

Are you a Doberman Pinscher person?

Find out if this intelligent breed is for you.

6. Do you have young children in the family? Are you expecting a baby in the near future? Young children when raised with a Doberman Pinscher are a winning combination. But if you are expecting a baby, you should think seriously about adding any dog to your family at this time of change in your lives. 7. Do you have the time and interest to care for this dog? Owning a dog is a full-time responsibility and the Doberman requires more time for exercise and training than many other breeds. The breed thrives on time spent with his owner and will wither away if not offered daily stimulation, exercise and attention. Taking the dog to training classes or structuring a lesson plan for the dog at home, keeping up with the dog's veterinary visits, offering the dog fun outdoor activities and so on all require lots of time from the owner. Even though the Doberman requires a minimum of grooming, he will require some coat care. Grooming is not extensive with this breed, but you will need to trim his toenails, brush him and wash his face once or twice a week, keep his ears clean and give him baths as needed. In spite of the toughness of the dog and the occasional difficulty in acceptance of the breed by one's neighbors, the Doberman is appreciated for his intelligence and versatility, his devotion to his family, his abilities for guarding those around him and their possessions and his keen looks. However, do learn all you can about the breed before rushing out and buying the first puppy you see. For more information on the Doberman, check out other books on the breed and talk to the owners about their experiences. An excellent source of information can be found on the Internet by visiting the Doberman Pinscher Club of America www.dpca.org. This website is a straightforward source of information from knowledgeable breed fanciers in addition to listing local Doberman clubs and breeders.

Next step: Doberman Pinscher Overview

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