



Doberman Pinscher Club of America

Why We Matter

The DPCA is a nonprofit organization, incorporated in 1921. Its objective is to promote the public's knowledge and appreciation of, and to preserve and protect the Doberman Pinscher: To do all things possible to bring the breed's natural qualities to perfection.

- ◆ We are an AKC parent club, and partner with them to offer events including conformation, agility, obedience, and rally.
- ◆ We maintain Dobequest.org, a database that contains thousands of Doberman's records.
- ◆ We provide referrals for puppies, and networking for training or veterinarian recommendations are provided.
- ◆ We offer programs to mentor new Doberman enthusiasts, sharing breed experience with, and guidance to, new owners.
- ◆ We recognize and mentor young members with an active committee in Junior Showmanship and a scholarship program.
- ◆ We support responsible rescue and right of return: Our Rescue committee funds medical and nutritional needs, and finds foster homes through a national network of sanctioned rescue groups.

EDUCATION

- ◆ We provide materials about the proper care, treatment, breeding, health, development and training of Dobermans. Our website has a wealth of information <https://dpca.org/>
- ◆ The Public Education Committee (PEC) answers many emails with questions about finding a puppy, training, caring for and more each week.

HEALTH

- ◆ We are dedicated to maintaining, preserving and protecting the health of our breed.
- ◆ We fund cardiomyopathy research to discover how to reduce the impact of the disease on the Doberman. One study found that "investigations into causative genes in canine DCM may prove beneficial for other species, including humans." (*Genetics of Human and Canine Dilated Cardiomyopathy* © 2015 Siobhan Simpson et al.)
- ◆ We have a Holter monitor rental program – using the Holter to help determine the health of a dog's heart; offer health clinics at shows, including Companion Animal Eye Registry (CAER), heart auscultation and echo-cardiograms.
- ◆ We fund research, such as cystinuria (U of Penn), etc., or in partnership with the AKC Canine Health Foundation: Grant 01760, *Use of Gene Therapy to Treat Dilated Cardiomyopathy*, being conducted at the University of Florida.
- ◆ We collect and maintain a DNA database for use by veterinary research projects.

TEMPERAMENT

We created a temperament test in the mid-'70s: The Working Aptitude Evaluation (WAE) – one aspect of a three pronged approach to produce dogs with predictable temperament, abilities, instincts, characteristics, appearance. In concert with a championship and performance or working title, a Doberman can receive a Register of Merit (ROM) certificate.

SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITIES

- ◆ The DPCA National Specialty & Convention week could inject up to \$1.7 million into the local Kingsport, Tenn., economy.
- ◆ We have 47 DPCA Chapter Clubs across the country and in Hawaii. They offer local outreach, health clinics, temperament tests, training classes and education, including responsible dog ownership.
- ◆ DPCA donated \$2500 to AKC Reunite for Disaster relief funding. Five DPCA chapter clubs have made donations to help purchase an AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailers, a resource vital for people evacuating with pets in their community.
- ◆ Meet The Breeds (MTB) Program offering community outreach and education in an interactive event.

DOBERMANS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- ◆ Military and Police dogs: Search and Rescue (SAR) – aiding in locating missing persons: Therapy dogs – visiting hospitals, schools, seniors; Service dogs – trained to provide their people with physical or medical support, such as seizure alert.
- ◆ Studies show there may be a connection between the gene that causes narcolepsy in Dobermans and the cause of narcolepsy in humans.

DOG OWNERSHIP IS HEALTHY

- ◆ We advocate for purebred dogs, the Doberman Pinscher in particular, as a family companion.
- ◆ Studies have shown that dogs as companions can lower the risk of depression, and touching a dog can help lower blood pressure.
- ◆ Domestically bred dogs safeguard public health; H.R. 4239 *The Healthy Dog Importation Act*, introduced to Congress in June 2021.

