

The Dobermann bloodlines

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I am writing this lines with the purpose of clarifying and guiding all those novices who are just starting with the breed. Like myself when I initiated, many of you will be full of doubts, questions and concerns that with the time, reading, advices from expert breeders from Europe and USA, chats with international competitors, handlers, professional trainers and the constant study of the pedigrees where finding answers, clarification and deep understanding.

It is important to mention that this represents my personal opinion, I do not want to convince anyone and I also know that many people might have different thoughts even contradictory to mines, which I do respect.

Unfortunately in the USA and in Mexico there is a huge lack of information, taking advantage of this, many people will “dress up” information with the objective of obtaining some kind of benefit to themselves.

The “DOBERMANN” breed as the FCI (Fédération Cynologique Internationale - the largest canine organization of the world) recognizes its name and not “Doberman Pinscher” as the AKC (American Kennel Club) calls it, has its origin in Germany in 1885. Through the DV (Dobermann Verein) “German Dobermann Club” the standard is regulated and the pace is set for the development and evolution of the breed, they are the owners of the standard and changes to it can only be made by them. There is also the IDC (International Dobermann Club) which groups all the dobermann clubs around the world (as long as they are affiliated) and organizes the World Championship for both conformation and work.

There are two major dog “types” in the breed, the European type and the American type, both with differences in morphology, specially because the American type is regulated by the AKC who made their own standard in 1982 with some differences regarding the original DV - FCI standard, including the registry of the 4 colors of the breed; black and rust; red and rust; fawn and rust; blue and rust. Unlike DV - FCI which only allows the registry of 2 colors; Black and rust; red and rust. Around the 90’s DV

decided to remove the fawn and the blue colors due to a frequent appearance of diseases and illnesses related to the dogs hair and fur that only appeared in this 2 colors. The presence of the ablino “white” dobermann is a disqualifying fault in both AKC and FCI.

Inside this two “types” there are “lines” of dogs. In the European - Euro type there is a show line and a working line. In the American type there are only show or conformation dogs, it is important to mention as in many places they are popular, that the Argentinian dobermanns come from the American type. A line is a group of individuals that have been selected and then breed according to some characteristics. Breeders that breed show lines pay special attention to conformation details such as; big and square heads and bodies, big and heavier bones, certain angulations on the front and rear extremities. Breeders that breed working lines give more importance to the temperament of the dogs, including their instincts, drives, intensity and desire of work and solidness of nerves, they would look for qualities in a dog that can work; bite, track and obey.

It is not the intention of this article to decide, establish or debate on which type or line is better or worse, is merely to signal, point and clarify the differences that exist so people can have a clearer vision of what is in our breed.

Inside the lines of dogs exists a lineage or stock with very similar qualities, those are formed by a group of individuals that share morphology “looks” and instincts or drives that usually come from a certain Kennel and their characteristics are very defined and similar in most of the individuals.

I am a big fan of the working bloodlines, obviously the European working bloodline cause its the only one that exist. The effort and dedication of the working bloodlines breeders is huge and they have paid special attention in the selection based on characteristics and abilities for: character, temperament, instincts, drives, desire to please and work and solidness of nerves. In essence keeping the essentials that Karl Friedrich Louis Dobermann (Jan 2nd, 1834 - Jun 9th, 1894) created the breed for: guard and protect.

Nowadays the breeders have important tools to promote the working selection of the best individuals of the breed, this tools are the biting dog sports such as: French Ring, Mondio Ring, PSA and Schutzhund now called IGP (Internationale Gebrauchshund Pruefung). IGP is divided into 3 phases; tracking, obedience and protection. The main

goal of IGP is to demonstrate which individuals possess the best characteristics mentally and physically to develop the trial in a satisfactory way. The best individuals meaning the ones that got the highest scores are the ones that are chosen as studs or breeding females with the idea that they will pass on their qualities to their offspring.

Unfortunately in Europe because of a “commercial-monetary” reason there are people: judges, helpers and breeders that organize trials with the minimum levels of quality, with the only goal of obtaining the title for the dogs so they can tell other people with less knowledge that the parents of certain litter, are indeed titled in the sport, this is an easy way to sell puppies or stud fees.

In Germany the DV sets as a mandatory requisite, for the breeders that want to register their litters, that the parents must pass a test called ZTP (Zuchttauglichkeitsprüfung), the purpose of this test is to make a selection of the dobermanns, that according to the standard are the ideal or the most appropriated to be bred and to eliminate from the genetic pool the individuals that are “unfitted” or inappropriate for breeding, either because they don't possess some characteristics morphologically or in temperament or have major defects according to the standard of the breed. Germany is the only country in the world that sets this mandatory requisite to register a litter.

I often see and read that litters or studs are advertised as “working bloodlines”, when the truth is those dogs are not even European, lack of knowledge in people and customers sets an easy way for scammers. Also being European doesn't mean it is working bloodline, as having titled parents in IGP doesn't equals working bloodlines either.

I will try to make an exhaustive list that is not limited (as there are many) of Kennel names around the world, I will mention the most well known or the most populars (this doesn't mean they are good or bad kennels), so when a person is reading a pedigree they can identify the kennels, the bloodlines and the type in that dog.

