We know many families have working adults and we do not expect anyone to be a superhero and quit a day job just to be able to take home a puppy/dog. **Every puppy/dog family has different needs, and this information form helps us identify who needs what, and what homes might make the best fit.** If you are a Doberman owner, we don't want to waste your time regaling things you already know; by the same token, if this is your first Doberman and/or first puppy, we want to make sure you are prepared for what life with a puppy AND a Doberman may bring. This questionnaire/application also applies to our non-puppy, older/Adult Dobermans that do not meet our breeding requirements, and/or, Retired Breeders we may have available**. PLEASE state your preference if/where applicable below.**

ALL Application received are date/time stamped and processed in the order they are received. However, any Applications received via USPS are backdated to either the date of the original request received by DF LLC’ to mail the application to the applicant OR the postmark on the Application’s envelope.

Emails are sent out to each applicant, confirming our receipt of the Application within 7-10 days, and again once we’ve started to inform you that application processing has begun… for an upcoming litter OR future anticipated litter (based on your selection/preference).

***If you are shopping for the first available Doberman pup from any/all breeders STOP HERE– we are NOT the breeder for you***…we produce very few litters a year, usually one/occasionally two, and while we do respond to each application/applicant, **the wait for a pup can be up to a year, sometimes longer depending on your submission date and our planned litter/timing.** If you are applying for and approved for our Waiting List for a future litter *(Current Litters Confirmed/Whelped* ***are not subject*** *to this provision)*, and for any reason, you wish to withdraw your application prior to our litter/your stated litter preference, please let us know. Your $100 partial Commitment Deposit is non-refundable. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(PLEASE INITIAL HERE)**

**OUR PUPPIES;**

-have tails docked and declaws removed by our vet between 3 and 5 days old.

-receive first Parvo Vaccination at 6 weeks and 2nd Vaccination of Distemper/Parvo at 8 weeks vaccinations, deworming and vet health certificate (including Fecal test result) prior to new home placement. ALL health records will be sent home with each puppy. Monthly Heart worm Rx (Sentinel) is started at 8 weeks old.

-have their ears cropped by our Cropping Vet at around 7-8 Weeks old.

-will be available for their new/approved homes AFTER cropping sutures are removed and first ear posting is done, usually around 10 weeks old. Approved homes **MUST** have s*uccessful* ear posting experience ORbe within reasonable proximity or either Doberman Fields; OR an experienced, reputable Vet pre-approved to examine and repost the Doberman’s ears until posting is no longer needed/ears are properly standing AND firm without fail. PROPER EAR POSTING AND CARE IS CRUCIAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THE EAR CROP.

-will be microchipped, by our vet, and enrolled, by Doberman Fields’s, the breeder, in AKC Reunite with the owner as *primary* contact and Doberman Fields’, the breeder, as *secondary* contact, and the buyer’s vet as third contact. These microchips are prepaid, no extra cost is necessary.

Please take your time this with questionnaire/application. There are NO right or wrong answers. However, this IS **our** first and extremely important step in finding perfect homes placements for our unique and special Dobermans. We want you to explore our website, get familiar with us AND our Dobermans, or family and our breeding. And while NO ONE will be turned away for *only* the reason of being a first time Doberman owner, no Doberman will be placed within a first time Doberman home without extensive breed specific information and education from us to ensure this IS the breed for you. As well, no one will be turned away for being ‘*just* a pet’ owner BUT we need to ensure ALL our Dobermans, regardless of their role in your life, will a perfect fit and live a loved, active, healthy, and busy working lifestyle the breed is meant for, pet, show or otherwise.

**INCOMLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED, CONSIDERED, NOR CONTACTED *Please be thorough and detailed with your answers***

**YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION**

First Name: Last Name: .

Your Age: Current Occupation:

Email Address: .

Physical Address: (Street, City, State, Zip Code)

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County Of Residence:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: .

Cell Phone Number: .

Facebook Profile/Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(During the approval process, do you agree to accept our Facebook “friend” request? \_\_\_\_\_

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE FACEBOOK/SOCIAL MEDIA PROFILE, are you willing/able to create one OR have access to an immediate family member’s that we will have access/friend privileges with? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

In “no”, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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How many people live here **and** what are their ages and relationship to the applicant(s)?

How long have you lived here?

If you have lived here less than 2 years, what was your previous address?

