These are incredibly intelligent, sensitive animals, they will pick up on fear or uncertainty in the blink of an eye and run with it as far as they can. They can manipulate and control situations and owners in unique ways people never dream of – a lot of them will dominate their owner by being whirling dervishes. They just whirl and spin and generate so much energy they overwhelm their owner and physically outmaneuver them.

It is very easy to teach them something, more difficult to perfect it. They like to add their own signature or touch to things... just to see how far they can push.

All these add up to one thing – you teach a Dobermann something every time you interact with it and that isn't always a good thing. You could be teaching them just how inconsistent YOU are or how easily you will back down or give up.

Dobermanns should have good judgment and respond to the things that happen in life in an appropriate manner. Some are more outgoing than others, there is nothing wrong with a Dobe being aloof with strangers or who trots up and say hi to everyone.

They are high energy but there's a difference between high energy and hyper. They need quite a bit of exercise but should not be a perpetual motion machine, they should be able to settle. They do not tolerate **NOT** being involved with their family on a constant basis. Dobermanns are highly people oriented. Bored, lonely dogs get into trouble and owners do not enjoy how their dog copes with boredom and loneliness. They may require a higher level of owner commitment than other breeds. There has to be commitment to training, exercising, to being a leader .

HOW BIG IS YOUR YARD?

Unless you have a medium to large yard, be prepared to spend much more time exercising and relating to your Dobermann.

WILL YOUR DOBERMANN BE SECURE ON YOUR PROPERTY?

You must have dog proof fencing and gates on our property. Some people have concerns about large guarding breed like a Dobe so for your dog's sake keep it secure and only take it out on a lead in public.

HOW MUCH TIME EACH DAY CAN YOU EXERCISE YOUR DOBERMANN?

Once your puppy reaches 9-12 months old be prepared for a least 1 hour exercise each day such as walking and running. Many dogs would thrive on even more with a variety of play and training.

HOW ENERGETIC ARE YOU?

If you are infirm or not very energetic consider another breed or perhaps an older Dobe.

HOW ACTIVE DO YOU WANT YOUR DOG TO BE?

Dobermanns are highly energetic youngsters and quite active adults. They enjoy as much time and exercise as you can provide – minimum about an hour a day.

DO YOU WANT A LARGE DOG:

In comparison to many breeds, Dobermanns are considered a large dog, weighing 27-40 kgs. Is your car, sofa or bed big enough for all of you?

HOW MUCH CAN YOU SPEND EACH WEEK:

Basic costs of feeding must be added to other costs eg. Veterinary and council charges. Approx \$15 should cover most.

HAVE YOU GOT TIME TO GROOM YOUR DOBE:

Having a short smooth coat, Dobermanns are a easy care breed but still requires the occasional bath and weekly attention to ears, nails and callouses to keep him clean and in great shape. Weekly grooming will keep his coat healthy and shining.

DO YOU WANT A PROTECTOR:

Dobermanns have a reputation for protectiveness and will deter unwanted guests with their alert attention to anyone coming to see you.

HAVE YOU ALREADY GOT A DOG:

Whilst dobermanns get on with most breeds and other pets, check this with the breeder before buying as there are some situations which are best avoided.

A PUPPY. AN ADOLESCENT OR MATURE DOBE:

Explore the pros and cons for your personal and family needs. Puppies are delightful but grow quickly and need more attention – youngsters may be partially trained and ready to fit in with energetic lifestyles or an undisciplined HORROR, Mature Dobs can be sensible and adapt readily to your home and family.

ARE THERE CHILDREN IN THE FAMILY OR REGULARLY VISITING?

Dobs like all dogs should have interaction with children supervised by an adult at all times. Mutual respect and the right environment and upbringing will ensure that your Dobe becomes a cherished member of the family

