

Donder



General details

- Neutered male
- Approx. 7 years old
- Small mixed breed black dog with white chest (just under 10kg)
- In 2020 a DNA test was undertaken suggesting he was a mix of Short Haired Pointer, Shih Tzu, Miniature Poodle, Pekinese and in the Hound category
- Microchipped
- EU Romanian Dog Passport with full vaccination history

Donder is a dog who just wants your love! He was adopted by current owners six years ago when he came over from Danyflor, Romania. He loves sitting on the sofa for cuddles, ear scratches or finding a sunny spot to lie in. He can also be energetic and playful, loves to have fun and likes to get your attention e.g. by bringing toys to you.

Suitable for an adult only household and has had some dog control measures in place due to a biting incident in April 2024. Please speak to current owners for further details. The current owners have decided to rehome Donder to somewhere more suited to his needs due to there now being a child in the household.

Health

Currently with Farnham Veterinary Hospital.

No health issues or previous injuries we are aware of. Last 6 monthly check-up December 2025- only concern was some plaque on his teeth but no action needed.

Medication (currently prescribed as part of monthly plan with vets):

-Simparica Trio (12 mg for dogs 5-10kg) – flea, tick and some worms 1 chewable tablet 4 weekly.

-Droncit Praziquantel (50mg) – Tapewormer – given 6 monthly tablet put in his food.

Up to date with vaccinations, flea, tick and worming.

Grooming maintenance is pretty easy. Likes sitting with you and being brushed (not so keen on the tail being brushed). Professionally groomed approx. every 3 months. Usually bathed at home the day before to help reduce stress e.g. the dryer noise. He used to find it stressful going to the groomers but now is great and very tolerant. He has a good bond with his groomer- Sharon at Clip and Care who operates from her home in Farnham [Dog Grooming in Farnham | Clip & Care - Home | Surrey Dog Care](#)

Food

2x meals per day- breakfast and dinner, knows cue 'dinner'. Half a pack of Butternut Box per meal (he isn't fussy and has also enjoyed Different Dog and used to have raw food). He has some dried food (no brand in particular) either with his meal or spread out in the day for training. He eats after us.

He likes a small handful of dried food after his last wee at night before bed. Knows cue 'biscuits'.

Will come running if he hears you get cheese out of the fridge. This is his high value treat! Also loves eggs and fish.

No known allergies or intolerances.

Very food motivated however will be respectful and not eat your food.

He doesn't drink a lot of water, probably the equivalent of two / three bowls a week. Prefers porcelain bowls to metal. Knows cues 'water' and 'drink'.

Training / Behaviour

We have used Total Balance Dog School for training [Dog Behaviourist and Training - Total Balance Dog School](#)

Suitable for adult only household. Please speak to current owner for further information on this before proceeding. Has had some dog control measures in place e.g. wearing a muzzle due to a biting incident in April 2024.

Can be left home alone with no issues.

Likes having familiar guests in the house and will be very excited when they arrive, jump up and expect to be the centre of attention initially and will then calm- may be a mix of excitement and nerves. We usually ignore until calm. Sometimes unsure about new people, usually males or work people, and an introduction outside of the house helps before they come in or sometimes keep separate in the home (work people). Any visiting young children should be separate.

Is toilet trained and will go in the garden. Uses 'business' as a cue. Sometimes likes being taken out to the garden on a lead for the first wee of the day, otherwise he would happily hold it in for hours.

He prefers blankets to a dog bed and does know the cue 'bed' to go to his bed but can be reluctant to follow through. He currently sleeps downstairs and uses the sofa over his bed and settles well at night. He will seek out the cosiest blanket in the house to snuggle with. He loves sleeping in your bed too. Has slept in a crate before.

Sometimes humps / mouths blankets, cushions when stressed or wants attention, knows cue 'drop' or 'leave it'. I usually just put them back quietly without giving it attention and he will stop.

This is often after he's eaten. An antler or a yaks milk chew helps him to settle. He may bark at you for attention, if you turn your back to him he'll stop. He doesn't chew or destroy furniture / your belongings and understands what is his and what isn't.

His favourite walks are sniffy walks in the countryside. He's happier with a longer, interesting walk than lots of 'around the block' walks. He loves the beach and will play in water. He can walk off lead away from roads, livestock and busy areas like picnics, parks, he may be nervous if children are running around. His recall is generally reliable, he doesn't want to lose you but may be distracted by a squirrel, deer or a rabbit. Knows cues 'come' and 'this way'. 'Dinner' works well as emergency recall. He knows the cue 'speak' to bark, we have used this to find him when he became stuck on a branch on a walk. Knows 'stop' and 'wait' cues and 'leave it'.

If walking around roads, he might bark at a delivery driver or the post person, person in hi vis if they're carrying a parcel / post or shut a van door or hears the beep of a parcel machine. Responds well to calming 'good boy' praise and saying hello to the person before he barks if we see them and will carry on normally. He also barks at these if they're outside the house, you'll never miss a delivery.

He's super smart and picks up training quickly. Likes playing scent games like scatter feeding, 'find it' with toys / treats and also shaping. Knows quite a few cues and responds well to gesture alongside the cue e.g. on, off, under, over, nose, nose under, paw, bring e.g. bring toy, bring ball, where's... person's name (sometimes). Loves to push a small football around with the cue 'nose' to push and 'here' putting your hand out as a target to push it to. It's a lot of fun and amazing what he picks up.

A garden will need to be secure. He loves being outside, watching birds and sunbathing.

Donder's sociable and loves playing with most other dogs, not so sure of packs of dogs on a walk, really big or tiny dogs. He can sometimes resource guard with other dogs. Some training will be needed with other dog households. He has stayed in a household with other dogs (both familiar and unfamiliar dogs) and after some settling in was able to manage and enjoy this.

He's really frightened of fireworks and will try to find any small space to hide in. He has also been spooked when hearing gunshots on a walk e.g. near the Army Ranges.

Not suitable for a household with cats.

Travels well in the car.

Responds well to clear boundaries 'rules' and routine.

He knows all the above cues, however will sometimes wonder what's in it for him and may look at your hand to see if you have a treat! Sometimes using praise or a high value toy in training is better after he has initially learnt something with treats.