**If you are applying for a specific litter Waiting List, please indicate which litter you are interested in OR the time frame (Year) you will be ready for a new pup. If you have no specific preference, please specify “N/A” and you will be considered for our Waiting List (OR Current Litter if applicable), and notified via email when we have begun to process your application:**

**PUPPY/DOG PREFERENCE: PLEASE INDICATE PUPPY OR DOG OR BOTH**

**PLEASE SPECIFY**

**Gender (Male/Female) &**

 **Coat Color Preference (Black/Rust or Red/Rust) Please note – litters sired by our ‘in house male Azurite will BLACK/RUST Coat Color pups Only, so be sure to consider this when stating your coat color preference):**

First Pick: (Gender & Coat Color) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Second Pick: (Gender & Coat Color) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to have a puppy/dog that does NOT match your stated preference? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Why OR Why Not:

**PUPPY’S/DOG’S NEW FAMILY:** (please answer freely, honestly, and candidly. This will help us ensure the proper puppy for YOUR lifestyle and needs/wants. If more room is needed for your answers, please use a separate piece of paper, and include it with this questionnaire when returning for review/approval.)

Why are you interested in a Doberman?

What can YOU tell us about the Doberman Pinscher breed?

Why are you interested in a puppy OR dog?

Will this be your first dog? Will this be your first Puppy?

**PAST** (DO NOT INCLUDE PRESENT IF ANY) What other pets, if any, have you owned? How long? Where are they now?

**PRESENT** Are there any pets of any kind living in your home **now**? Please list species, breed, age acquired and current ages:

If you have existing pets in your home already, how do you plan on introducing your puppy to them?

**FUTURE** Do you or any members of your existing family/home have plans on/will be bringing any new pets into your home if you get a puppy from us, and if so…what kind(s)?

Why **or** why not?

Are you aware that getting a puppy is a 24/7 commitment? Are you prepared for the task of house breaking/teething/ear posting/social and manner training in your home? Are you aware- that puppyhood and adolescence in our breed is around 18-24 months? What can YOU tell us about the needs of and experiences with a young puppy? ***Please sure to address all questions and be as specific as possible:***

Do you already have a veterinarian? Are they familiar with Dobermans? Ear Posting?

Please provide your vet’s name, clinic, address, and phone number and let them know we will be calling for a reference. You **MUST** advise you Vet’s office that they have your permission to speak with us.

If you do NOT currently have a veterinarian, are you willing to locate one within a reasonable distance from your home, that has Doberman breed as well as Ear Posting experience, and access to 24 hour/7 days a week care facility? (this information MUST be provided to receive a final approval of this questionnaire)

What plans do you have for your Doberman during its lifetime?

How will you socialize and exercise your Doberman throughout its lifetime?

Are you active in or interested in and AKC/UKC titling events such as Confirmation, Agility, Rally, Barn Hunt, or other?

All new homes are required to receive an AKC CGC (Canine Good Citizen Certificate) before one year *after placement* and this title MUST be added to the Doberman’s AKC registered name. *Please visit the Official AKC website for more information on this training and title.*

If approved, do you agree enroll your pup in Puppy classes AND continue with training classes until you have earned this CGC?

Prior to this application, where you familiar with the CGC?

If not – did you research it via the AKC website as suggested?

Where will you take the classes and test for this certificate and title?

**Please tell us a little about where the Doberman will live:**

You live in a -(***please circle one*)** Apartment, Condo, Single Family, Other (explain).

You –(***please circle one***) Own, Rent, are Staying with Family, Other (explain)

If Other, please explain:

**If** you own your home, what company provides your homeowner’s insurance **and** do they have any breed restriction policies? (If you are unsure or unaware, PLEASE check and confirm prior to committing to the lifetime of a Doberman AND submitting this application!) Some states do not have this restriction – some do. *PLEASE provide this information regardless of your state of residency, as Laws can and do change with each year.*

**If** you live in a “community” - Does your community have HOA restrictions as to breed and/or size of dog? We WILL require a letter from the HOA stating that you are allowed to have a Doberman in your community. Please submit written verification WITH this application.

**If** you rent your home, does your landlord allow pets *without breed restrictions* and how much is the Pet Deposit in your lease? Please submit written verification WITH this application.

How much private (for your family ***only, not shared or public***) yard/property is with your home?

Is it completely fenced in with access/gates that can be locked?

If yes -What type of and how high is the fence?

If it is NOT fenced in, how will you keep safe and contain your Doberman while allowing outside privileges, play, exercise, and training?

What are **your** training goals for your Doberman?

Who will be responsible for training?

Will you crate train your Doberman? Why, or why not?

