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## The Dead Boys

*Return of the Living Dead Boys* (MVD Visual)

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This DVD captures a surprisingly solid 1986 Halloween reunion show

by the legendary Cleveland punks in New York. The concert amounts to an hour-long punk-rock history lesson. Joey Ramone introduces the Dead Boys, who play their most famous song, "Sonic Reducer," twice, as guitarist Cheetah Chrome's dark notes thud through the venue like boot heels echoing in a midnight alley. Rail-thin frontman Stiv Bators — dolled up in black vinyl in mock tribute to the era's hair-metal groups and coiffed like a sadomasochist poodle — owns the stage. Songs include covers of the Rolling Stones' "Tell Me" and the Stooges' "Search and Destroy." But the real money shot comes at set's end when Bators strips and drops trou, with his johnson tucked between his legs like that freak in *The Silence of the Lambs*.

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