

# The Dobermann Club of NSW Inc

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Dear Dobe owner,

It has long been the desire of members of the DC NSW to have a detailed and interesting history of our breed in this state. It is inescapable that the history of the breed is as much the history of the people and why they became involved as it is of the dogs that they bred and nurtured.

As someone who has owned and exhibited, bred or trialled Dobermanns in NSW at some time in the past forty odd years, you are invited to provide the story of your involvement as a part of this historical record.

My aim is to approach as many people such as yourself as possible and ask them to answer the accompanying questionnaire in so far as it applies to their involvement. The responses will be collated for publication as a history of the people who have been the custodians of our breed from the first Dobs in NSW to the present day.

In embarking on this massive task I hope to have the enthusiasm of current owners and their thirst for history of their pedigrees matched by the desire of those involved in past years to provide a record of their own contribution.

The success of this project depends on each and every one of us. As someone who was involved in the breed your contribution is valid and necessary to provide a complete picture. Have no doubt that your input will be recognised and I am committed to be as comprehensive as possible and to have the material provided published.

I would like you to have a look at the questionnaire and reflect on the time you devoted to our wonderful Dobermann. It may have been a long time ago for some of you and may be a passion still for others. Whatever it was, please take the time to share it for posterity.

With recent changes it may be true to say that the best years for our breed are behind us and it is therefore vital that we have a record of those times.

I envisage the publication as a 'who's who' of the Dobermann scene set out in chronological order. There will also be general description of the dog scene by decades to provide a backdrop. Information on numbers exhibited, litters bred, imports, results of major events, etc.

Naturally with such a time frame to cover, contacting everyone will be a difficult task. But I hope that as you receive this letter and think of the people you associated with at the time you might be able to contact some of them. Even if you only keep in touch with one old friend, perhaps they in turn will be able to contact others. So the word will spread.

Unfortunately many are no longer with us, but perhaps their families can provide some of the information and photos for inclusion in this history. If you were closely associated with such a person and feel you can provide their story please do so and it will be attributed to you when published.

Later on we will be hosting a luncheon for anyone who would like to attend and have an opportunity to be part of a video record.

In responding to the questionnaire I hope you will also **send photographs of both dogs and people, clearly marked, and if possible copies of the dog's pedigree.** Some of you may prefer to send the photos by email or on a CD. Failing that, bring photos along to the luncheon, we will have facilities available to make copies.

I would appreciate hearing from you and receiving your response by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2007. If you have any suggestions on improving the questionnaire please contact me.

Best Regards,

Maria Wheeler  
Archivist