Dobermans as Family Dogs

The modern-day Doberman is a far cry from the vicious dog that they’re often portrayed as in movies and television. Their natural temperamental traits make them ideal for a family environment. In fact, some Doberman owners will argue that you are just as likely to find your Doberman trying to sneak up into your lap while you’re watching television or trying to go to sleep in bed as your Shih Tzu. Yes, Dobermans like to cuddle with their family members at the end of the day.

Since they bond so strongly with their family members, these dogs are also often naturally inclined toward off-leash walking. They don’t like being away from their families and enjoy being a part of the family pack. Many owners say that they only keep their dogs on leashes due to the reactions they might get having them off-leash, and not because they’re worried about their dog running off.

Although leash training a Doberman is also not an impossible task due to their intelligence.

They’re also great with kids and other pets if socialized from a young age. They’re generally calm dogs at the end of the day but can become anxious if they don’t receive daily exercise. This means that they can still get excited and run around with children for hours at a time, which can be great for both the dog and the kids. Dobermans are best fit for active families as they do prefer to stay active during the day.

Dobermans have gained popularity as family dogs due to their good nature, predictable behavior, low shedding concerns, and cleanliness.

Dobermans as Guard Dogs

The Doberman Pinscher breed was originally created to excel at guard and personal protection work. They have a host of natural instincts such as extreme intelligence, loyalty, fearlessness, watchfulness as well as drive and determination to keep their master’s safe. As a result, they’re consistently rated among the absolute best dog breeds in the world for this type of work. Besides their temperamental traits which make them ideal for guard work, they also have a host of physical traits that make them a formidable force, including:

**Bite Force:** 305 PSI

**Bite Type:** Scissor bite

**Speed:** 40 mph

**Vertical Jump:** Up to 6 feet

**Other Physical Characteristics:** Muscular build, close to 100 pounds in weight, a large chest area ideal for hitting hard during an attack.

The Doberman also has an amazing sense of smell and is capable of searching a house room-to-room using primarily their nose. This makes these dogs excellent at searching dark, or dimly lit, buildings. Their keen sense of smell allows them to clear rooms incredibly quickly. Only a few seconds of sniffing the air inside a room will alert the dog to the presence (or lack thereof) of any humans hiding inside the room. When Doberman’s search a building, you’ll often see them enter a room, pause, sniff the air for a few seconds, and then continue on.

Dobermans are even known to frequently take action to protect their owners from harm even with no protection training whatsoever. It’s well known how capable this breed is as guard dogs, and as a result, they very rarely need to take action. Most people realize that if a Doberman is on your property, it’s best to move along if no one’s home.