Will your Doberman be an inside or outside dog?

How many hours will the Doberman PUPPY be left alone in your typical weekday?

Once trained AND mature (18-24 months old) How many hours will the Doberman ADULT be left alone in your typical weekday?

Where will the Doberman be kept while it is alone as a Puppy?

 As an adult?

Is the Doberman being purchased as a gift and/or surprise for someone?

Has ANYONE in your home, past/present/future occupants, been arrested, charged, or convicted for animal cruelty or neglect? Please be as specific as possible. We will verify all answers.

How did you hear about/find Doberman Fields’ LLC?

Why are **you** interested in **Doberman Fields’ LLC** as the breeder for your Doberman Pup?

What are YOUR expectations of your chosen breeder after the sale, once your puppy is home?

Thank you for the time and effort you put into completing our application! We appreciate your interest AND your effort!

**OWNERSHIP COMMITMENT/Approved Applicants/Families**

Puppies will be matched by the Breeder to their new families between 6 and 7 weeks.

Visits are encouraged at six weeks of age (after first pup vaccination) and beyond between the buyer and their pup.

Pups’ ears are cropped at approximately 7 to 8 weeks old and will go home between 9 and 11 weeks. Buyers will be e-mailed a schedule of these events. Buyers will confirm the date and appointment time for picking up pup and should allow at least 2 hours to go over the contract, watch AND PARTICIPATE ears posting, and have time to ask as many questions as needed. **PLEASE INITIAL YOU HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND/AGREE (ALL OWNERSHIP COMMITMENT) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Any “special request” puppies, for example ears left natural, MUST be made on your original Application, pre-approved and may come with earlier payment in full arrangements pre-discussed between the breeder and buyer.

Will you be able to pick the dog in person up from Montgomery NY? . If you will be traveling a long distance, PLEASE google a list of hotels that are close to us and confirm pets ARE allowed in the case that you need to stay overnight with or without the pup.

***We do NOT ship any of our Dobermans via air carriers***. Under rare and pre-approved requests/conditions, we will ONLY ship with a DOT approved licensed transporter. If this method is used, the expense of transport will be **added** to your sales/contract price. Pricing will be obtained as soon as possible to help in the decision process. Arrangements will be made by and through Doberman Fields’, the breeder, with the transporter company, and the purchaser WILL be provided with a copy of the transporters name, address, references, insurance, quote after approval but prior to finalizing contract and sales amount. ALL prices are charged by the transporter and no additional money is added on by/for Doberman Fields. Billing/Invoicing from the transporter will be included with the Take Home Binder at the time of the dog’s arrival to its new home.

Do you agree to stay in contact, sharing updates, photos, title certificates, and vet records from time to time? (We require BI-yearly updates at minimum) .

Do you agree to return the Doberman to us, Doberman Fields’, the breeder, in case you EVER need to rehome this Doberman at any time for any reason? .

**WHAT TO EXPECT NEXT**

Completing this application is a step in the process to acquiring a puppy from Doberman Fields', but it does not guarantee you will get a puppy from a current or any future litter. We, the breeder, reserves the right to refuse any placement at any time at our discretion.

**APPROVAL, $500.00 Non-Refundable DEPOSIT, AND BALANCE PAYMENT:**

Prior to our September 2022, we did not bill for nor accept the $500.00 non-refundable commitment deposit from Approved Families until **AFTER** the litter/pups where whelped/born. This was done because, while we put tremendous effort and knowledge into each breeding, we cannot predict the success of a breeding, nor the amount of and gender of pups born. Despite OUR pre-whelping expenses, asking for money from any family before we can confirm we have a puppy for them is not in alignment with our “Family” approach to placing our Doberman pups in deserving homes. Unfortunately, each year and each litter since 2019, we have had a full Approved Waiting list, AND a few Applicants that have confirmed their commitment to an upcoming litter but back out once the pups arrived and the Deposit Invoice were sent out. This situation has caused some of our Approved families to miss out on the opportunities we give to be a part of the anticipation, excitement, joy, planning AND information on the litter their pup was from. It has also caused other Applicants to miss out on a pup from us all together. While we still do not require the full $500 Nonrefundable Commitment Deposit most all other breeders of any type do, we have changed it slightly in an attempt to eliminate future issues with Approved Applicants that are not as committed to us as their breeder as we are to them as an Approved Applicant. The Nonrefundable $500 commitment deposit will now (as of September 2022) be billed in TWO installments, $100.00 upon Approval and $400.00 three days prior to whelping the litter from which the family will receive their pup.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(initial here)

Applications are processed in the order they are received. If your home is approved, you will be placed on our **“Approved”** Waiting List, pending our receipt of your partial non-refundable commitment deposit payment ($100.00) (we will send an invoice via email sometime after your “Notification of Approval” email is sent)

We breed infrequently, so we will only accept the $400.00 remainder/balance of the $500.00 non-refundable commitment deposit after a planned **whelping** has occurred. Please do not send the full amount of the commitment deposit when you are invoiced for the partial $100 amount upon Application Approval. It WILL be returned to you and the correct amount ($100.00) will be requested again.

