

GEORGIA DOBERMAN RESCUE



Who We Are

Georgia Doberman Rescue is a state licensed shelter operating in Georgia. We are a non-profit organization, run by volunteers, dedicated to rescuing and re-homing abandoned, abused, neglected, or homeless Doberman Pinschers.

What We Do

By working with volunteers, foster homes, veterinarians, and trainers we are able to place rescued Dobermans into loving temporary homes for assessment and rehabilitation, and then into carefully screened forever homes. We are an educational resource for the Doberman owner, and provide information on responsible pet ownership, good nutrition, positive behavioral training and the importance of spaying and neutering pets.

Did You Know?

Did you know that July 15th is National Pet Fire Safety Day? Check out these [tips](#) to keep pets from starting home fires.



Featured Adoptable: Duchess

Duchess is an albino Doberman with a docked tail and cropped ears. She is up-to-date on her vaccinations, spayed, microchipped, and ready for adoption. Duchess gets along well with male dogs and with cats, but not with female dogs. She is house trained, has good manners and is eager to learn. To learn more about Duchess visit her [biography](#) on our website; if you are interesting in adopting Duchess you can find the application [here](#).

Quick Facts About Albinos

Albinism is a genetic mutation that prevents the production of pigment in the skin and hair. Albinos may have pink noses, gums, paw pads and blue eyes. The lack of skin pigment means these dogs are prone to sunburn, photosensitivity, and skin cancer. They tend to have poor vision and can be prone to fear aggression because of their poor eyesight. For more information on albinism and how it affects Dobermans check out the [DPCA website](#).

Planning fireworks for your holiday celebration?

Did you know that the day after a fireworks celebration is one of the busiest for local animal shelters? This is because many family pets are scared of the loud noises and often jump their fences or leave their yards in an effort to escape from the fireworks. Remember that your dogs' ears are different from yours, they hear differently than you or I. A good rule of thumb to remember is if the fireworks are loud to you then they are REALLY loud for your dog.

Here are some safety tips to keep in mind as you get ready to celebrate our nation's independence:

- #1 Keep your dogs inside (preferably with human companionship),
- #2 Provide a safe place inside for your dogs to retreat,
- #3 If possible keep the windows and curtains closed
- #4 Make sure all your dogs are wearing properly fitting collars with correct ID tags
- #5 If you are leaving your dog at home, leave him or her something fun to do, like a frozen Kong toy filled with treats.

How can you tell a reputable rescue from one that is not so good?

So you have decided to adopt from a local rescue group instead of buying from someone on craigslist, but so far you don't have a good feeling about your local rescue group. How can you distinguish between a reputable rescue from one that is not so good?

Here are some characteristics of a good rescue group:

- #1 The rescue is registered and properly licensed to operate as a rescue or animal shelter within your state. If you are not sure, ask them if you can see their shelter license.
- #2 The rescue is a registered charity with 501(c)3 status. If the rescue is new they might be 501(c)3 pending which means they have filed the paperwork to be a non-profit and are waiting on the federal government to review the paperwork and either approve or deny their request. Most reputable rescues will proudly state their non-profit status. If you are not sure, ask them.
- #3 The rescue is operated by a Board of Directors, and the board members are not compensated for their time. Having volunteer board members is part of being a non-profit organization.
- #4 The rescue answers questions in a timely manner whether by email or phone calls. The rescue is not apprehensive about making or receiving phone calls.
- #5 The rescue is willing to answers questions regarding its operations. It is appropriate to inquiry if they have a physical location or use foster families, how many dogs they currently have , how many dogs they have already placed, and if they only use specific Veterinarians or clinics.
- #6 Does the rescue have a clearly stated spay/ neuter policy? It should make sense that a reputable rescue would want to help control pet over-population and reduce the number of unwanted animals that find their way into county shelters. A reputable rescue requires all dogs to be spayed/ neutered prior to adoption.
- #7 The rescue requires potential adopters to fill out an application and their review process includes confirming information adopters provide on the application.

