

Colonial Doberman Pinscher Puppy Inquiry Form

Hello, prospective new puppy owner! This puppy inquiry form is one way of introducing yourself to us. Giving us information about you allows us a bit of insight to get to know the homes and new puppy owners we are choosing for our puppies. Our first priority is that our puppies live full and happy lives in a home with people who are committed and will love them unconditionally throughout their lives. We try our best to place puppies only in the most loving and responsible of homes and this inquiry form helps us in that process.

We hope you will agree that the animal's welfare is our most important consideration in a puppy's placement/adoption. If life changes for you and you cannot keep your Doberman, our puppies will "always" need to come back to us if they need to be re-homed. This allows us to continue to track their whereabouts and to help aid in the selection of a new loving home for them.

The following questions are specifically designed to help you think about things to consider before bringing a Doberman Pinscher into your home for the rest of its life and a big part of yours. If you have owned a Doberman before, this should be easy for you.

Please answer the following questions as completely and honestly as you can, then email or fax your answers and info back to us at: colonialdobermans@yahoo.com THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Name _____ Spouse _____

Children Names & Age(s):

Cell _____ Spouse Cell _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

E-mail address _____

Spouse e-mail address _____

How were you referred to us? _____

General Questions:

Have you owned a Doberman before? Yes _____ No _____

You are interested in a: Male _____ Female _____ Either is fine _____

Is there a reason you prefer your gender choice above?

Color Choice Preference (if produced):

Black & Tan _____ Red & Tan _____ Blue _____ Fawn _____

Can you describe what type of personality you are looking for in your puppy?

Please share what your goals and expectations are for the puppy whether it be for show potential, family pet, or something other.

With the financial cost of dog ownership, you will need to be financially prepared to give your new Doberman the medical care, quality food, training, etc. for its lifetime. All things considered, what do you foresee your monthly pet budget will be (approx.)? \$ _____

Are you and your family prepared to care for your new puppy/dog for the rest of its life or the next 9 to 13 years or longer? _____

How many dogs have you owned?

How long did your last pet live with you?

Why do you want a Doberman Pinscher? (i.e. protection, companion, jogging partner, etc.)

Do you intend on cropping your puppy's ears? Yes _____ No _____

If No, what is/are your reason(s)?

Do you intend to breed the dog? Yes _____ No _____

Will you spay or neuter your puppy? Yes _____ No _____

Have you ever had to get rid of a pet before? _____

If so, what were the circumstances?

Please tell us about your puppy's new home:

Are there other pets currently in your home and if so what kind and how old?

What type of home do you live in?

Detached Single Family _____ Apartment _____ Duplex _____ Condo _____

Manufactured Home _____ Townhouse _____ Other _____

Own _____ Rent _____

How long have you lived at this address? _____

If renting, please provide the name and phone number of your landlord:

If renting, have you obtained your landlord's permission to keep a Doberman puppy/dog on the rental property? _____

Do you have a fenced yard or a suitable pen? Yes____ No____ If No Explain how you intend to ensure the safety of your Doberman Pinscher when he/she is outside your home for exercise, potty breaks etc.?

Is there a park nearby for exercising your puppy/dog? Yes____ No____

Do you have a pool? Yes____ No____ Is your pool fenced? Yes____ No____

(Dobermans do not have the coat to tolerate inclement weather (Hot or cold) and will need and want to be a member of the family inside your home)

Where will your Puppy/dog stay during the day?

Where will your Doberman sleep at night? _____

Is someone home during the day at your house? Yes____ No____

Please describe the daily living situation and how many hours a day your puppy would be left alone. _____

If no one is at home during the day, how do you plan on caring for the puppy during the potty-training stage?

Will there be someone available to feed and exercise the puppy during the day? (A Doggy daycare if run properly, can be an excellent choice for working new puppy parents) Please Explain:

How many hours a day will the puppy be kept outside?

Who will care for your pup while on vacation?

How do you spend your leisure time and will you take/make time to fit a Doberman into it?

Are all family members enthusiastic about owning a Doberman Pinscher and have you discussed the responsibilities and requirements of the breed among all family members? Yes____ No____

Does anyone in your household have allergies to animals? If yes, to what and how severe?

What do you expect the activity level of this breed to be:

Very high____ High____ Moderate____ Below average____

What kind of floor surfaces will the dog be on in the house?

What kind of bedding will be provided for your puppy/dog?

Training:

We encourage obedience training because it builds confidence in the young Doberman, you the handler as well as all members of the family. Obedience will give your pup manners in what is acceptable and proper behavior at home and when out in public. Understand that we highly discourage "attack" training for many reasons and the big one is 'liability'. If you are after a protection-only dog there are breeders that will oblige you. We personally do not want any part of a Doberman that is just trained to bark and bite. We want you to have a working companion at your side, bonded and devoted to you and your family non-aggressively with

unconditional love. The protection part comes naturally to them. Remember your Doberman wants a job and they only want to please you. Help them learn what you want them to do, and watch them amaze you!

Our Dobermans are never to be tied to ropes or chains or left in indoor or outdoor kennels without frequent human interaction. Frequent means: many times throughout the course of their day.

Have you read any reference materials on this breed and if so what?

(Dobermans are very intelligent and respond to positive gentle training. They will not respond well to heavy-handed training methods)

Will you attend obedience training with your puppy/dog? Yes____ No____

If not do you have training experience or a training method? If so please explain:

At what age will you start your puppy's training?

Who will have primary responsibility for the dog's care?

If you have children; You will need to discuss clearly with them what will be expected of them in regard to puppy/dog handling and training. Can you explain what you foresee their training role will be:

Have you ever house-trained a puppy/dog before?

Will you kennel/crate train your Doberman? Yes____ No____ Do you know how? _____

Your new puppy/dog may and probably will experience dissatisfactory behavior like barking, not minding your commands, messing in the house, running off or bolting, chewing etc.. What training methods will you use to detour these types of behavior?

Will you restrain/leash your dog at all times when outdoors with him/her either at home or in public?

In the past, have you had any significant difficulties with dogs you have owned? If so, please explain

How will you help your neighbor(s) to respect your new Doberman puppy and not fear him/her?

Are you on any other waiting lists for a Doberman Pinscher?

Please provide the name and phone number of your vet (or one that has worked with you in the past. If none just write none.

Are you willing to keep us informed of any changes in your address or contact info for the life of your dog?

Yes _____ No _____

If no, why? _____

I/we hereby certify that all the information contained in this inquiry/questionnaire is true and correct. I/we certify that my/our purpose in acquiring a Doberman Pinscher is primarily as a companion and or family pet. This questionnaire is not an agreement to buy or sell a puppy but is a tool to aid in the placement/adoption of a puppy. Thank you for taking the time to answer this questionnaire we sincerely appreciate it and you!

Signature _____ Date _____

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