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### Trophies, Gifts, Custom Made For Any Occasion!

The "Grinning Dobe" sculptures are *whimsical caricatures of the Doberman breed* that we all love so dearly. The inspiration comes from observing the daily antics of my own Dobermans, as well their Dobe friends. The sculptures are meant to be fun and capture the behaviors of the breed that make us all smile. They are designed to reflect the mischievous, clown-like nature of our Dobs.

**\*\*\*These are not mass produced items\*\*\***

Each "Grinning Dobe" is lovingly *created by hand*, no molds are ever used.

After the piece is sculpted then fired, it is *painted by hand* for accuracy of detail. From start to finish each piece takes **\*\*\*several\*\*\*** hours to complete. Due to the process in which they are created, *no two pieces will ever be exactly alike*. Each piece is signed, dated and sealed in a protective finish.

Questions? Feel free to e-mail me at: [hdpdobe@yahoo.com](mailto:hdpdobe@yahoo.com)  
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work?

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into making each and every one of  
these little critters. Want to copy  
my designs? Come on! Be cool!  
Get your own designs!!!  
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## FOUNDATION PIECES

The sculptures on this page typically represent the pieces that I have already made and are available for immediate purchase. In some instances more than one "copy" of a piece may have been produced. Due to the creative method, however, slight variations will occur. Please call or e-mail to find out current inventory status if you are interested in purchasing a sculpture that I have in stock.



**Black, Puppy-Taped,  
Play Bow w/ tennis ball in  
mouth**



**Black, Puppy-Taped,  
Down, Toys-Tennis balls,  
Grin**



**Two examples of obedience  
sculptures. The leash  
representing Novice and a  
Dumbbell representing Open.**



**Black, Puppy-taped,  
down, with Jolly ball toy**



**Black, puppy-taped,  
down with lots of tennis  
balls and one in mouth**



**Black, Adult-cropped, on  
back**



**Red, Puppy-taped,  
down, playing with  
Kong toy**



**Black, puppy-taped, down  
w/legs to side colored  
fuzzyball**



**Black, puppy-taped, down  
w/legs to side with multi-  
colored fuzzyball**

## ARTIST'S SHOWCASE



### "Falling Autumn Leaves"

This is a black, cropped Doberman lying on her/his back on the green "grass" surrounded by fallen autumn leaves. As always, no molds are used so each and every leaf is made entirely by hand.

Dimensions are approximately 4" long by 3" wide.

### "Wrapped Up In Christmas Lights"

This is a black, cropped, Doberman lying on her/his back and all tangled up in a strand of Christmas lights. The lights are composed of string and plastic and are not permanently attached...arrange as you like!

The Doberman measures approximately 4" long by 3" wide.



### "Wrapped Up In Christmas Lights"

This is a red, cropped, Doberman lying on her/his back and all tangled up in a strand of Christmas lights. The lights are composed of string and plastic and are not permanently attached...arrange as you like!

The Doberman measures approximately 4" long by 3" wide.

## **"Mommy and Babies"**

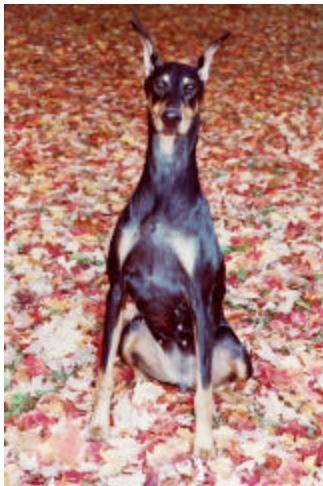
This adorable piece starts with a kiddie pool, often used as a whelping box for babies.

The pool is light blue and measures approximately 9" in diameter.

Inside are a black, cropped, mother and her five little ones. Three babies are black, 2 are red. The babies have not yet been cropped. Two of the babies are sleeping. One baby is sitting, one is climbing and the last one has a dreamy look on its face.

The mother is licking her babies.

None of the Dobermans are attached to each other, nor are they attached to the pool so you may arrange and rearrange, as you like.



## **"Nadia and the Fall Leaves"**

The inspiration for this sculpture came from a picture I took of my Nadia in the fall, surrounded by all the gorgeous leaves. A leaf has fallen right on the end of her nose! This particular piece is permanently affixed to a wooden base and is part of my personal collection.

## Are You Interested In Having A Custom Piece Created?

Does your Doberman have a favorite toy? How about a particular pose you always seem to catch him/her doing? I can capture that in a sculpture you will cherish for a lifetime. Gone BOB or BIS lately? How about the appropriate colored show ribbon for that win hanging out of his/her mouth? Whether you're looking for a piece to add to your collection, for a gift, or for something that reflects your own Doberman... drop me a line and we'll come up with the perfect creation! They also make wonderful customized trophies for specialties or club awards!

Each and every statue starts with "foundation items" per your preferences. This assists in additional "customization" of each sculpture. While some sculptures may appear similar, each is hand crafted, no mold is ever used! This allows each and every sculpture to be a unique, one of a kind treasure!

### Start with some of the "Foundation" items:

Dobe Colors	Black, Red, Blue or Fawn; with Rust markings
Ears	Puppy Taped, Puppy-Natural, Adult-Cropped or Adult-Uncropped
Toy selection	Various, to your preference
Toy color	Various, to your preference
Blanket color	Various, to your preference
Positioning	Down, Play Bow, On Back, Sitting
Expression	Grinning, Scowl, Dreamy, Sleeping

\*\*\*Do you see a sculpture you like, but would like something about it altered to match your preference? Please, just ask! Just about ANYTHING can be customized to reflect your interests and most importantly, YOUR Doberman! Communication is the KEY! These custom sculptures are intended to reflect the antics and behaviors of YOUR Doberman\*\*\*

## CUSTOM SHOWCASE PIECES (always more works in progress!)



This is the "Grinning Dobe" logo puppy. Black, puppy-taped, down with all the toys and grinning up a storm!