We have an extensive Waiting List. Not all Approved Applicants will receive a pup from the next litter after their application is approved. Your place in our Waiting List is determined by the number of existing Approved Families already on the List(s), the date your application is submitted, the date your partial commitment deposit ($100.00) is received, AND the fit of any of the pups in the litter with gender choice(s), your home, and your lifetime plans/goals for your Doberman. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(initial here)

There will be an e-mail Notification sent to those that are on the Approved Waiting List advising when we are currently planning or anticipated litter. This information is NOT posted on our website prior to contacting and confirming our Approved Waiting List Families FIRST.

“STAND BY” email notifications will be sent to approved buyers on the waiting list that are qualified to be “next in line” for a puppy from a current litter should any Approved Buyer fail to make timely payments or be removed from the list for any other reason,

Approved Applicants that do not receive a puppy from a current litter will remain on the waiting list for the next planned litter

ALL balance owed/billed for pups/payment invoices must be paid in in a timely fashion to retain Buyer Status

Billing will be done as follows: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(initial here)

A $500.00 non-refundable commitment deposit will be billed in TWO installments.

\*The first invoice for $100.00 will be sent via email **after your Application is approved** and is due upon receipt. (This is to hold your place on our Waiting List and confirm your commitment to us as your breeder of choice.)

\*A second invoice for $400.00 will be emailed **3 days after whelping/birth** and is due upon receipt.

The balance of the purchase price will be billed in two equal installments. (Puppy prices are determined on each litter and published on our website once determined)

\*An invoice for ½ the remaining balance due will be sent via email **when the pups are 4 weeks old** and will be due upon receipt.

\*An invoice for the balance of the purchase price will be sent via email and is due **at pick up/go home date (9-11 weeks old)** This payment MUST be in the form of Certified Check, Money Order, or Cash only – NO EXCPETIONS

***If you are applying for a pup 8 week of age or older, please note payment of $1,500 is due upon application approval, and the balance is due upon pick up.***

At any time after your commitment deposit(s) payment(s) is/are made, should you elect to not take a puppy from the current at that time litter, your deposit is non-refundable, but it may be applied to an upcoming litter in the future. In NO case will any deposit payments be refunded. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(initial here)

**MEETING THE PARENTS**: It is strongly encouraged that you try to make arrangements to meet the Sire and Dam of the litter, the rest of the pack and pets, as well as our family. We love meeting new families, but only approved buyers are allowed to visit our home by appointment. Being a ‘Hobby Breeder”, this is our home, family, and environment and NOT a commercial breeding kennel or business. Arrangements to the mutual convenience of BOTH parties will be necessary. And while we know this type of visit is not always possible, it is encouraged for several reasons. We, as your breeder, will be there for the lifetime of the Doberman. You, as the purchaser, will have the breeder’s Doberman for its lifetime will be added to the Doberman Fields’ Family. Getting to meet the people, the Dobermans, seeing the temperaments of the Dobermans, reviewing health testing, pedigrees, and spending time in a meet and greet/questions and answers for BOTH parties can and does ensure we are ALL making the right decision for the Doberman’s future happiness. ***HOWEVER, if you are submitting this application for a currently expected OR whelped litter under the age of six weeks*** and are approved, visitations **will not be possible** until AFTER the pups receive their first vaccination (at six weeks old). If you are *not* willing to commit to a pup from a CURRENT litter without first seeing the pup/parents, we cannot guarantee a pup from the litter... but will make the visitation arrangements for you after the six-week check-up and vaccinations if any pups are still available at that time if your application is approved.