European Show Kennels:

• Van Neerlands Stam	• Vom Residenzschloss	• Z Padoku
• Frankenhorst	• Weser-Ems	• Vital Screen
• Del Citone	• vom Klingbach	• Elite House
• Campoalano	• Roveline	• Slavnoi Stai

• Rio Bianco	• van het Wantij	• iz Zoosfery
• Diamante Nero	• Di Stefusto	• Livonija
• Del Nasi	• Sauli Grimaldi	• Ginga House
• Villa Conte	• Von Morosso	• Perlanera
• Tahi-Reme	• Di Prisconte	• Donauhoeve
• Renewal	• Di Modello	• Rauberhohle
• Vom Nemesis	• Von Karpatia	• Royal Bell
• Harten Kern	• Querce Nere	• Betelges
• Di Matario	• Hunnoterra	• Irinland
• Hellerwald	• Sant Kreal	• Feringis
• Pride of Russia	• Altobello	• Grande Vinko
• Daker	• Conte Drago	• Come As You Are
• Vom Lewan	• Havelland	• Wot A Triller
• Märkischen Land	• Strengbach	

European Working Kennels:

• Von der Mooreiche	• Doberwache's	• Vom Ferrenberg
• Von der Weyermuhle	• Van de Erjolihof	• Vom Maindreieck
• Von Forell	• Vom Edertal	• Von der Hageleite
• Von Utgard	• Vom Haus Astegg	• Von der Krillenburg
• Von der Krillenburg	• Van de Kusthoeve	• Vom Landgraf
• Vom Burghof	• Fivelborgh	• Von der Schwellenburg
• Vom Aurachgrund	• Van de Berkensingel	• Carlos Bohemia
• Vom Eschenbruch	• Von der Sonnenleite	• Von Beelen
• Ascomannis	• Jotunheim's	• European K9 Training Base
• Briska's	• Vom Warringhof	• Rhayader

• Von der Burgstätte	• vom Hause Ehrlich	• Covalta (now a working line kennel, started as a show kennel)
• Von der Urftquelle	• Vom Ellendonk	• Altengarde
• Wudritz	• Von der Kollau	• Von Bayern (now: Pais Baviera)
• Von Spellen	• Do Zarzallo	

American-Argentinian Kennels (show dogs):

Kai Esa's	Marienburg's	Carolon's
Electra's	Del Samuray	Aquarius
Damasyn	Nello's	Baden Baden
of Jerry Run	De Lex Luthor	Gipsy Storm
Gipsy Storm	Black Shadow	Rancho Dobe's
Aeolus	Akido San	Brunswick's
Invasor	Foxfire's	

The famous kennel Norden Stamm of Jens and Allison Kollenberg, has been left aside the others and the reason is that I consider it as a watershed for the breed and in my opinion one of the best kennels in modern history. From that kennel came studs and females structurally sound, harmonious inside the standard with beautiful morphological features and high drives for working, even people from other breeds admired the temperament and determination of this specimens. From Norden Stamm came show lines and show kennels that are the most successful nowadays in Europe and in the other hand some working kennels still have a few dogs of this kennel in their pedigrees.

In every bloodline there are “good dogs”, “average dogs”, “mediocre dogs” and “bad dogs”. The big difference is the percentage of dogs that come up with good features and characteristics in instincts, drives, temperament, character and nerves, proper to

develop world class competitive sport, specially on the protection phase. Meanwhile a litter from working bloodlines will have 60% to 90% percentage of success to get individuals with the desired characteristics, in the European show lines will have 10% to 50% of success rate. And rates below 10% in the American-Argentinian type of dog.

This fact is not hard to predict and there is only one reason: the show line breeders give all the importance to morphological structure and conformation, while the working bloodlines breeders put first: instincts, drives, fortitude, steadiness, mettle, character, temperament, mental recovery, intensity, courage, bravery, determination and willingness to please.



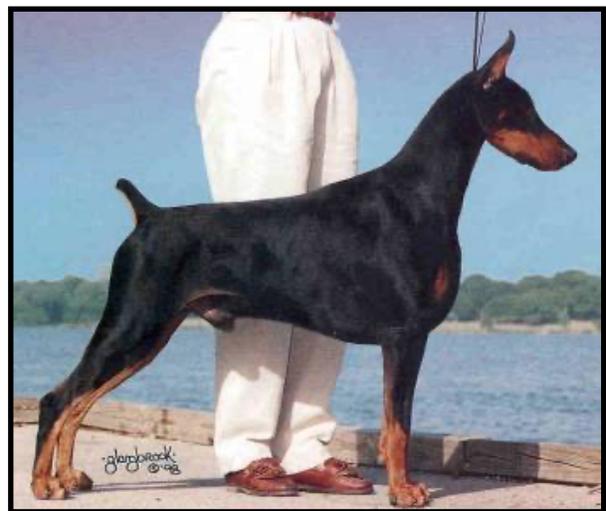
(Gino Gomez del Citone)
European Show Line



(Nitro del Rio Bianco)
European Show Line



(Nello's Lex Luthor)
American/Argentinian Show Line



(Cambria's Cactus Cash)
American Show Line



(Larry von der Mooreiche)
European Working bloodline



(Cobes von Warringhof)
European Working bloodline