

A Doberman Pinscher

Physical Traits:

- Coat: Short, smooth, and dense, typically in black, rust/red with black markings on the muzzle, ears, legs, and tail tip (though other colors exist)
- Build: Muscular, agile, and well-proportioned with a deep chest and strong hindquarters
- Head: Long head with a distinct stop, almond-shaped eyes that are dark brown or amber depending on coat color
- Ears: Naturally erect triangular ears when alert (often cropped in some regions, though this practice is declining)
- Tail: Traditionally docked short in many countries for working purposes

Temperament:

- Loyal and devoted to their family
- Intelligent and highly trainable
- Alert and protective instincts make them excellent guard dogs
- Can be reserved with strangers but friendly when properly socialized
- Energetic requiring regular exercise and mental stimulation

Size (approximate):

- Males: 26-28 inches tall, 75-100 pounds
- Females: 24-26 inches tall, 60-90 pounds

The Doberman was originally bred in Germany by Karl Friedrich Louis Dobermann around the late 1800s as a guard dog and personal protection companion. They've become popular family pets when properly trained and socialized from puppyhood.