**YOUR PUPPY:**Puppies will be assigned in request AND deposit order -by the first or second preference of sex of the families as indicated on their application, as well as matched up ***BY THE BREEDER to the individual needs/wants of the family and the temperament of the puppy.***  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(initial here)

**GOING HOME:** We cannot hold puppies for extended times; it is critical for their social development that the litter departs within a reasonable timeframe, around 9 to 11 weeks of age. If you have a big vacation planned or have events that would conflict with a young puppy, please know puppies **cannot be boarded in a kennel** until they have received their full immunizations and their rabies vaccination - which cannot be done until 4 months of age. Occasionally we may have the ability to work with you for a week or two, but this MUST be discussed well in advance of the puppy going home. Additional fees, above and beyond the contract price, will be billed to the buyer and may include but are not limited to: Any additional vet visits/vaccinations/fecal test, food, cropping supplies etc. that an extended stay may/will cause. INITIAL HERE\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**CONTRACT:**We have a contract and will not place a puppy without a signed contract. We believe it's the professional thing to do to memorialize our obligations to each other on paper so there are no questions later, and for that reason it's a bit lengthy. If you have questions about specific terms or conditions, you need to contact us, so we can discuss your concerns **prior** to paying your deposit.

**SPAY/NEUTER (Alter):** We require spay/neuter to be done NO SOONER THEN 18 months but by 24 months of age, (***unless the pup is being sold under special and prearranged Full registration***). This might seem hypocritical at first glance, but we have a take-back provision in our contract. Any puppy from our home always has a home here and will never experience the fear and burden of life at a shelter. Taking back an unaltered dog into our home poses significant risk to our own dogs due to canine STDs and the possibility an unaltered dog could be pregnant. Spay surgery while pregnant is exceedingly risky, and several canine STDs such as brucellosis can be transferred to humans. This poses an unacceptable risk to our family. Because we take cradle-to-grave "original home" responsibility for the puppies we created, puppies must be altered, between 18 and 24 months of age (unless you are under a breeder contract or special consideration agreement). ***Additionally***, altering a dog of this size/breed **prior** to sexual growth maturity, and **prior** to the bone growth plates closing, can and will have long term ill effects on the dog’s health and wellbeing. Altering earlier than 18 months or after 24 months will violate our contact, void all guarantees, the purchaser will incur a fine from the breeder. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(initial here)

**REGISTRATION PAPERS:** All our Doberman puppies will be registered **for you** by Doberman Fields', the breeder, in the AKC when your puppy is paid for in full.  The Approved Buyers will be given a list of AKC Registration Theme Names, chosen by the Breeder, to pick from. Buyers are encouraged to choose their ‘Call Names” (Nicknames) and advise the Breeder ASAP so that we can begin to use the call name as soon as the pup is chosen for that buyer. Normal registration is included in your contract/sales price.  Additional needs/requirements by the purchaser(s) will incur additional costs, which will be added onto the sales contract.  These additional registration options will be available for your review upon your application approval status AND when the sales contract is sent to you. These include but are not limited to; AKC- 3 Generation Pedigree, etc.

Contracts will be signed by the Breeder and the Buyer at the time of Puppy Pick Up. The buyer and the Breeder will each retain an original signed copy for their records. In the case of a pup being transported by anyone OTHER than the buyer, the buyer is responsible for supplying the breeder with TWO signed copies of the contract prior to the puppy being picked up. The breeder will sign and return 1 copy to the buyer with the puppy.

PLEASE feel free to email us with any questions, clarifications or concerns you may have.

Please provide any other relevant information you feel would assist us in placing one of our Dobermans in your home.

**(Please review and sign/date Page #14 – thank you!)**

Please return this application at your leisure and convenience via:

 Email: dobermanfieldspuppyapplication@gmail.com

or by USPS to Doberman Fields’ LLC

 24 Maple Avenue

 Rock Tavern, NY 12575

**PLEASE NOTE WE CANNOT ACCEPT “PICTURES” OF YOUR APPLICTIUON VIA EMAIL. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO RETURN YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION BY EMAIL, PLEASE RETURN IT VIA US POSTAL SERVICE TO OUR ADDRESS LISTED ABOVE. Approved Buyers will be required to submit the ORIGINAL/SIGNED application with their deposit payment to remain on the “Approved Buyer” status for any/all litters.**

By your signature, you agree that all information is true, factual, and up to date to the best of your knowledge. You confirm you have read and agree to all content contained in the 14 pages herein. You consent to a Doberman Fields’ LLC representative contacting provided names and phone numbers for verification/reference. If approved, you understand that you are liable and accountable for all of your answers and comments on this application AS WELL as the Sale Contract. *This application and any addition e-mail communication between the breeder and an approved buyer WILL be added to an “Approved” Buyer’s contract/obligations as an addendum.*

Signature Printed Name Date