A few tips to remember when applying to adopt a new family member

#1 Patience

We know that you fell in love with the picture of the dog that you want. And that you just can't wait to meet him or her and bring them home. But most rescues, including Georgia Doberman Rescue, are operated by volunteers. We keep full-time jobs, sometimes more than one job because we spend so much of our own money on helping as many dogs as we can. We have families and other commitments. All this is to say that rescuers are people. Please be patient with us as we try to take care of rescue related inquiries, return emails, return phone calls, and handle paperwork and such during our lunch breaks, during our family dinners, in the evenings, and on the weekends.

#2 Honesty

You just read through a 4 page application and you think, "you have got to be kidding me, it's just a dog!" Well to us, it is not just a dog. This dog that you are interested in has perhaps endured abuse, neglect, starvation, abandonment, indifference, forced breeding, or who-knows-what-else. We are trying to place the right dog in the right situation so that he or she will never have to be in rescue again. We ask the questions we ask to get as accurate a sense of your personal situation as possible. Please do not just tell us what you think we want to hear. If you are not honest with us we cannot find the best possible dog to fit your family and lifestyle. All too often this results in the dog being returned to us or to the county shelter because "it just didn't work out" through no fault of the dog's.

#3 Know Your Breed

Dobermans are AWESOME! They are beautiful creatures to be sure. But they are not for everyone. These are not vanity dogs; they are not just a pretty face; they are not meant to be intimidating yard dogs. Dobermans are working dogs; they must be mentally stimulated throughout the day or they can get themselves into trouble trying to find something to keep their minds occupied. Whether you are interested in a Doberman, or a Poodle, or a Corgi, or a Springer Spaniel do some breed research prior to adopting a new dog. Believe it, or not, most recognized dog breeds were developed for a specific purpose or job. Check out the [AKC website](#) for more information on dog breeds.

Fundraising Corner!

On June 24th Georgia Doberman Rescue launched a Cards For A Cause Fundraiser. This is a fundraiser from Usborne Cards which are high-quality handmade cards with coordinating envelopes. For a **\$30 donation** you will **receive 30 cards** in a reusable keepsake box. \$1 a card is less expensive than you'd pay in a store. And if you kept one of these card sets in your emergency gift closet you would not have to run to the store at the last minute. **The fundraiser will close on July 7th, so don't wait!** For more information check out our [post online](#).

How To Order

To place your card order please [email](#) us your name, address, telephone number, and the number of card sets you would like. We will acknowledge the receipt of your order with payment instructions.



Recipe of the Month

Given that summer is officially upon us and in the south that means MOSQUITOS, I thought it appropriate to have a DIY Mosquito repellent for you and your pets. Mosquitos are not only bothersome to dogs but they are also vectors, or carriers, of blood borne diseases like heartworms. Interestingly, most commonly used flea and tick products do not repel mosquitos. Here are two recipes to try out for yourself but others can be found on the internet.

Back Off Mosquito Repellent:

1 1/2 Tbsp water, 1 tsp castor oil, 8 drops rosemary essential oil, 8 drops lemongrass essential oil, 4 drops geranium essential oil. Add all ingredients to a 2 ounce amber spray bottle, cap tightly, shake vigorously, and spray. For extended time outside reapply often (about every 45 minutes to an hour) and shake to mix before each use.

Natural Insect Repellent:

2 Tbsp witch hazel, 2 Tbsp neem oil, 1/2 tsp vodka (as a preservative), 55 drops lemon eucalyptus essential oil, 15 drops cedarwood essential oil, 15 drops lavender essential oil, 15 drops rosemary essential oil. Combine all ingredients in a 3 or 4 ounce spray bottle, cap tightly, shake vigorously, and spray. For extended time outside reapply often (about every 45 minutes to an hour) and be sure to shake vigorously prior to each use.

Meet A Board Member

Among our board members is Meredith Pretzie. She is a stay at home "mom" to three Dobermans and three horses. Meredith has been involved with animal rescue for many years, first with the local shelter as a volunteer/ advocate. And more recently Meredith has been involved with breed specific rescue as a board member, director, and foster. Dobermans are one of Meredith's passions and she loves bringing rescued Dobermans together with loving forever families.



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