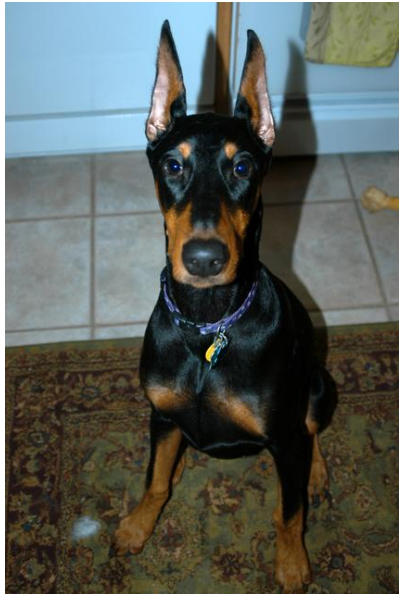


# Doberman



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**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:** Louis Doberman, a 19<sup>th</sup> century German tax collector, developed this breed for protection against muggers while making his daily rounds. By using dogs from the local shelter, he managed to create a breed of dog that has come to be known as the Doberman Pinscher.

**BREED APPEARANCE:** This breed has very short hair, which comes in several colors: black, black with tan markings, fawn, blue-gray, and white. The Doberman stands about 24"-28" in height and weighs around 65-90 pounds. They have a very muscular and streamline frame.

## WHY YOU WOULD LOVE THIS BREED:

The Doberman is very protective and makes a great watchdog for your home. They are very intelligent and easy to train. The Doberman is athletic and agile and loves to be near its family. This dog has a desire to please and work for its owner. They also can make great therapy dogs and adapt well to city living if trained properly. They require little grooming because of their short hair.

## WHY YOU WOULD NOT LOVE THIS BREED:

This breed can become over protective and **MUST** be socialized and trained properly as a puppy to prevent excessive guarding behavior. Dobermans are also very dominant by nature and their personalities tend to be pushy. They are very energetic and will resort to excessive barking and destructive behavior if not exercised properly.

# Perfect Pet Rating



## Overall Breed Rating



5 Paw Rating: 1 = Poor, 2 = Adequate, 3 = Average, 4 = Good, 5 = Excellent

*Rating system for perfect pet includes the following categories: Will this breed bite my child? Would they kill other animals? Are they easy to train?*

*Rating system for overall breed rating includes all categories.*

**PLUSES:** Dobermans make great guard dogs; they are very athletic, intelligent and easy to train.

**MINUSES:** They can become over protective and pushy.

## WHO SHOULD NOT OWN THIS BREED?

If you are someone who would rather give cookies than discipline, this breed is not for you. This dog needs to be owned by a person or family who is devoted to training the dog properly and giving it lots of exercise. Socialization is the key to successful ownership of this dog. Due to the Doberman's guard instinct, proper socialization is **MANDATORY** to ensure that the dog will be at ease around your guests and your neighbors. Also, if you believe that owning a dog means abandoning it to your backyard, **DO NOT OWN THIS DOG**. This dog **NEEDS** to be around assertive people.

## DO THEY SHED?



Dobermans shed very little and require minimal grooming.

## WILL THIS BREED BITE MY CHILD?



As long as the dog is raised **PROPERLY** around children it should coexist with them very well. However, **EXTREME CAUTION AND SUPERVISION IS ALWAYS RECOMMENDED WHEN CHILDREN AND DOGS ARE TOGETHER!**

## WOULD THEY KILL OTHER ANIMALS?



These dogs are usually not good with other animals, especially small male dogs.

## WHAT IS THEIR ENERGY LEVEL?



They tend to be active and should be exercised at least an hour each day. Sounds like a lot, but it's better than the consequences of a Doberman with pent up energy!

## ARE THEY EASY TO TRAIN?



Dobermans are very intelligent and can be trained very easily. They can handle very complex training. This type of dog tends to be aggressive and dominant, so it should be trained with care.

## WHAT ARE THE HEALTH CONCERNS?



Dobermans have been known to experience: heart disease, Wobblers Syndrome, hip dysplasia, cancer, hypothyroidism, bloat, bleeding disorders, eye defects and skin disease. Buying from a reputable breeder is always advisable and will help to lessen the chances for health problems and congenital defects.