

# **The Dobermann Club of NSW Inc**

**NAME/s:**

**PREFIX:**

**First Dobermann :**

**Date Purchased/Acquired:**

**Last Dobermann:**

The following questions have been compiled as a guide to elicit as much information as possible and may be responded to in so far as they reflect on your particular interests and involvement in the breed. If you wish to write your story in a narrative format covering similar topics feel free to do so.

Please keep in mind that these questions are being sent out to people who

1) have had an involvement in the past,

2) have been involved for a long time and are still,

3) and people who have only recently commenced their interest in our breed –

so please adapt your answer to suit yourself. If space provided is insufficient please use additional pages- more information is better than too little.

## **GENERAL INTEREST**

**Why did you choose a Dobermann as opposed to another breed?**

**How did your involvement start?**

**What did you enjoy most about owning/showing/breeding/trialling your Dobes?**

**Why did you discontinue and when?**

**What were some of the highlights of your time in Dobes?**

**What do you consider were your achievements?**

**What has been your greatest moment in Dobes?**

**When you were actively involved what in your opinion was the general atmosphere around the Dobe/dog/obedience/club scene?**

**If you have an anecdote you believe may be of interest please include it in this response.**

**SPECIFIC INTEREST**

**What do you think makes a great dog? What dogs in your opinion were some of the top dogs of your time that you consider to be great?**

**How did you select your Kennel name?**

**What was your philosophy about breeding and did it change over the years?**

**What are the most important qualities in a dog and a bitch?**

**What do you look for in a puppy?**

**When did you start actively breeding Dobes and why did you decide to breed as opposed to just buying that special puppy from someone else?**

**How do you select a stud dog?**

**How important to you is the quality of the bitch in planning a litter?**

**Is there a particular breeder or line of dogs that influenced your breeding programme?**

**DOBERMANN HEALTH AND PERCEPTION OF BREED**

**What do you feel are the most pressing faults we need to deal with in Dobermanns?**

**What is your opinion about the health issues facing the breed- eg: VWD, cardio, cancer, wobblers.**

**What is it about the breed that you have seen change for the better/worse in the years you have been involved?**

**Where do you think the Dobe as a breed is most lacking in terms of the standard and in the area of temperament?**

**If you ceased involvement some years ago and have had the opportunity to see the breed more recently, what changes, if any have you noticed.**

**Is there anyone you particularly admire past or present in Dobermanns?**

**OBEDIENCE AND TRAINING**

**How long have you been involved in obedience?**

**When do you start training with your dogs?**

**How do you know when your dogs are ready for competition?**

**How often do you train and how long do your sessions last?**

**Do you train with treats, toys or clicker?**

**What is your favourite exercise to train?**

**What people have influenced your training?**

**What has been your most memorable moment in obedience?**

**Do you have a story about your most embarrassing or favourite incident?**

## **CONCLUSION**

**In your opinion what has been the most positive thing to come out of showing/breeding/training/owning *your* Dobermanns?**

**What was the best dog and or bitch you owned and or bred and why?**

**What dogs do you have now?**

**If you changed breeds, tell us what to and why.**

**What about your personal life? What do you do when not showing, breeding or training Dobermanns?**

We would like to contact as many old *Dobermaniacs* as possible –

Who were some of the people you associated with at the time and could you provide contact details so they can be reached. If you are able to forward this to them can you let me know you have done so to avoid duplication.