



PART 1 – INTRODUCTION

I. WHAT IS THE UNITED DOBERMAN CLUB?

On August 26, 1990 a dedicated group of working Doberman enthusiasts from all over the United States and Canada met in Chicago to inaugurate the United Doberman Club.

The United Doberman Club is composed of Doberman fanciers dedicated to preserving and protecting the Doberman and its heritage as a working dog. It advances the interests of the breed by educating its members about working ability, conformation, temperament, health, breeding, training and maintenance of the Total Doberman, sound in mind and body.

II. WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF THE UDC?

The principal goal of the club is the preservation and protection of the Doberman breed as a “total” working dog, capable of fulfilling the many functions for which the breed is suited.

The UDC’s constitution states the purposes of the club:

“- to preserve and protect the Doberman Pinscher and its heritage as a working dog, doing everything possible to perfect its natural qualities.

- to maintain open dialogue with all clubs sharing similar objectives, national and international, while insuring the autonomy of the United Doberman Club.

- to advance the interests of the breed by educating members about working ability, conformation, temperament, health, breeding, training, and maintenance of the total Doberman, sound in mind and body.

- to maintain a supplemental registry for Doberman Pinschers, recording all earned degrees and titles from recognized and acceptable organizations.

- to conduct events that promote the Doberman as a working breed, and to record and issue titles for such events.

- to encourage participation in a variety of activities for which the Doberman is suited.

- to publish an official publication promoting the objectives of the club.”



III. WHAT SERVICES DOES THE UDC PROVIDE?

The United Doberman Club disseminates information about the Doberman by sponsoring educational programs, seminars, temperament testing programs, breed surveys, and genetic testing. The UDC maintains a supplementary registry that records information about a dog's parentage, working and conformation titles earned, the results of breed surveys, the results of temperament tests, and the results of health testing. It issues pedigrees containing this information. The UDC also monitors legislation affecting dogs and dog ownership and, where appropriate, takes public positions on that legislation. Information about UDC (the club and its various committees), trial and test results, information about upcoming events, and educational and advertising materials are provided to the membership via the "UDC Focus" (its official publication), the UDC Official Member Email List, direct emails to members via Zooza and other email services, and the UDC website.

IV. WHAT ARE THE UDC MANUALS?

The Administration, Breed and Performance Manuals are not simply a set of rules, but contain additional information about the breed that will be useful to novice and expert alike. These manuals are a dynamic document, a blueprint for the future direction of the club. The UDC MANUALS have everything that is important to the membership, the board, the exhibitor, the breeder, and the Doberman owner.

The Administration Manual covers the overall workings of UDC as a club. It contains the constitution and by-laws, procedures, membership - individual & member club, judge's program, registration, event hosting, championship qualifications, world contacts, and internet communications. The Breed Manual contains the UDC/AKC standard, Conformation show regulations, the Breed Survey programs, and Temperament Testing.

The Performance Manual includes the rules and regulations for the various working events. It contains Working Dog Rules which covers IPO, AD, and Tracking. It also contains UDC Obedience rules, an overview of French Ring, and requirements for Therapy and Versatility.

This club is very dynamic, and changes for the better will always surface. After the events of September 11, there has been a greater awareness and a growing interest in Search and Rescue. Anti-dog legislation and court cases have underlined the importance of the Temperament Testing Program. Advances in genetics promise to revolutionize dog breeding. The UDC is committed to education by providing information in these areas to its members, Doberman fanciers and the general public.

V. CONTACT INFORMATION for the United Doberman Club

Please refer to the UDC website for the current list of Officers and Directors and their contact information.



PART 2 – BREED STANDARD – UDC/AKC

Official AKC Standard of the Doberman Pinscher

(Adopted February 6, 1982)

GENERAL APPEARANCE

The appearance is that of a dog of medium size, with a body that is square. Compactly built, muscular and powerful, for great endurance and speed. Elegant in appearance, of proud carriage, reflecting great nobility and temperament. Energetic, watchful, determined, alert, fearless, loyal and obedient.

SIZE, PROPORTION, SUBSTANCE

Height at the withers: Dogs 26 to 28 inches, ideal about 27 1/2 inches; Bitches 24 to 26 inches, ideal about 25 1/2 inches. The height, measured vertically from the ground to the highest point of the withers, equaling the length measured horizontally from the forechest to the rear projection of the upper thigh. Length of head, neck and legs in proportion to length and depth of body.

HEAD

Long and dry, resembling a blunt wedge in both frontal and profile views. When seen from the front, the head widens gradually toward the base of the ears in a practically unbroken line. Eyes almond shaped, moderately deep set, with vigorous, energetic expression. Iris, of uniform color, ranging from medium to darkest brown in black dogs; in reds, blues, and fawns the color of the iris blends with that of the markings, the darkest shade being preferable in every case. Ears normally cropped and carried erect.

The upper attachment of the ear, when held erect, is on a level with the top of the skull.

Top of skull flat, turning with slight stop to bridge of muzzle, with muzzle line extending parallel to top line of skull. Cheeks flat and muscular. Nose solid black on black dogs, dark brown on red ones, dark gray on blue ones, dark tan on fawns. Lips lying close to jaws. Jaws full and powerful, well filled under the eyes.

Teeth strongly developed and white. Lower incisors upright and touching inside of upper incisors true scissors bite. 42 correctly placed teeth, 22 in the lower, 20 in the upper jaw. Distemper teeth shall not be penalized. Disqualifying Faults: Overshot more than 3/16 of an inch. Undershot more than 1/8 of an inch. Four or more missing teeth