



MODERN MELODIC METAL

LÜNEBURG, GERMANY

***HARD-HITTING RIFFS: DRIVING GROOVES:
MELODIC INTENSITY: BUILD FOR THE STAGE:***

Dogtak is the sound of the Lüneburg Heath when it's on fire -an uncompromising five-piece combining aggression, atmosphere and modern production.

FFO: In Flames, Lamb of God, Killswitch Engage, Orbit Culture

Current Release: SHATTERED REFLECTION - EP - 21.08.2026

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BAND / STORY



LOUD: HONEST: READY FOR THE STAGE:

Founded in 2024 by guitarist Björn Condon, DOGTAK began as a solo and studio project built around dark, powerful instrumental tracks. In 2025 vocalist Alexander Ritzenhoff gave the material its voice and emotional depth. With Gero Samrey on drums, Rippy on guitar and Sebastian Doell on bass, the project became a complete five-piece. Following the first demo singles in 2025, DOGTAK made its live debut on 13 February 2026. Today the band stands for modern melodic metal with pressure, atmosphere and a distinct edge - combining hard riffs, driving grooves and melody with a focused, contemporary production.

ALEXANDER RITZENHOFF

Vocals

BJÖRN CONDON

Guitars

RIPPY

Guitars

GERO SAMREY

Drums

BASTI DOELL

Bass

MUSIC / PRESS



SHATTERED REFLECTION DEBUT EP - 21.08.2026

1. The Beginning – 4:20 min
2. Shattered Reflection – 3:15 min
3. Wrath Within Me – 3:47 min
4. Thrown Into The Abyss – 3:52 min
5. Isolation – 3:16 min
6. See us again - 5:05 min

- mixed and mastered by Rippy & Dogtak
- recorded March - May 2026
- Music: B. Condon, except "Wrath Within Me", by Rippy
- Lyrics A. Ritzenhoff
- Cover Artwork by CygnusLab Arts



REVIEW OVERVIEW

“Shattered Reflection klingt ehrlich, modern und kompromisslos – und vor allem nach einer Band, die noch einiges vorhat.” 9/10 Punkte
[Sturmis Rock & Metal Page](#) - 19.08.2026

“Baut direkt eine düstere, drückende Atmosphäre auf und macht keine Umwege – Kopf runter und rein in den Moshpit.”
[MetalZone - Support The Underground](#) - 28.07.2026

“The bands supreme confidence in their material crawls out of the woodwork at every turn, the venom in their veins not allowing them to hold anything back in creating an uncompromising record.” 8/10 Points -
[Metal Noise](#) - 20.08.2026

“...this will want to make you bang your head until your neck is sore.” 7.85/10 Points
[Drako's Death Metal News](#) - 05.07.2026

“DOGTAK liefern auf ihrer EP eine gute Mischung aus Härte und Melodie ab, sodass Fans US-geprägten Groove Metals den Namen rot anstreichen sollten.” 7/10 Punkte
[Metal.de](#) - 01.09.2026

“Als Debüt erfüllt »Shattered Reflection« seine wichtigste Aufgabe: Nach sechs Songs weiß man, wofür DOGTAK stehen. Die Band verbindet Thrash und Death Metal mit Groove, Melodie und dunkler Atmosphäre.” - 4/5 Punkte
[Metalunderground.at](#) - 27.08.2026

“Wenn man sich die sechs Songs des just veröffentlichten Debüts mal etwas näher zur Brust nimmt, muss man definitiv konstatieren, dass das Quintett nicht bloß im Fahrwasser schwimmt, sondern gerne auch sofort ans Ruder geht.” 7/10 Punkten
[Powermetal.de](#) - 01.09.2026

MEDIA COVERAGE



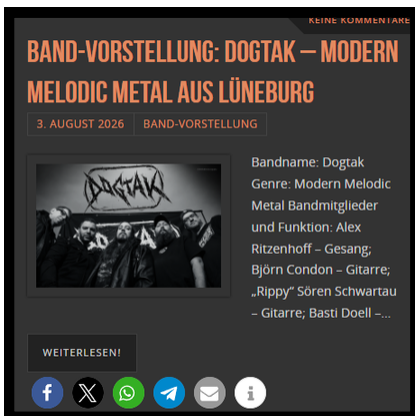
Rock-Garage.com
Talentenschmiede -
Interview vom
20.07.2026



Air Time on **Metal Impact**
Radio (Great Britain) episode
15 (**listen here**) 05.07.2026 -
18:00 Uhr & episode 20
(**listen here**) 09.08.2026 -
18:00 Uhr



Release Featured by
Papy Jeff Metal -
27.06.2026 (**read here**).



Hellfire-Magazin Feature
vom 03.08.2026



Air Time on
"METALTÖRN" by Radio
LOHRO 90,2 MHz
hosted by Carsten
Schäfer - 09.08.2026



One hour Dogtak-Special on
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90.2 MHz
Interview w/ Carsten Schäfer
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