" The one! The only CY!"

.... as Cheri McNealy has dubbed him! Cyberdobes ([www.cyberdobes.com](http://www.cyberdobes.com)) is an e-mail list for Doberman lovers. In addition to the list activities, they raise money for COPE and have online auctions to raise money for various Doberman-related causes. When Cheri, Rob and I talked about the idea of bringing the Cyberdobes mascot to life in the form of a sculpture, we had no idea what a hit he would be! I donated this little guy to the auction and the bidding war took off immediately. This little guy raised \$ 260 for COPE Rescue! Thank you CY!!! And thank you to the bidders!

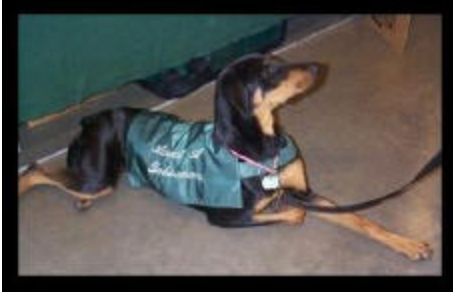


"Star"

is a fawn Doberman who represented the local rescue organization! She is all decked out in her jester's hat and colorful collar.



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**"Annie"**

What a special little girl Annie is!

This natural eared beauty is trained as a service dog. Her mom sent me this picture and explained how Annie was trained to lie in this position and tuck in her front paw. She wanted to incorporate that pose, along with her little jacket (inscribed with "Adopt A Doberman"), into her sculpture.

Annie will be featured on Animal Planet the fall of 2003 as a service dog...

Representing the breed at its best!



**"Scooter"**

.... is a red Doberman, with one standing ear, who also represented the local rescue organization one year. He was dressed as a cowboy in his chaps, wearing a scarf and gun holster. As he walked around, people stuffed money into his belt.

Quite a suave little guy, wouldn't you say?

**"Echo with Tigger"**



Meet Echo. This girl's mom wrote to me and explained that Echo has carried around a Tigger in her mouth for years. She asked if I could come up with a sculpture that would capture the bond between Echo and her favorite pal. I went to work and did a little research on Tigger and violá... Echo and her Tigger.



**"Calibur and Mixed Toys"**

This little guy is still in taped ears and he's doing the infamous play bow with all his favorite toys gathered between his front legs...his red kong, his rawhide bone, blue tug toy, and of course, a tennis ball in the mouth.



**"Riley and the Cookie Jar"**

This girl has hit the jackpot--- COOKIES! Her mom wanted a sculpture depicting her caught red-handed with a paw in the cookie jar. She also wanted her medium length ear crop portrayed, as opposed to sister Echo's long show crop (see Echo with Tigger.) Also note the mischievous grin on her face.





**"Chili on her Blanket"**

Chili's mom liked the sculptures of the Dobs on their backs with their legs sprawling every which way. She wanted something like this for her Chili, "Queen back-layer", but wanted a little more color incorporated. She decided to have Chili lying on her back on a purple blanket, playing with a multi-colored stuffie ball.



**"Sierra and her Suckie Blanket"**

Sierra is a world class blanket sucker. Her mom's favorite color is purple. Put them together and you have Sierra sucking on a purple blanket with her tush up in the air. Note the little grin on her face.





### "Nadia and her Caterpillar"

When my own Nadia was still a baby she came down with a severe virus and we nearly lost her. Just after she came home from the vet hospital I bought her a caterpillar stuffie. At the time it was bigger than she was but she lugged him around anyway.  
(From Heidi's personal collection.)

### "Greta's Revenge"



This piece was inspired by the antics of my little niece and nephew, Dobe niece and nephew I should say. Their mom, Jan Petit, is such a special friend that I wanted to create something for her to capture this true story. ---Boys will be boys and they will pester the girls. Well little Ms. Greta, or Greta Gargoyle as she is better known, finally paid her brother Navajo back for all that pestering. Greta went outside and found a big old ugly toad, scooped it up in her mouth, came back inside the house and spit it out at Navajo. She grinned as her brother danced around—trying to escape the wrath of the evil toad.

### "Tug of War"

This piece was inspired by the lil' red blankie sucker (see Foundation section) and "Sierra and her Suckie Blanket". The Mother/Daughter duo of Sierra and Chili are infamous blankie suckers \*and\* tuggers of the Intrigue Doberman home!



### "Chili and Sierra in the Pool"

Melissa says the girls of Intrigue Dobermans like to spend those hot California days cooling off in the back yard in their Mr. Turtle kiddie pool. Sierra cools off in the water while Chili reaches for the beach ball! In this exclusive piece, Chili is detached, and can be placed around the pool!

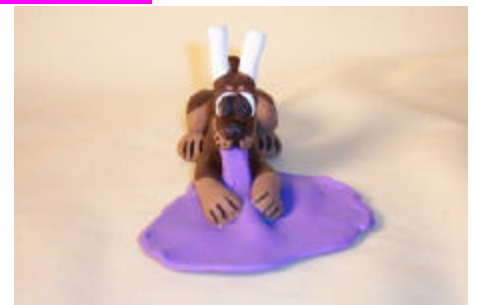
### FOUNDATION PIECES adopted by Intrigue...



Black, Puppy-taped, down hogging toys w/tennis ball in mouth.



Black, Adult-cropped, on Back with Purple Rosette in mouth.



Red, Puppy-taped, down, sucking on purple blanket

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