

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.

Important Update!

We know that many of you signed up with Kroger Community Rewards and designated GDR as your nonprofit of choice to receive donations from Kroger last month. Apparently their database reset at some point in the past month. **Please log in to your online Kroger Card account and make sure that GDR is still your charity of choice.** Here is the [website](#) to go to and our **organization number is 20479.** Thank You!!

Featured Adoptable: Journey

Journey is a black and rust, cropped and docked male Doberman. He is estimated to be four years old; he is up-to-date on his vaccinations, neutered, and ready for his forever family. He has the total personality package: beauty, brains, love, playfulness, and he gets along great with cats, dogs, kids and people. Have an athlete in your family? Journey is a fantastic running partner! He has good leash manners (he doesn't pull like a sled dog!), he knows basic obedience commands, and understands that high energy play is for outside while calm play is for inside! He would make a great addition to almost any loving family, but he'd prefer to be the top dog in the household. To learn more about Journey visit his biography on our [website](#), or [Facebook](#); if you are interesting in adopting Journey, or any of our other available Dobermans, you can find the application [here](#).



Crate Training: Acclimating Your Dog To A Crate

Remember, crate training can take a few days or a few weeks; it all depends on the dog and their situation.

Step 1: Call your dog to the crate

Sit by the crate and call your dog over in a cheerful tone. Throw a treat or favorite toy just inside the crate. If your dog goes in and takes it, throw in another treat or two. Don't coax or lure your dog into the crate. You should be relaxed and positive, but do not overdo the praise or your dog may feel nervous. If your dog refuses to go inside don't force him/her. Instead toss in a few more treats and casually walk away. Continue this process until your dog goes into the crate happily and willingly. It helps to have a command such as "kennel" or "crate" so the dog has a name for this event.

Step 2: Close the door

Close the door when the dog is inside the crate. At first, just close the door for a moment and reopen it, reward your dog while he/she is still in the crate. Gradually lengthen the amount of time you have the door closed, staying outside the crate and acting like everything is just as normal as can be. Casually reward your dog to ensure that being in the crate with the door closed is a positive experience. You might consider feeding your dog in the crate, or offering a special bone or toy for use only while in the crate.

Step 3: Walk away

Once your dog is comfortable in the crate with the door closed, step away for short periods of time. Stay in his/her sight, just not outside the door and do normal activities that your dog is accustomed to watching you do. Gradually increase your time away from the crate with each repetition of crating your dog. Step into another room and continue to be casual, walk back in and toss in a small treat, then go back out again. Your objective is to leave your dog in the crate long enough for him/her to relax and lie down.

Step 4: Go out

Once your dog can reach a state of relaxation while in the crate for 30-60 minutes it's time to leave them alone. Just as you worked up to everything else, gradually work up to leaving the dog alone while in the crate. Go out for a few minutes, then return and act like nothing happened. Do NOT release the dog upon entering your home. Wait ten minutes or until the dog is calm and then casually open the door. Do NOT make any fuss over the dog, this is supposed to be a normal part of his/her day. Over time, increase the amount of time you are away from home.

Step 5: Release the dog

Don't leave or return like you've been away for a year. Upon returning, go about your normal business and allow enough time to pass for your dog to calm down again in the crate. After your dog is calm, toss in a treat and briefly tell them "hello". Wait a few more minutes and then release him/her. Keep a relaxed attitude so they will remain relaxed.

Fundraising Corner!

We are in the process of finishing a new t-shirt design. We can't tell you what it is just yet, but we can tell you it will have long sleeves. Dobie Angel? Dobie Pirate? Velcro Dobie? You'll have to wait and see! We will post about it on our [website](#) and our [Facebook page](#). In the mean time you can check out our [shop page](#) for other awesome GDR items that are currently available.

Rescue Hero: Tracy Estes!

In rescue it can become overwhelming quite quickly; this is true whether you are a board member, foster, or a supporter. Tracy Estes has gone above and beyond for GDR and the fosters in her care. She's always ready and willing to help with fostering, veterinary appointments, making phone calls, and doing home visits as well. She has quickly become an important part of GDR and we are thankful for her help!

We are still searching for foster homes! If you are interested in learning more about fostering or becoming a foster please visit our [website](#), fill out a [foster application](#), and [email](#) it to us.

Did You Know?

Did you know that September is **National Disaster Preparedness Month** AND **Responsible Dog Ownership Month**?

Animals are impacted by the same natural disasters as humans are. Are you prepared for a tornado or a hurricane in your area? What do you do if there's an earthquake or a flood? Did you include your pets' care when you put together your disaster kit? Check out this [website](#) for information on how to prepare for an emergency. You can also visit the AVMA [website](#) for information on first response animal care during an emergency And this [website](#) also has some handy information on what should be included in your pet's emergency kit.

You can check out the American Kennel Club [website](#) for more information on Responsible Dog Ownership events and their 25th anniversary of the Canine Good Citizen program.

Recipe of the Month

Mini Beef Balls Dog Treat Recipe:

Preheat oven to 375. Combine 1/2 lb raw ground beef with 1/4 cup low sodium beef broth in a large bowl. Stir well and then add 1/3 cup grated carrots, 1/3 cup cottage cheese, and 1 tsp parsley. Stir to combine. Using a tablespoon, scoop mixture out and roll into balls with your hands. Place balls on a cookie sheet; you should have 40 balls. Bake in the preheated oven for 35-40 minutes. Remove and allow to cool completely. Raw or cooked beef balls can be frozen for use later. Cooked beef balls can be stacked between wax paper in an air-tight container. Keep these treats in the refrigerator and grab a few as needed



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